

Jacksonville Jazz Society

February 2019 – "Keeping Jazz Alive"



Message From Our President

Jackie Valentine

"Jazz is _____."

It's a simple sentence but very powerful because it probably means something different to everyone. To me, Jazz is liberating. Sometimes, when listening to jazz music, I feel a sense of freedom. Free to explore my inner thoughts as I indulge in the rhythmic sounds of the instruments. I find it intriguing how each musician finds their own sound and style. For example, two jazz saxophonists may play the same instrument yet they both have styles that are uniquely different (i.e. Boney James and Warren Hill).

Listening to jazz music and discussing it is a portion of what we, members of the Jacksonville Jazz Society, enjoy. So, mark your calendars for Saturday, February 23, 2019. We will host our quarterly "listening party". There will be food, fun, and prizes. Please check your email for more details. By the way, congratulations are in order to our new chairperson of the membership and fundraising committee, Ms. Selena Menedez as she heads this event.=

Reminder April is Jazz appreciation month and we will also celebrate Founder's Day. Therefore, I'm asking ALL members to be in attendance as we celebrate the men who founded this great organization. This will be the tenth anniversary and we really want to show our founder how much we love and appreciate him. Again, please check your email for more details.

Thank you all for everything you do to help us **"Keep Jazz Alive in Jacksonville."**

J. Valentine, BSN, RN
Jacksonville Jazz Society, President



JJS Education Committee



Geoffrey Keezer

The foundation of the Jacksonville Jazz Society includes supporting Jazz venues throughout our area. Next month the Jacksonville University Performing Arts Series will present a Jazz concert featuring multiple GRAMMY nominated pianist Geoffrey Keezer. From his body of work, Geoffrey commands the attention typically reserved for the living legends of jazz. During JU's Jazz Week, he will work and perform with JU's Jazz Program students and will be featured with his trio in a concert Friday, March 29th 7:30 pm at JU's Terry Concert Hall. Professor John Ricci (he was our guest lecturer last year), has offered the JJS members free admission to the concert. At our March JJs Meeting, there will be a signup sheet for members would like to attend the concert. Please make plans to support the JU Jazz Studies Program that evening.

Jazz in the Black Box: *"The JU's Jazz Combos in Concert"*

Bringing this historic and popular event back to the Black Box Theater, the JU Jazz Combos perform original arrangements and projects. Join us for an intimate Village Vanguard/Blue Note evening in Jacksonville.

Phillips Fine Arts 19 (Black Box Theater)

Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 pm

Please remember where you put your sheet on "Jazz Listening Tips." (It was also published in our newsletter) Time to study and listen, as there will a quiz on the tips of listening to Jazz.

The Education Committee has distributed JJS Scholarship Applications to Douglas Anderson, Jacksonville University, University of North Florida and Edward Waters College. If you know of a high school in our area that has a Jazz studies program, please share that information at our meeting in March.



**Jacksonville's Local
Jazz Musicians
Von Barlow**



Von Barlow was inducted into the Jacksonville Jazz Festival Hall of Fame for his commitment to sustaining the sounds of jazz in Jacksonville and his dedication to the annual Jacksonville Jazz Festival and The Great American Jazz Piano Competition. Barlow has performed at the Jacksonville Jazz Festival several times and played in The Great American Jazz Piano Competition rhythm section four times, including the first year when Marcus Roberts and Harry Connick, Jr. were finalists. He has also performed with the late O.C. Smith at the famous Woodstock Festival of 1969 and has played with Mose Allison, Lou Rawls, The Ray Charles Trio, Eddie Harris, Bobby Hutcherson, Bunky Green, Roy Ayers, Etta James, and many other jazz greats.

Terence Blanchard

"Gets Oscar Nod for BlackKkKlansman"



Terence Blanchard, the renowned New Orleans-based trumpeter and composer, was **nominated** earlier this week for an Academy Award in the Best Original Score category for his work on *BlackKkKlansman*, the Spike Lee movie about an African-American detective in 1970s Colorado Springs who infiltrates the KKK.

"Feeling grateful and blessed," the 56-year-old Grammy Award winner **wrote** in a public Instagram message. "Thanks to everyone who had a hand in the project. Spike, Marvin, Howard, Greg, Brad, Robin, Oscar, DJ, Misha and of course Charles. If I left Someone out I'm truly sorry but I have to acknowledge those who lift you up and carry you across the finish line."

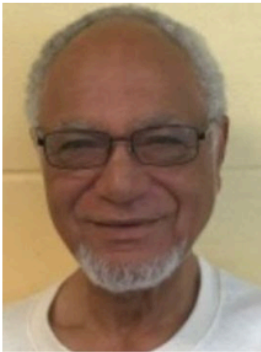
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Dianne Smith
JJS Who's Who



Meet Ronald Galvin

Ronald E. Galvin, a native of Jacksonville, Fl. was born September 17 and has been a member since the earliest days of JJS in 2009. Ron became a member to promote, learn and enjoy the art of Jazz with likeminded people! His favorite jazz artists are Jimmy Scott, Shirley Horne, John Coltrane, Nancy Wilson, and Cecile McLorin Salvant. He is proudly retired from Pharmaceutical Sales, Eli Lilly & Co. Ron is a DJ (as a hobby), loves cooking and is a music collector. Ron shares these words of wisdom with others: "Change before you have to!!" and "Try not to make the same mistake over n over, make a new one."



Meet Martina Harris

Martina Harris was born December 6 and joined JJS in October 2018. She is a native of the city of brotherly love, Philadelphia, PA. Tina, as she is called, is a Jazz Lover whose favorite artist is Donald Byrd. Tina retired from the School district of Philadelphia and her word to the wise is "STAY WOKE!!!"

Contact Dianne Smith (dkster9@gmail.com) to fill out and submit your "Who's Who" form!



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Fri. Apr 8th - **Chris Botti** - Florida Theater

Tues. Apr 9th - **Pat Metheny** - Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

Wed. Apr 10th - **Boz Scaggs** - Florida Theater



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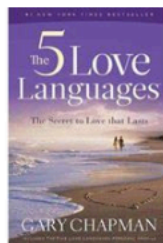
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JJS Out and About

On Saturday, February 9, 2019, Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church was proud to host a daylong workshop at its Downtown Campus with the bestselling author Dr. Gary Chapman. My husband, Floyd, and I attended and were very glad we did. This type of sharing was not only for married couples but it also works for singles, engaged couples and anyone wanting to learn how to better understand communication with those you love. The ideas on how to communicate were simple and told with clarity and humor. Dr. Chapman's foundation is scripture based and he provided references for support.



There also was information on teenage children, caregiving and those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. I read this book many years ago and really appreciated the ability to look at it from a seasoned perspective (age wise). If any of our members decide to pick up a copy of this or any of the other bestsellers by Dr. Chapman, I know it can only change your relationship(s) for the better.



JJS Supports JJS Member Isaac Byrd, Jr.

Saturday, February 16th Cuba Libre

The Infinite Bliss Jazz Series presented Isaac Byrd, Jr.

"Lovers Groove"

It was a Jazzy Valentine Masquerade Ball.

Special guest vocalist "Monique"

(Isaac Byrd is one of the original members of JJS)







Breezy Line-up

Fri. Feb. 22nd - The Groove

Sat. Feb. 23rd - Larry Wilson

Thu. Feb. 28th - Eric Carter

Fri. Mar. 1st - Joe Watts

Sat. Mar. 2nd - The Bad Boyz

Breezy Jazz Club

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Friday March 8th 7:30pm

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"The Music of Stevie Wonder"



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JJS Next meeting:

**Saturday
March 9th
11:30 am**

**Wells Fargo Bank
1601 North Main Street
Jacksonville, FL**

(parking in the rear)



April 5-14

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**Jazzy's Restaurant
& Lounge**
[901 King Street](#)
[Jacksonville, FL 32204](#)

Jazzy's is a soul food restaurant and lounge, which includes takeout. It will feature live Jazz throughout the week. The Grand Opening will occur early March.

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