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SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES! SKJELBRED'S YETI CHASERS ON DECEMBER 19!

By George Swinford

When Ray Skjelbred's Yeti Chasers take the **PSTJS** stage on

December 19, it will be their tenth appearance since 2009 as our pre-Christmas band. Over all, we've featured one or another of Ray's groups in at least fourteen of our concerts. Early on, they were usually called the First Thursday Band. Since 2015,

they've been the Yeti Chasers.

As usual, Ray is adding a couple of outstanding local players to bring his quartet up to full jazz band strength. With Ray on piano, this year's band will include Dave Holo on trumpet, Steve Wright and Jacob Zimmerman on reeds, Dave Brown on bass, and Mike Daugherty on drums. If the rules at the border allow, Josh Roberts will come south from Canada to play guitar.



Mike Daugherty, Ray Skjelbred, Dave Brown. Right: Jacob Zimmerman

By now, Ray and his cadre of sidemen are a wellknown quantity. It's difficult to find something new to say about them. As mentioned before, Ray's playing recalls such giants as Jess Stacy, Joe Sullivan, and Earl Hines. As a leader, he assembles his tune lists thoughtfully and chooses tempos that bring out the best features of the music. The guys he brings with him know and respect the jazz of the '20s and '30s, as well as that of the

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WHERE:

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WHEN:

December 19, 1–4:30 p.m.

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Plenty of free parking; great view & dance floor; snacks, coffee, and other beverages available.

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post-WWII jazz revival that inspired most of us. As always, they'll play it well!

The musicians Ray is bringing this December are the same players he brought us in January of 2020, a couple of months before the pandemic disrupted our lives. It will seem like old times (remember that tune?) to hear them together once again.

The attendance at this year's few concerts will be a big factor in deciding whether PSTJS can continue to exist and present the sort of music we've enjoyed for the past 46 years. Your presence is important! Set aside baking, wrapping packages, and trimming the tree for an afternoon. Collect a couple of friends and bring them with you to the Ballard Elks on the 19th, for a welcome pre-Christmas blast of authentic jazz!

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Grand Dominion Jazz Bandb Pelland, Gerry Green, Clint Baker, Jim Armstron

Top row: Bob Pelland, Gerry Green, Clint Baker, Jim Armstrong Bottom row: Bill Dixon, Bill Reinhart, and Jeff Hamilton.

It's been a long and winding road, but we are happy to announce that the Grand Dominion Jazz Band will play for our society on April 24, 2022. The band originally was set to appear at the Ballard Elks club on March 15, 2020, but the concert was canceled due to the COVID pandemic.

The April show is special not only because it is the band's first performance since the pandemic, but also because it will serve as the official celebration of the Grand Dominion's 40th year as a working band.

Whether or not this will be the band's final concert or just a "kick-start" leading to future post-pandemic opportunities remains to be seen. As most of you know, the traditional-jazz festival circuit is still reeling from the pandemic, and its recovery faces several demographic challenges. Suffice it to say, as of now the band has no other appearances on its calendar, so there is a real possibility this concert might be the Grand Dominion's farewell performance.

We thank our sponsors for their faith in this project and for sticking with us despite the delay. For a while it seemed like we might have to give up on hosting the band due to travel difficulties, border restrictions, and a variety of health considerations, but it now looks like we've turned the corner and that your patience will be rewarded.

So mark your calendars for April 24th and be sure to invite your friends. It should be a very special day.

A Big Thank-you...

...to Annette Whitaker for donating \$75 of the 50/50 Youth Fund amount at the Oct. 17 concert.

PICTORIAL REVIEW OF JONATHAN DOYLE'S HOT 7, OCTOBER 17, 2021

Photos Courtesy of Lynn Graves and Patrick Monteith



Left to right: Jerome Smith, Jacob Zimmerman, Dave Holo, Eric Eagle, Jonathan Doyle, and Matt Weiner.

Pianist Ray Skjelbred not pictured.

We're looking for new

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yOU can help with little effort by bringing just one of your friends or family members into our club. If WE ALL do that, our membership will double.





John Ochs congratulates Gloria Kristovich on receiving Pres. Blokzyl's "Jazzoid of the Year" award for her service to the PSTJS.



No, it's not a rain dance, just a couple of jazz fans enjoying a New Orleans-style second-line jaunt.

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