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You know one of the things I enjoy most this time of year is putting together my annual “Year in Jazz” show — and this year it’s bigger than ever! On Sunday, December 20 it’s my “Cool Yule” Special — five hours of holiday music played by the giants of jazz.

Then on Sunday, December 27 it’s “The Year in Jazz” special — a look back at my artists of the month and what I feel were the best new jazz CDs of 2009, and tributes to famous musicians who died at my piano in the past year. It’s a study of how jazz is interwoven with all of us. I’m thinking that maybe this year I also honor some prominent political figures with a few specially chosen jazz songs.

― cultural historian and critic Bob Bernotas

Quotefile of the Month

“The thing you have to understand is that jazz is not just entertainment. It’s entertainment with a purpose — to illuminate our lives, to make us feel things we may not even know we feel.”

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Have a great, happy, peaceful December 2009!