



The name says it all...

Just Jazz

August 2011

Hi Friends —

As you probably heard by now, tenor saxophonist-composer-arranger **Frank Foster** died on July 26 at the age of 82. When I interviewed Frank for a 1992 profile he told me this story about his most famous composition:

I wrote "Shiny Stockings" in 1955 and we had a rehearsal at a place called Pep's Bar in Philadelphia. We had just arrived in town. Everybody was sleepy, tired, hungry, and evil. Nobody felt like rehearsing. We rehearsed "Shiny Stockings" and it sounded like a bunch of jumbled notes, just noise, and I said, "Wow, all the work I put into this, and it sounds so horrible. I know Basie will never play it." And then something very strange happened. He continued to play it and it came together. Finally, we recorded it and, well, it's the very best known piece that I have contributed to the Basie book.

It embodies all the things that were important to him. It builds — it starts soft and ends with an explosion. It leaves space for the rhythm section to do whatever it's going to do. It has that ensemble writing which the band can sink their teeth into and really make happen — and a wonderful trumpet solo by Thad Jones.

Years later Basie gave me the supreme compliment. Every now and then he'd say about a chart, "Oh, it's very nice, kid," and then leave it at that. Well, he grabbed me, he said, "Junior, you know that 'Shiny Stockings?' You really put one down that time." You couldn't receive a better compliment from Count Basie.

Stay cool and keep list'nin',
Bob

P.S.: Click [here](#) to read my 1992 profile of my August "Just Jazz Artist of the Month" **Benny Golson**.

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Just Jazz Presents... Features
8/7 : The Music of Jule Styne
8/14: The Music of Jimmy Van Heusen
8/21: *The Best of Just Jazz*
8/28: The Music of Harry Warren

"Just Jazz Presents..." is heard
Sundays, midnight-1:00a.m.
during **Just Jazz @ [wnti.org](#)**

Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas
8/6 & 9: Tadd Dameron
8/13 & 16: Ben Webster
8/20 & 23: Johnny Griffin
8/27 & 30: The Songs of Johnny Mercer

Saturdays 9:00-10:00 a.m. & p.m.
Tuesdays 11:00 p.m. –midnight
@ [Pure Jazz Radio](#)

A GREAT JAZZ SINGER REMEMBERS FRANK FOSTER

Frank Foster was my very first boyfriend and he helped me so much with music. After he got drafted into the army I moved to New York. When he came to NYC on leave I took him to Birdland and introduced him to Bird [Charlie Parker] and asked Bird to let him sit in. Bird was blown away by Frank's playing. He said, "This young soldier sure can play." Frank was thrilled and so was I.

— **Sheila Jordan**

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!

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

Frank Giasullo: Kensal Road (Vanderveer Records): There is a great deal to recommend about this new CD by Pennsylvania-based pianist Frank Giasullo's quartet. An inspired and insightful soloist, Giasullo also has penned six fine originals, tenor and soprano saxophonist Art Themen alternately sings and roars, particularly on a spirited "House of the Rising Sun," while bassist Nicholas Krolak and drummer Pat Tamminen provide solid and sensitive teamwork.

Monika Herzig: Come with Me (Owl Studios): There is not an unpleasant or unreal moment on this latest release from pianist-composer Monika Herzig. Performed by different ensembles and instrumentations, Herzig's original tunes each tell a story, and her interpretations of Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael, and — yes — Bob Dylan and Paul Simon are refreshing and personal. As a bonus, this package includes a DVD documentary about Herzig's life, her art, and this project.

Jeff Lederer: Sunwatcher (Jazzheads): Saxophonist-clarinetist Jeff Lederer's huge, searing timbre and soaring improvisations (and the clever cover photo) invoke the powerful art and soul of Albert Ayler. Lederer, bassist Buster Williams, drummer Matt Wilson, and Jamie Salt on keyboards have crafted a bold, spirit-driven program that, in addition to honoring the late, visionary saxophonist, also includes original homages to Arnold Schoenberg and Artie Shaw.

Harvie S: Too Late Now (Ward Records): Having sat "in the can" since 1988, this collection of popular standards and jazz compositions really should have been titled "Better Late Than Never." Bassist Harvie S heads a trio with Bill Charlap — one of the finest pianists on today's scene and already an accomplished player back then at the age of 22 — and drummer Todd Strait. It may have been 23 years in coming, but this music definitely was worth waiting for.

UPCOMING JAZZ EVENTS

The 16th Annual Litchfield Jazz Festival:
THIS WEEKEND!: Fri.-Sun., August 5-7 in Kent, CT

Performers include **The Bronx Horns, The Clayton Brothers, Ray Charles Tribute with Davell Crawford, Dena DeRose Trio, Champaign Fulton, Roy Haynes Fountain of Youth Band, Jimmy Heath Big Band, Vijay Iyer Trio, Joe Lovano Nonet, Albert Rivera Organ Quintet, Lonnie Smith, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, and Matt Wilson Quartet plus Strings.** Click [here](#) for tickets, schedule, directions, accommodations, exhibitors and vendors, and more. Or call 860-361-6285.

AND COMING NEXT MONTH!:

34th Annual Celebration of the Arts

Fri.-Sun., September 9-11 in Delaware Water Gap, PA

Performers include **Peggy Stern & "Sweet" Sue Terry, Jay Rathman, JARO, Stephanie Nakasian with Hod O'Brien, Bob Dorough, Bill Goodwin, "To Al & Zoot with Love" featuring Lew Del Gatto & Bob Keller, Go Trio + Jeannie Brooks, Urbie & Kathy Green with the Jesse Green Trio featuring John Jensen, David Liebman, Phil Woods, and many others.**

Tickets: Fri.: \$10 / Sat. & Sun.: \$25 each / \$40 for both days
Discounted prices for seniors, students & children
Click [here](#) for schedule, directions, lodging. Or call 570-424-2210

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 [here](#) and follow the instructions and submission guidelines. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR INFO AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE. Email questions to: evets@wnti.org

LOCAL JAZZ VENUES

Café Baci (@ Mama's Restaurant)
260 Mountain Ave., Hackettstown, NJ
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.

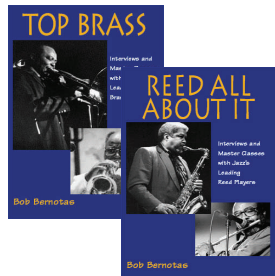
The Deer Head Inn
Main St., Delaware Water Gap, PA
Thurs., 8:00-11:00; Fri. & Sat., 7:00-11:00; Sun. 5:00-8:00; 570-424-2000

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

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