

HEAR EVERGREEN CLASSIC JAZZ BAND'S VINTAGE TUNES ON NOVEMBER 15TH!

By George Swinford



Since the Evergreen Classic Jazz Band was formed thirty years ago, they have featured hot music from lesser-known bands of the 1920s. Not to say that they have neglected Oliver, Armstrong, Morton and Whiteman, but what other band has so regularly recalled the music of such people as Tiny Parham, Junie Cobb and Luis Russell? The band's first record (a 1987 LP for Triangle Jazz) was aptly titled "Be Prepared for the Unexpected." That's still good advice for the 15th of November, when leader Tom Jacobus will bring this year's version of the band to our PSTJS stage.

Tom will be playing tuba and string bass. We'll hear Portland's Rick Holzgrafe on trumpet, with Dave Loomis on trombone and Steve Wright on reeds, completing the front line. Josh Roberts, recently featured at Kalispell with Ray Skjelbred's Yeti Chasers, will be down from Vancouver, BC to play guitar. Rounding out the rhythm section, Ray Skjelbred will play piano and Mike Daugherty will supply the necessary old-style percussion.

Although we may be surprised by some of the selections we'll hear on the 15th, here's what we can look forward to with confidence: We won't be surprised by progressive chords and harmonies. The music will be wellplayed, arranged with respect for the sound of the original recordings and presented in danceable tempo. We'll be hearing such music as our parents or grandparents might have heard coming from Chicago's south side, back in prohibition days. Please join your PSTJS friends on the 15th, to enjoy the Evergreen Classic Jazz Band.

WHERE:

Ballard Elks Lodge 6411 Seaview Ave. NW, Seattle WHEN: 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. November 15 ADMISSION: \$12 PSTJS members \$15 non-members. Pay only at door. FURTHER INFO: Carol Rippey 425-776-5072. Or - website: www.pstjs.org. Plenty of free parking; great view & dance floor, snacks, coffee, and other beverages available.

Notes from the Prez

For those of you who missed our October Jazz Sunday, we showcased our brand new, very compact Yamaha sound system! It was a huge success and Leroy and his helpers are more than pleased with the light weight pieces of equipment. And we didn't lose any sound quality with the newer small size, in fact we gained much more. Be sure and check it out this month, it's a beauty, and very special because it was purchased with the financial gift Rod Belcher bequeathed to the Puget Sound Traditional Jazz Society. We are in need of a volunteer to manage the food and coffee table each month. If you enjoy working with people and find you don't dance much these days ... please let any of our Board members know you are available. Now that the Elks are serving food it's not a big job, basically coffee and some pastries. Become more involved in our Jazz Sundays and see how much fun you'll have.

Your Board has begun a new project: "What is your favorite Jazz memory/story." We have many issues of the Soundings which

include an article written by Ray Skjelbred. I know they are enjoyed by everyone. However, we know there are members who have had wonderful experiences connected with OKOM and we'd love to share them. So here's your challenge ... send us a story or experience from your years with our kind of music. You can email it to Judy at jazzdancer2@msn. com or snail mail it to PSTJS, 19031 Ocean Avenue, Edmonds, WA 98020. You will find more information inside this issue. We are serious about this, but also remain fun-loving and looking forward to sharing your stories with our members. We'll laugh, sigh, tear up, whatever, it'll be wonderful. Please join us. Cheers, Judy

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Elks Lodge, Ballard, 6411 Seaview Ave N.W., Seattle				
November 15	Evergreen Classic			
December 20	Ray Skjelbred & The Yeti Chasers			
January 17	Uptown Lowdown			
February 21	Claire McKenna a			
March 20	Gerry Green's Cre	escent City	Shakers	
April 17	Ain't No Heaven			
May 15	holotradband			
June 19	New Orleans Quintet			
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Gigs for Local Bands

BELLINGHAM TRADITIONAL JAZZ SOCIETY

- 1st Saturday, 2 5 pm VFW Hall 625 N. State St
- Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band (6 pcs.) Nov. 7
- Crescent City Shakers plus AGM Dec. 5
- Jan 2 Helleck Street Ramblers
- Feb. 6 Bob Storms' All-Stars
- March 5 Clamdigger Jazz Band

BOURBON STREET ALL STARS

1st Tuesday, 5-9pm at McCloud's Grillhouse 2901 Perry Ave, Bremerton, WA 98310 Res: 360-373-3093

DAVE HOLO TRIO

Salty's on Alki 1936 Harbor Avenue. SW Seattle, WA 98126 206-937-1600 Nov. 6 5-8pm

EVERGREEN CLASSIC JAZZ BAND

1-4:30pm PSTJS Elks Lodge 6411 Seaview Ave NW., Seattle Nov 15

GRAND DOMINION JAZZ BAND

Nov. 5 - 8 "Arizona Classic Jazz Festival" - Chandler, AZ

GREATER OLYMPIA DIXIELAND JAZZ SOCIETY

- 2nd Sundays 1-4:30pm Elks Lodge. 1818 Fourth Ave., Olympia
- Oct. 11 Bellingham Dixieland All Stars
- Nov. 8 Black Swan Classic Jazz Band
- Dec. 13 Dukes of Swing
- Jan. 10 Mardi Gras Jazz Band
- Feb. 14 Columbia Classic Jazz Band
- March 13 Uptown Lowdown Lite
- Apr. 10 Columbia Classic Jazz Band
- May 1 Hume Street
- June 12 Dukes of Swing

PEARL DJANGO

Nov. 7	8pm Morso	Wine Bar 9	9014 Peaco	ck Hill A	Avenu	e - North H	larborvi	ew
	Drive at the	head of the	e bay Gig l	Harbor,	WA,	98332 253	-530-34	463

- Nov. 12 7pm Boxley's Did we mention, good food and no cover charge? 101 W. North Bend Way, North Bend, WA; 425-292-9307
- 7pm Jazz at the Center in Camano Island Camano Center, Nov. 18 606 Arrowhead Road; Camano Island, WA 98282 Phone: 360-387-0222
- Nov. 20 7pm Crossroads Bellevue Shopping Center 15600 NE 8th Street, Bellevue, WA

SAN DIEGO JAZZ FESTIVAL

Nov 25-29 Ray Skjelbred and his Cubs, Bob Schulz Frisco Jazz Band, and Dawn Lambeth, Uptown Lowdown

UPTOWN LOWDOWN JAZZ BAND

Traditional Jazz Society of Oregon - Springfield Elks 1pm Nov. 1 2-5pm Bellingham Trad Jazz Society - Bellingham VFW Hall Nov. 7 Nov 27-29 San Diego Jazz Festival



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3 -6 pm

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PLEASE SHARE YOUR FAVORITE JAZZ MEMORY WITH US.....

We know that there are many many jazz events and stories that have played an important part in your life. Our goal is to gather a collection of stories for our editor to use, when space is available, in the Soundings.

The topics could include such things as:

- When did you first listen to this kind of music?
- Where did you hear it?
- Who were you listening to?
- Is there a particular melody that brings back a flood of memories?
- Did you ever have the opportunity to listen to, or chat with the musicians, (or leader) of any bands that are no longer in existence?

This invitation is not only extended to our listening and reading members, but to our musicians also. Don't worry about grammatical or spelling errors – we have an expert proof reader on board. You may put your memories down on paper and mail to P S T J S 19031 Ocean Ave, Edmonds, WA. 98020, or email your stories to: jazzdancer2@msn.com. We hope to be overwhelmed with stories and memories sharing the joy of loving this music

PLAYING MUSIC, READING MUSIC

By Ray Skjelbred

Years ago in Berkeley, there was a store that advertised its business as steaks and pool chlorine, a combination I always thought odd but amusing. Still, I couldn't imagine purchasing something there. It seemed to me that perhaps they weren't really experts at just one thing that I might need and their combination of interests didn't go together or build confidence. It was like looking for a good hummingbird feeder in a store that sells boxing gloves. I have to admit I feel the same kind of difference when it comes to playing music and reading sheet music at the same time. They seem like really different activities. There is a connection but they represent two different worlds. Music is an infinite

variety of sound, a sliding scale of notes that can reduce or expand without limit and can be played, even if sheet music had never existed. Music manuscript, on the other hand, is a kind of complicated math exercise combined with a moving eye chart. It can be very helpful in the process of playing and it can be easy or very difficult to do. I have learned many songs and arrangements from sheet music, but I usually crawl slowly through the process and try my best to remember notes and chords so that I can leave it behind and play freely.

When I joined Turk Murphy's band I got a large book of arrangements. The book was so big it could have served as a good booster seat for a small child in a large barber chair. I knew right away I did not want to carry this book with me six nights in a row, week after week. My first step in dispensing of the book burden was to get rid of the piano. How much easier it is to read sheet music when you are not playing an instrument. So I would hike up to the Berkeley Botanical Garden, sit under a big tree and turn the pages of the book. I would see my part and imagine the band playing. I would look at it then look away. Within a week or so I was done and I returned the book to Turk. I think all the guys in the band had done something like that. I don't know. But with all the arrangements we had, nobody ever used sheet music

Annual San Diego Jazz Festival

NOV 25-29: SAN DIEGO, CA. 36th Annual San Diego Jazz Fest. Headquarters: Town & Country Resort and Convention Center. Guest Artists: Nicki Parrott, Rossano Sportiello, Danny Coots, Dan Levinson, Molly Ryan, Paolo Alderighi, Stephanie Trick, Katie Cavera and Chloe Feoranzo. Featured Bands: Bob Schultz Frisco J.B., High Sierra J.B., Cornet Chop Suey, Dave Bennett Trio, Tom Rigney & Flambeau, High Society J.B., 101st Army Dixie Band, Memphis Speed Kings, Night Blooming Jazzmen, Hot Cookies, Dawn Lambeth Trio, Ray=s Cubs, Uptown Lowdown J.B., Red Skunk Band, Sonny Leyland Trio, Sue Palmer and her Motel Swing Orch., Sweethearts of Swing, Yerba Buena Stompers, Grand Dominion J.B., Heliotrope Ragtime Orch., Clarinet Summit, Sue Palmer Trio, Titanic J.B., Dixie Express J.B., Euphoria Brass Band, Dick Williams = JazzSea Jammers, Mission Bay High School Preservationists, Myers Dance Instructors, Swing Dance Bands Stompy Jones and Jonathan Stout=s Campus Five, and more to be announced. A-E Badges: 5-Days \$110 each; 4-Days \$105 each; 3-Days \$100 each. Multi-day badge \$10 discount is available with T&C reservation and if purchased before 10/15/2015. Daily badges available at the door. Contact Info: AFCDJS, PO Box 880387, San Diego, CA 92168-0387. 619-297-5277. Email: jazzinfo@SDjazzfest.org Website: http://www.sdjazzfest. org Lodging: Town & Country Resort and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA, 92108. 800-772-8527 or 619-291-7131. Ask for Jazz Festival reservations. Rates starting at \$105 per night, not including fees and taxes.

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