

# May 2010

Hi Friends -

Welcome to "Bob's List." What is "Bob's List?" Something I'm going to subject you to when I can't think of anything else to write about (like now). So here's my first installment:

THE 10 ALL-TIME BEST VOCAL ALBUMS Ray Charles, *The Genius of Ray Charles* Nat King Cole, *After Midnight* Ella Fitzgerald & Louis Armstrong, *Ella and Louis Again* Johnny Hartman, *John Coltrane and Johnny Hartman* Billie Holiday, *Lady in Satin* Jimmy Rushing, *The You and Me That Used to Be* Frank Sinatra, *Songs for Swinging Lovers* Jo Stafford, *Jo + Jazz* Sarah Vaughan, *After Hours* Dinah Washington, *Dinah Jams* 

THE 5 GREATEST JOHNNY MERCER LYRICS "Blues in the Night" (music: Harold Arlen) "Come Rain or Come Shine" (music: Harold Arlen) "Days of Wine and Roses" (music: Henry Mancini) "I Thought About You" (music: Jimmy Van Heusen) "Laura" (music: David Raksin)

There, I did it. Agree? Disagree? Feel free to let me know. And I'll try to do better next month,

Stay cool and keep list'nin', Bob

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Music is not part of "arts and entertainment" as the newspaper section would have us believe. It's not a luxury, a lavish thing that we fund from leftovers of our budgets, not a plaything or an amusement or a pass time. Music is a basic need of human survival. Music is one of the ways we make sense of our lives, one of the ways in which we express feelings when we have no words, a way for us to understand things with our hearts when we can't with our minds.

 Karl Paulnack pianist and educator

## Recommended Internet Jazz Radio

<u>Pure Jazz Radio</u>: a 24-7-365 celebration of jazz, featuring the "Founding Fathers," the "Keepers of the Flame," and everyone in between (including "<u>Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas</u>").

<u>groovebone.org</u>: All jazz trombone, all the time, produced and programmed by trombonist Dave Dickey. *Free CD contests and great T-shirts, too!* 

<u>Jazz Spotlight on Sinatra</u>: Nancy Barell presents Sinatra's music through the decades, as well as jazz instrumentalists and singers who recorded songs Sinatra performed, plus other great standards.

<u>wemu.org</u>: Jazz and blues from Eastern Michigan University. Linda Yohn starts your day with three and a half hours of great music every Mon.-Fri., 9:00-12:30 (Eastern Time).

## **NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS**

<u>Dave Holland</u> Octet: *Pathways* (<u>Dare2 Records</u>): Bassist Dave Holland's current octet comprises some of the finest musicians of our time — trombonist Robin Eubanks, vibraphonist Steve Nelson, saxophonists Chris Potter, Antonio Hart, and Gary Smulyan — most of them members of his previous quintet and/or sextet. This superb live performance provides them ample solo space on compositions by Holland, Potter, and the fine trumpeter, Alex Sipiagin.

<u>Dan Pratt</u> Organ Quartet: *Toe the Line* (<u>Posi-Tone</u>): Tenor saxophonist Dan Pratt's new organ -based CD combines a satisfying respect for tradition with a forward looking vision. From the



Just Jazz Artist of the Month drummer Max Roach

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5/16:	Latin Jazz Hour	
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Just Jazz Presents		

with Bob Bernotas			
5/1 & 5/4:	tenor saxophonist		
	Ben Webster		
5/8 & 5/11:	composer-arranger		
	Tadd Dameron		
5/15 & 5/18:	tenor saxophonist		
	Johnny Griffin		
5/22 & 5/25:	The Songs of		
	Johnny Mercer		
	organist Jimmy Smith		
Saturdays 9:00-10:00 a.m. & p.m.			
Tuesdays 11:00 p.m. –midnight			
@ Pure Jazz Radio			

driving opener, "Houdini," to the gospel-laced closer, "After," Pratt, his frontline mate, trombonist Alan Ferber, and organist Jared Gold display cohesive teamwork and offer bold, engaging solos, with solid support throughout from drummer Mark Ferber.

<u>Steve Swell's</u> Slammin' the Infinite: 5000 Poems (<u>NotTwo Records</u>): This new release by trombonist Steve Swell's quintet recalls the time, not that long ago, when the jazz avant garde really was avant. Swell and multi-reed player Sabir Mateen prove that there still is a place for freely improvised music in the wide world of jazz, and you will not hear it done any better.

Jens Wendelboe's Big Crazy Energy New York Band: Inspirations, Vol. 1 (Rosa Records): No false advertising here, the name of Norwegian-born trombonist Jens Wendelboe's band says it all — his music truly is big, crazy, and energetic, and distinguished by an array of accomplished soloists. Wendelboe's inventive, edgy compositions are well suited to keep the familiar big band genre alive and thriving.

#### AREA JAZZ EVENTS

## Sat., May 1: Jazz Night at the Michener

Pianist Éric Mintel Quartet (Nelson Hill, alto saxophone; Dave Antonow, bass; Dave Mohn drums) James A. Michener Art Museum, 138 S. Pine St., Doylestown, PA 8:00: hors d'oeuvre reception; 8:30: concert members \$34 / non-members \$40 reserved table (for 4 to 6 people): members \$42 / non-members \$48 advance tickets *only*: 215-340-9800; *seating is limited* 

Sun., May 2, 3:00: LU Wind Ensemble: "Symphonic Jazz" Large-scale works for wind and jazz ensembles by Hank Levy, Shelley Berg, and new works by Gene Perla and Bill Warfield Guest artists: Bill Warfield, trumpet; Timothy Harrison, piano; Gene Perla, bass

Zoellner Arts Center, Baker Hall, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA \$15; 670-758-2787

#### AND COMING UP IN EARLY JUNE!

New Jersey Jazz Society's JazzFest 2010:

Drew University, Madison, NJ Fri., June 4: "Stars of Tomorrow Concert" featuring NJ's top high school jazz bands, 7:00-10:00 FREE!

**Sat., June 5:** Music all day and evening by world class jazz acts including George Gee Swing Orchestra's Tribute to Count Basie, Harry Allen's Four Others: A Tribute to Woody Herman's Four Brothers; Aaron Weinstein/Joe Cohn Duo; Cecil Brooks III's CBIII Band; Frank Vignola's Hot Club Tribute to Django Reinhardt & Les Paul, Bucky & John Pizzarelli with the Statesmen of Jazz

Gates open at 11:00, non-stop music runs from noon until 10:00 Tickets: advance: \$45; at the gate: \$65 full-time students (w/ID): \$10; kids under 16: *FREE* Tickets can be purchased <u>online</u> or by calling 1-800-303-NJJS

#### ATTENTION LOCAL JAZZ ARTISTS!

If you've got an upcoming gig or performance in the NW New Jersey-NE Pennsylvania region, you can add it to the WNTI website's Events Calendar. Just click <u>here</u> and follow the instructions and submission guidelines. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR INFO AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE. Email questions to: events@wnti.org

## LOCAL JAZZ VENUES

Café Baci (@ Mama's Restaurant) 260 Mountain Ave., Hackettstown, NJ Jazz: 3rd Fri. of the month, 7:00-10:00 908-852-2820 Mama's Restaurant/Café Baci is an underwriter of WNTI and Just Jazz.

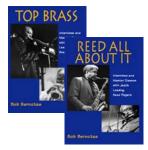
<u>The Deer Head Inn</u> Main St./Rt. 611, Delaware Water Gap, PA Jazz: Thurs., 8:00-11:00 Fri. & Sat., 7:00-11:00 Sun. 5:00-8:00 570-424-2000

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