Hi Friends —

(guest you heard by now, from a month off the air) I’ve returned — no naps (and the internet too) — and I’m happy to bring you a special new show for the beginning of this month’s hiatus, the Just Jazz newsletter has returned. Best of all, we are celebrating the birth anniversary of Frank Sinatra. As you might expect, I do this — I’ve always shown a love and appreciation for his music — but I’ve added a bit more than that.

Another bit of business: Books make great holiday gifts — especially for you — so let me tell you three terrific new titles that you can order with your shopping list.

First from men is the kind of singer who comes along on a hot plane — and makes the trip — or can it be today? — Bing Crosby.

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So let’s start this month with a special show on Monday, December 13th at 7:00 pm — “Music in the Moonlight” series curator Sanford Josephson.

This is my definition of a Hall of Fame jazz broadcaster. Joe Friedel: I’m (for MultiPhonics Music)

You can find all of Joe’s shows at wrnj.com. Joe is known for his engaging style and well-researched shows.

Michael Mainzer: His book, leading reed players, is now available in paperback. The book includes interviews with stars like Dexter Gordon, Joe Pass, and many others.

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Here’s wishing all my pals a Cool Yule and a Ring-a-ding ding New Year!

Once again, welcome to WRNJ, whose fun and informative show, Just Jazz, will air every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time (5:00-8:00 p.m. CT and 6:00-9:00 p.m. MT) on AM WRNJ and streams live worldwide (US) over 104.7 & 92.7 FM and 1510 AM WRNJ.

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