



The name says it all...

# Just Jazz

November 2009

Hi Friends –

Did you know there was a [New Jersey Hall of Fame](#)? Well, there is, and this year [Count Basie](#) and [Les Paul](#) have been nominated for induction. (I had the same reaction: “You mean they’re not *already* in it?”) And here’s the cool part: *you* can vote for them, and you don’t even have to be a NJ resident. So click [here](#) to vote in the “Music” (Basie) and “History” (Paul) categories. By the way, in “Sports” the correct choice is the great [Larry Doby](#), the first Black player in the American League. Voting ends [Friday, November 20](#).

Do you know about [jazzstandards.com](#)? Well, you should. This is one amazing source for information about songs, songwriters, and performers, and among its many features is a detailed list of the 1000 most recorded jazz standards, in order, starting with – what else? – “Body and Soul.” You could spend all day there – and I have – learning more than you ever expected to about this great music of ours. To help entice you, [here](#) is one of my favorite pages. Check it out and enjoy!

Stay cool and keep list’nin’,  
Bob

**Programming Note: My Saturday *Just Jazz Presents...* programs are now being rebroadcast on [Pure Jazz Radio](#) every Tuesday night at 11:00 p.m. Eastern Time (US).**

*Just Jazz* is heard every Sunday from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Eastern Time (US) over 91.9 WNTI-FM and streams live at [wnti.org](#). *Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas* is heard every Saturday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. & p.m. and Tuesday from 11:00 p.m. to midnight, Eastern Time (US), on the Internet at [Pure Jazz Radio](#).

## Quotes of the Month

A Johnny Mercer lyric is all the wit you wish you had and all the love you ever lost.

– **Frank Sinatra**

Johnny Mercer is the Lincoln of lyricists, the Shakespeare of songwriters. In short, he is *America’s poet*.

– **Bob Bernotas**

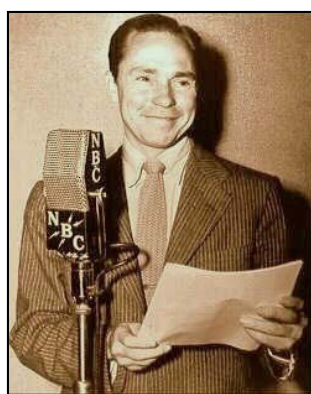
## Recommended Internet Jazz Radio

[Pure Jazz Radio](#): a 24-7-365 celebration of jazz, featuring the “Founding Fathers,” the current “Keepers of the Flame,” and everyone in between.

[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., from 9:00 to 12:30 (Eastern Time).



## Just Jazz Presents... Features:

- 11/1: songwriter-singer **Johnny Mercer** (November Artist of the Month)
- 11/8: Trombone hour
- 11/15: [Songs of Autumn](#)
- 11/22: Latin Jazz Hour
- 11/29: Big Band Hour

Sundays during *Just Jazz* Midnight -1:00 a.m. @ [wnti.org](#)

## Just Jazz Presents with Bob Bernotas:

- 10/31 & 11/3 : pianist-singer Ray Charles
- 11/7 & 11/10: pianist Bud Powell
- 11/14 & 11/17: composer-arranger Quincy Jones
- 11/21 & 11/24: trumpeter Art Farmer
- 11/28 & 12/1: multi-instrumentalist Raheem Roland Kirk

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

## NEW & RECOMMENDED CDS

**Thomas Barber’s Janus Bloc: *Snow Road* (D Clef)**: In Greek mythology the god Janus, typically depicted with two heads, was thought to possess the power to see both the future and the past. Trumpeter-composer Thomas Barber with his well-named ensemble, Janus Bloc, has created invigorating music that is aware of jazz’s past and looks ahead to its future, while bringing that future into the present. Trumpeter Claudio Roditi guests on two tracks.

**Samuel Blaser: *Pieces of Old Sky* (Clean Feed)**: This new release by the accomplished young Swiss trombonist-composer Samuel Blaser and his working quartet is challenging, stimulating, and totally original. His music is not just on the cutting edge of jazz, it’s on the *razor’s edge*, peeling away familiar banality, shaving off comfortable clichés, slicing right to the core of true creativity.

**Poncho Sanchez: *Psychedelic Blues* (Concord Picante)**: Master conguero Poncho Sanchez blends hard bop with Latin jazz, applying his percussive magic to classic tunes by John Coltrane, Herbie Hancock, John Hicks, Freddie Hubbard, and Horace Silver. There also are some terrific new originals and a “Willie Bobo Medley” that adds a groovy taste of boogaloo to this already spicy mix.

**Gerald Wilson: *Detroit* (Mack Avenue)**: At the age of 91 — yes, you read that correctly, 91! — composer-arranger Gerald Wilson is still a major force in the world of big band jazz. The centerpiece of his latest CD is a swinging six-part suite, commissioned to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the Detroit International Jazz Festival. Two previously unreleased 2007 tracks supplement what is, without doubt, the best new big band CD of 2009.

## AREA JAZZ EVENTS

**Sun., November 1, 5:00: The Spanish Harlem Orchestra & The Tito Puente, Jr. Orchestra** tickets: from \$18 to \$60  
[NJPAC](#), One Center Street, Newark, NJ; Prudential Hall 888-GO-NJPAC

**Sat., November 7, 8:00: LU Fusion Fest: “Hollywood Jazz”**  
Lehigh student jazz musicians join the Lehigh Valley Jazz Repertory Orchestra to play music from the movies \$15  
[Zoellner Arts Center](#), Baker Hall, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA 670-758-2787

**Tues., November 10, 7:30: “Jazz ‘n the Hall”**  
**The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra** \$25 / \$15 / \$8  
[South Orange Performing Arts Center](#), One SOPAC Way, South Orange, NJ; 973-313-ARTS

**Thurs., November 12, 7:30: alto saxophonist Phil Woods & the COTA Festival Orchestra**: Music from the Al Cohn Memorial Jazz Collection of East Stroudsburg University \$15  
[Sherman Theater](#), 524 Main St., Stroudsburg, PA; 547-420-2808

**Sat., November 14, 8:00: LU Jazz Ensemble: Traditional and Contemporary** (Bill Warfield director) \$15  
[Zoellner Arts Center](#), Baker Hall, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA 670-758-2787

**Fri., November 20, 8:00: pianist Keith Jarrett, bassist Gary Peacock, drummer Jack DeJohnette** tickets: from \$25 to \$109  
[NJPAC](#), One Center Street, Newark, NJ; Prudential Hall 888-GO-NJPAC

**Sun., November 29, 4:00: “Piano in the Parlour”**  
**pianist Bill Mays & bassist Jay Leonhart** \$15  
Centenary College, 400 Jefferson St., Hackettstown, NJ 908-979-0900

## 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 any questions to [events@wnti.org](#)

If you’d prefer not to receive any future *Just Jazz* e-Newsletters, click [here](#)

## 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. /PA 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

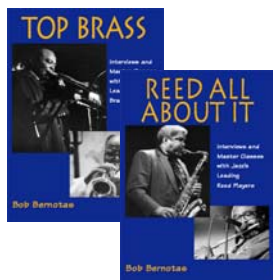
**Shanghai Jazz Restaurant & Bar** 24 Main St., Madison, NJ Jazz: Tues.-Sun. 973-822-2899

## Acclaimed Jazz Books by Bob

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