



The name says it all...

# Just Jazz

June 2010

Hi Friends –

I was going to use this space to tell you about a record label that *still* owes me money for a liner note job that I finished *nine months ago*. But that can wait until next month – unless I finally get paid by then – because I'd rather talk about something positive right now.

From May 20 to 22 I had the great joy of attending the inaugural conference of the [Jazz Education Network](#) in St. Louis. This new organization arose just two years ago out of the ashes of the defunct International Association for Jazz Education, dedicating itself to continuing the IAJE's mission, but with a renewed energy and accountability.

For those three exciting days, nearly 1200 educators, students, performing artists, industry people – and even a few journalist-broadcasters – participated in thought-provoking panels, were enlightened by practical clinics and workshops, and enjoyed creative and entertaining concerts. Most of all, the conference proved that JEN is no "paper organization" – it is a reality.

So thanks and congratulations to JEN President Mary Jo Papich, President Elect Lou Fischer, Vice President John Clayton, conference host Jim Widner, and all the directors, staff, volunteers, and attendees for making such an auspicious and promising start. *Onward and upward!*

I encourage all subscribers to this newsletter who are interested in the cause of jazz education *at any level* to [join](#) this vital, fast growing organization and to attend our [next JEN conference](#) in New Orleans, January 6-8, 2011.

Stay cool and keep list'nin',  
Bob

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**Just Jazz Artist of the Month**  
alto saxophonist-trumpeter-composer-arranger-bandleader **Benny Carter**

**Just Jazz Presents... Features**

6/6: Singers Hour  
6/13: Trombone Hour  
6/20: Latin Jazz Hour  
6/27: Big Band Hour  
**The "Just Jazz Presents..." hour is heard Sundays, midnight-1:00 a.m. during Just Jazz @ [wnti.org](#)**

**Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas**

6/5 & 6/8: singer Joe Williams  
6/12 & 6/15: composer-arranger-bandleader Gerald Wilson  
6/19 & 6/22: bassist Paul Chambers  
6/26 & 6/29: trombonist Benny Powell  
**Saturdays 9:00-10:00 a.m. & p.m.**  
**Tuesdays 11:00 p.m. –midnight @ [Pure Jazz Radio](#)**

## QUOTES OF THE MONTH

My identity is very clear to me now. I am a black woman. I'm free. I no longer have to be a "credit." I don't have to be a symbol to anybody; I don't have to be a first to anybody. I don't have to be an imitation of a white woman that Hollywood sort of hoped I'd become. I'm me, and I'm like nobody else.

– singer **Lena Horne (1917-2010)**

People heard me and said, "Well, this is not just a boy from the country – maybe he knows a few chords."

– pianist **Hank Jones (1918-2010)**

## Recommended Internet Jazz Radio

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

[groovebone.org](#): All jazz trombone, all the time, produced and programmed by trombonist Dave Dickey.  
*Free CD contests and great T-shirts, too!*

[Jazz Spotlight on Sinatra](#): 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.

[wemu.org](#): 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

**Geri Allen: *Flying Toward the Sound (Motema)***: One of the most honored and respected artists of our time, Geri Allen unveils her new suite for solo piano in eight movements (or "refractions"). Inspired by keyboard masters Cecil Taylor, McCoy Tyner, and Herbie Hancock, Allen's composition is moving and spiritual, and her performance is simply sublime.

**Jeff Bush: *Ain't So Bad to Swing (Beez Wax)***: A versatile jazz, session, and Broadway pit player, trombonist Jeff Bush makes a terrific recording debut with this tuneful, easy-going release. Backed an accomplished group of swing-oriented players, Bush invokes fond memories of Jack Teagarden and Vic Dickenson, but remains grounded firmly in the present.

**Carol Leven: *Between the Lines (Bickytown)***: In her debut release, Carol Leven's pleasant voice and appealing manner interpret a well chosen mix of standards, jazz pieces, '60s movie themes, and reworked pop tunes (including a delightful "Never, My Love"). Among the many highlights are three deftly crafted originals that also reveal her impressive songwriting talent.  
**New Yorkers: *Carol's CD release gig is this Friday, June 4 @ Puppets, 481 5th Ave., Brooklyn, 6:00***

**Tango en Tres: *Legado (Tango en Tres)***: This trio of virtuoso players from Buenos Aires – guitarist Julián Graciano, bassist Santiago Álvarez, drummer Marcelo Cócerces – fuses traditional Argentine elements with contemporary, free-wheeling jazz improvisation. Their "new tango" creations offer some of the most interesting Latin jazz to come along in quite a while.

## AREA JAZZ EVENTS

**This weekend!: [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 from noon to 10:00**

**Tickets:** advance: \$45; at the gate: \$65

full-time students (w/ID): \$10; kids under 16: **FREE**

Purchase tickets [online](#) or by calling 1-800-303-NJJS

**Fri., June 18, 6:00-11:00: The 2nd Annual "Jazz It Up Gala":**

Stroudsmoor Terraview, Stroudsburg, PA

**Dinner w/live and silent auctions, raffles, & jazz by Eric Doney, Steve Berger, Tony Marino, Zack Brock, and 2010 Searchlight Award winner pianist-singer Bob Dorough**

**Tickets:** \$75 at the [Pocono Community Theater](#) box office or [online](#)

## AND COMING UP NEXT MONTH: "JAZZ IN JULY"

Four Saturday evenings of great jazz

@ Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ :

**July 10:** Piano Extravaganza: Derek Smith, Rio Clemente, Bill Mays

**July 17:** The Wooster Street Trolley Jazz Band

**July 24:** Five Play with singer Cynthia Scott

**July 31:** The Peter Hand Big Band with

guest tenor saxophonist Houston Person

**Full info will appear in the July Just Jazz e-Newsletter**

## ATTENTION LOCAL JAZZ ARTISTS!

If you've got an upcoming gig or performance in the New Jersey-NE Pennsylvania region, you can add it to the WNTI website's Events Calendar. Just click [here](#) 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

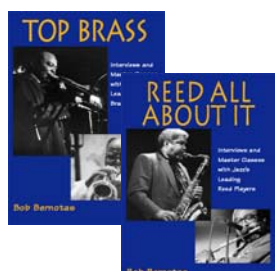
**Café Baci** (@ Mama's Restaurant)  
260 Mountain Ave., Hackettstown, NJ  
Jazz: 3rd Fri. of the month, 7:00-10:00 908-852-2820  
*Mama's Restaurant/Café Baci is an underwriter of WNTI and Just Jazz.*

**The Deer Head Inn** 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

**Shanghai Jazz Restaurant & Bar**  
24 Main St., Madison, NJ  
Jazz: Tues.-Sun. 973-822-2899

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