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International Jazz Pianist Featured in January 2009

Gold Coast Jazz will be starting out the New Year in grand style with the January 14 jazz concert featuring jazz pianist Oliver Jones and his trio in a Tribute to Oscar Peterson. Mr. Jones is “arguably the most famous Canadian mainstream jazz pianist after Oscar Peterson,” according to Jim Little of The Gazette (Montreal). His career intertwines with the proud history of jazz in his native Montreal, the thriving city that in its heyday also produced Oscar Peterson, Oliver’s lifelong friend and continuing inspiration.

Oliver was born and raised in Saint Henri, a predominantly working class area of Montreal, several blocks from Peterson’s home. Young Oliver would sit on the Peterson porch, listening to the older boy practice. Oscar’s sister, Daisy Peterson Sweeney, became Oliver’s first piano teacher, with lessons continuing for the next twelve years. Oliver was performing publicly at age five, and by the time he was nine, he had his first nightclub appearance.

Jones’ six-decade musical career has been rich and varied. His classical music education was followed by stints at Montreal’s Café St-Michel. Later, he became the musical director and pianist for Jamaican singer Kenny Hamilton. In the ‘80’s Jones returned to Montreal where he became associated with bassist Charlie Biddle and played as a regular at his jazz club, Biddle’s. Next, Jones began recording on the Justin Times label and produced an impressive catalogue of recordings with some of the very finest sidemen in jazz.

Jones has been a regular at the prestigious Montreal Jazz Festival and has appeared at jazz festivals and clubs around the world. He has received numerous awards including Canada’s lifetime achievement award, the Governor General’s Performing Arts Awards. Now in semi-retirement, Gold Coast Jazz is honored to have Mr. Jones perform on our concert series on January 14 at the Amaturio Theatre.



January 14, 2009
Tribute to Oscar Peterson
Oliver Jones

Brubeck Brothers Quartet Debut in Fort Lauderdale

If there is such a thing as “born musicians,” then the accomplished sons of famed jazz pianist Dave Brubeck definitely qualify. The talented brothers, Dan on drums, and Chris on trombone & bass, have brought audiences to their feet all

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Executive Director's Message



As we look at the close of 2008, one can only reflect upon what an extraordinary and historic year this has been. As a nation, we have brought a long and exhaustive Presidential election to a conclusion, we've watched the national and global financial markets avert disaster and we're seeing a dramatic shift in our local economy, not to mention our own personal finances. In the arts world, non-profit arts organizations are feeling the dramatic effect of reduced governmental funds as county and state budgets were slashed. The Gold Coast Jazz Society is just one of the many local arts organizations that suffered a substantial loss of grant funds for this year. But, we have been financially prudent over the past years so that in these difficult times, we will still be able to keep the music and the Gold Coast Jazz Society moving forward.

Jazz makes a celebration even out of the worst of times. The music brings people together, bridges our differences and helps us all to forget our troubles. So, I hope that if you have not done so already, you will continue to purchase tickets to our concerts, support our organization through your financial gifts and membership contributions, support our upcoming jazz gala Carnival Rio and our other events through your donations and attendance and help us to keep jazz alive for our future generations. There is still time to make a year-end gift if you have not done so already.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming concerts or events. Have a happy and safe holiday season and a most Happy New Year.

Pamella Dearden

Executive Director

We want YOUR feedback and suggestions about our concerts and artists. Just e-mail music@goldcoastjazz.org and our artistic planning committee will respond.



Brubeck Brothers Quartet Debut in Fort Lauderdale *(continued)*



Brubeck Brothers

over the world, creating dynamic music that gives a glimpse of the future of jazz, while honoring their background, so rich in the tradition of innovative jazz. On February 11 they will appear with their band mates, guitarist Mike DeMicco, and pianist Chuck Lamb, who complete this dynamic quartet. The BBQ have performed at concert series, colleges, and jazz festivals across North America and Europe including the Detroit, Ravinia, Las Vegas, Sedona, Spokane & Monterey Jazz Festivals. With Chris Brubeck's compositions as a vehicle, the BBQ has joined with chamber groups to collaborate with musicians from the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Russian National Symphony Orchestra. Although the quartet's style is rooted in "straight-ahead" jazz, their concerts reveal an inherent ability to explore and play odd time signatures while naturally integrating the influences of funk, blues and world music.

Big Bands featured in March and April Jazz Concerts

For those who love jazz and big band, put on your dancin' shoes and get ready for two great big band shows this Spring. On March 11, come hear the Harry James Orchestra directed by Fred Radke. If you are longing for the greatest popular music of the 20th century, you won't want to miss this concert, *The Golden Age of Swing*. This world-renowned big band will feature the talented and beautiful vocalist, Gina Funes. Come hear the band's debut performance for Gold Coast Jazz.

Don't be fool on April 1! Join GCJS for the April 1 concert featuring jazz trombonist Jiggs Whigham, jazz pianist Shelly Berg and members of the Gold Coast Jazz Society Band in *A 'Bone, a Grand and a Band*. Trombone master, Jiggs Whigham, is an internationally acclaimed trombonist, band leader and educator. Shelly Berg, is recognized as one of today's greatest jazz pianists and is the Dean of the UM Frost School of Music. Come hear these two outstanding jazz musicians as they join forces with Eric Allison and the GCJS Band in a concert of great jazz standards and originals. We promise you an evening of jazz that you won't forget.

Don't miss any of these exciting concerts presented by Gold Coast Jazz at the Amaturio Theater. For tickets call 954-462-0222 or go online to www.goldcoastjazz.org or www.browardcenter.org.

Save the Date!

Carnaval Rio
Gold Coast Jazz Society Gala
Feb. 27, 2009

Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel & Yacht Club
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For an invitation call 954-524-0805

Cocktail Reception/Auction, Dinner, Jazz Show & Dancing

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Awards Grant to Gold Coast Jazz

The Gold Coast Jazz Society is honored to announce the award of an \$18,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for our project, *First Friday Jazz Jams*. The Gold Coast Jazz Society was one of only thirty-one awardees of the Knight Foundation Arts Partnership grant initiative. Grant award winners were publicly announced at a special reception held on December 1 at the Miami Art Museum.

The \$18,000 matching grant from the Knight Foundation will assist the Gold Coast Jazz in the first two years of a new educational project, *First Friday Jazz Jams*. This project, a monthly live jazz jam session to be held at ArtServe in Ft. Lauderdale, will provide students of all ages a chance to perform for free with veteran professional jazz musicians. A live professional backline will be provided for each *First Friday Jazz Jam*. The "Jams" will be open to students from area middle schools, high schools, colleges, universities as well as to the general public. "This intergenerational community event will provide parents, teachers, students and the public a chance to witness the development of local young jazz talent," said Pam Dearden, Executive Director of the Gold Coast Jazz Society. "We are indeed privileged to be among the very few to be awarded a grant by this prestigious foundation."

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The Knight Foundation is the presenting sponsor for the *First Friday Jazz Jams* project. Other sponsors include: the HI Foundation, Barbara Cooper, the Florida Marlins Community Foundation, Publix Super Market Charities and DeMeo Young McGrath - Certified Public Accountants and Consultants.

Please join us for the kick-off of our *First Friday Jazz Jams* program on Friday, January 9 from 7:30pm - 9:30pm at ArtServe, 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale. The remaining "Jazz Jams" will occur on Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5. Admission is free and open to the public



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Don't Forget a Year-End Gift to GCJS

Need another tax deduction? There's still time to make a year-end gift to the Gold Coast Jazz Society. Times are tight and especially hard for arts organizations. YOU can help GCJS with your year-end contribution to support our jazz education programs.

Are you 70½ or older with an IRA? Congress extended the IRA charitable rollover through 2009. The rollover allows Individual Retirement Account holders to donate up to \$100,000 a year to charity directly from their IRAs without declaring the distribution as income. The donor does not need to itemize his or her taxes to take advantage of the rollover. IRA rollovers may be includable in a donor's income for state and local tax purposes and may not earn an offsetting charitable deduction, depending on state and local law. A charitable gift made directly from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) will not be taxed as income as long as it adheres to the following:

- the gift is made in 2008 or 2009
- the IRA holder is age 70½ or older
- the gift totals \$100,000 or less each year
- the charity is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions
- the charity is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization
- the withdrawal goes directly from the IRA to the non-profit charitable organization.

To find out how you can make a contribution directly from your IRA to the Gold Coast Jazz Society, a 501©3 non-profit organization, contact your attorney or financial advisor.

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~ CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008-2009 ~

Jan. 11	Gold Coast Jazz Society Band – First Pres. Church Ft. Lauderdale – Free Concert – 7:30pm
Jan. 14	Mainstage concert – Oliver Jones, Jazz Pianist – Amaturio Theater – 7:45pm
Jan. 29	GCJS Membership Event – Broward College Downtown Campus – time TBA
Feb. 8	GCJS Band, Eric Allison, Music Director – NW Regional Library – FREE concert – 3:00pm
Feb. 11	Mainstage concert – Brubeck Brothers Quartet – Amaturio Theater – 7:45pm
Feb. 27	Annual Jazz Gala @ Ft. Lauderdale Grande Hotel & Yacht Club
Mar. 11	Mainstage concert – Harry James Orchestra directed by Fred Radke – Amaturio Theater – 7:45pm
Mar. 22	Spring Swing Friend-raising event – Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society - 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Apr. 1	Mainstage concert – Richie Cole & GJS Band, Eric Allison, Music Director – Amaturio Theater – 7:45pm
Apr. 14	Duke Ellington: Jazz Playin' Man – Jazz educational program – Amaturio Theater – 10am & 11:30am
Apr. 18	Jeanette Russell Jazz Scholarship Competition – Place TBD
May 13	Mainstage concert – Nicole Henry, Jazz Vocalist – Amaturio Theater – 7:45pm
May 17	Jazz Stars of Tomorrow – FREE Concert & reception – GCJS Scholarship winners – AARLC 2-4pm

Solarian Jazz Club Cruisin' to Jazz

Members of the Solorian Jazz Club recently enjoyed a "Jazz on the Water" experience as they cruised down the waterways on the Sun Dream Yacht. Hosts for the evening were Tim Ingham and Julie Pabst. Solorian members meet every quarter for an intimate jazz experience in a variety of lovely homes, clubs and other locations. To learn more about how you can join this exclusive group of jazz lovers, call the GCJS office at 954-524-0805.



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Jazz & Chocolate - A Jazzy Event

Over 200 members and friends of the Bonnet House Alliance and the Gold Coast Jazz Society enjoyed a wonderful evening of electrifying jazz and fabulous chocolate creations at the 3rd annual *Evening of Jazz and Chocolate*, held at the historic Bonnet House and Gardens. Eric Allison, Cheryl Fisher and members of the Gold Coast Jazz Society Band provided the evening's jazzy entertainment.

**Want to JAZZ up
your next special event?**

Don't forget that the Gold Coast Jazz Society can provide music for any occasion.

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What Will Your Legacy Be...

Jeanette Russell, known fondly as Lady Jazz, had a love affair with jazz. For years, she and "St. Louie Ray" attended jazz concerts and parties around the country. Jeanette was known for her life-long dedication, friendship and generosity to a multitude of jazz musicians and jazz organizations. She founded a jazz scholarship program in St. Louis in the name of her late husband. At the end of her life, Lady Jazz continued to carry the jazz torch by leaving a bequest for jazz scholarships to the Gold Coast Jazz Society. Thanks to her bequest, thousands of students will be afforded a jazz education now and in the future.

Remember the Gold Coast Jazz Society in your will or estate plan. To learn more, contact our office, your attorney, financial advisor or www.leavealegacybroward.org



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The Golden Age of Swing
The Harry James Orchestra



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Shelly Berg, Jiggs Whigham
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Almost Like Being in Love
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All artists, dates and times subject to change.



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