

“Keeping Jazz Alive”



JJS Jazz Notes

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Message From Our President



Greetings JJS Family and Jazz Lovers. It has been such a pleasure to resume meetings in person. Thanks to one of our members, Dave Sanders, we have been able to meet at space made

available to us at NAS JAX. Thank you, Dave. To bring excitement to our meetings we have provided musical entertainment. We have had melodic jazz tunes playing prior to our monthly meetings and in March, we heard a few tunes played live by DeAndre Lettsome, the featured artist for our 2022 Scholarship Gala. For our June meeting, the Fortune Four Jazz Quintet entertained our members live with one hour of jazz tunes immediately following our meeting.

As we move forward, we are coming up on our Annual Gala, the 2022 Wayne Barlow Scholarship Fundraiser. Under the guidance of our Chair, Theresa Warren, we are poised to celebrate this event at the University of

North Florida (UNF). This spacious facility will allow for 350 guests with a separate space overlooking a lake for our Cocktail Hour. In preparation of this event, the Committee has made lodging arrangements with the Homewood Suites by Hilton Hotel, which is five minutes away from UNF, for a discounted rate of \$128.00. WBSF Tickets are on sale for \$75.00 and as of the writing of this article, 50% of the tickets have been sold. Please do not wait until the last minute to purchase a ticket. For additional information, please contact Theresa at jjsbarlowchair2022@gmail.com or any Board Member.

In 2021, our 120-page Journal was supported by advertisements from businesses, members, families, and friends, and was circulated to all attendees at our Gala. Our Journal served as a financial boost to our scholarship coffers and this year we hope to exceed last year's performance. Please contact Iris Hines, our Chair of the Sponsorship and Fundraising Committee at jjssponsorship@jacksonvillejazzsociety.org, Theresa, or any Board member for additional information.

As you know, our Annual Gala is where we recognize students pursuing Jazz at the College level and award our scholarships. Our Chair of the Education Committee, Shahid Siddiq (shahidsiddiqu7x@gmail.com) and his Committee have been working diligently to make sure that applications are in the hands of perspective scholarship recipients. If you know of a deserving student, who is pursuing jazz as a college student, please let them know about our scholarships and let Shahid know about their interest.

2022 Wayne Barlow Scholarship Fundraiser Gala

In April, we held our second Jazz on the Greens event at Eagle Landing. Over 200 guests brought their lawn chairs and were entertained by three local bands: the Luke Stripling Quintet, the John Lumpkin Institute, and the Joshua Bowlus Trio. Thanks to the co-chairs of our Membership Committee, Amancia Williams and Blondell Sisco, along with other members volunteering their time, we increased our membership by 31 members during this single event. Thank you, team!!!

Do you like Popcorn? Well, thanks to Iris Hines, our Chair of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee and her team, we had a popcorn sale. This project has proven to be profitable to many organizations. Thank you, Iris and your team, for spearheading this project.

Our organization consists of many Committees, and an effective Committee requires volunteers. There is still a need to expand our committees and there is plenty of space for volunteers. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact our Secretary, Rainy Williams, at jacksonvillejazzsociety@gmail.com, or me, at jis.president@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

Remember "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work".

Michael Bertty

President

The tickets have been printed and selling fast for the 2022 10th Annual Wayne Barlow Scholarship Fund Gala Event. Don't delay and we hope to see you on October 8th at the Adam W Herbert University Center located on University of North Florida (UNF) campus.

Our goal to have the 350 tickets sold by July! Many tables have already been sold, putting us on track to exceed our goal. We encourage all members to attend, the cost is \$75.00 per ticket or \$600.00 per table. Don't miss this spectacular event.

Corporate, small business and individual sponsors have responded enthusiastically. In addition to corporate and personal sponsor contributions, our Journal book is a great opportunity for businesses or individuals to showcase their products, services or personal greetings to our members and friends. Please consider buying an ad for yourself or encourage your business contacts to buy a \$100 ad. The journal ads are a major fundraising resource which allows the organization to give back in the way of scholarships. If you frequent a nail salon, barber shop, hairdresser, or if you know someone who owns a business, these individuals should be contacted to place an ad. Not only is this a great marketing opportunity for them, but their contribution will support inspiring musicians to keep Jazz Alive in Jacksonville. Our success will be determined by you!

The Jacksonville Jazz Society
Presents
The 10th Annual Wayne Barlow Scholarship
Fundraiser

A NIGHT OF LIVE JAZZ
Featuring
The DeAndre Lettsome
Quartet



Jacksonville Jazz Society
"Keeping Jazz Alive"

Tickets \$75

Saturday, October 8, 2022

The Adam W. Herbert University
Center, UNF

12000 Alumni Drive – Jacksonville,
Florida

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Reception

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM Dinner/Jazz/Dance

Please send CHECKS to:

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PO Box 261

Orange Park, Florida 32067

OR ORDER ONLINE

www.jacksonvillejazzsociety.org

Contact: Theresa Warren

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TABLES
\$600 EACH



Our 2nd Annual Jazz on the Greens Extravaganza

On April 30th we celebrated our second Annual Jazz Appreciation event in the Eagle Landing Community. Three terrific live bands rocked the grounds of this fantastic green space under magnificent skies. Over 200 persons were in attendance to not only enjoy the music, but to taste food from our local food trucks and to purchase items from our vendors selling merchandise at the event.

Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM) is a national “celebration” which acknowledges the contribution jazz music has made in society. This year’s theme was “Latin Jazz and the contribution of Israel ‘Cachao’ Lopez” to the Spirit of Jazz. Cacho was a Cuban bass player who helped invent the mambo style in the late 1930s, speeding up the traditional Cuban dance music danzón by inserting a swing to it.

In addition to commemorating Jazz Appreciation Month, this event also provided the Jacksonville Jazz Society with a host of new members; delicious food provided by a variety of Food Trucks; an opportunity to shop at vender stations and a chance to participate in a 50/50 raffle.

The event was a huge success. In addition to having greater visibility in our community, we were able to attract new members while spreading the message that the Jacksonville Jazz Society is here to “Keep Jazz Alive in Jacksonville.”

Teamwork makes the Dream work, and it is only fitting to send a special thank you out to the members of Communication; Membership; WBSF, Sponsorship & Fundraising Committees, and to all who have shared their time and talent to make this event another success. Thank you one and all for your support and contributions.

Support our Vendors and JJS Business Owners!

In addition to many personal ads from our members wishing us a successful Wayne Barlow Scholarship event last year, many local businesses placed ads in our Journal. These ads helped to raise funds which enabled us to give scholarships to talented students pursuing Jazz education. As a thank you to them for this gesture of support, we encourage you to look through the Journal and patronize the businesses who supported us.

We are also very fortunate to have many entrepreneurs in our organization. We highlight these businesses by giving them a platform to address us at our monthly meetings. Let’s likewise show them our support by patronizing them. If you would like a platform to share your business, products, goods or services please contact our Vice President, Dianne Smith at jjs.vp21@gmail.com or any Board member for additional information.

JJS is proud to be able to provide opportunities for members to promote their products and services.

JJS'S 2022 JAZZ ON THE GREENS VENDORS AND MUSICIANS



JJS WANTS YOU!!! Come Join Us

JJS is always looking for new members. If you have friends and neighbors who are jazz lovers, ask them if they would like to join the “movement” to keep Jazz alive in Jacksonville. At our recent Jazz Appreciation Month event in Eagle Landing, we acquired 31 new members. Every new member gives us an opportunity to grow and flourish as an organization. New members also bring new ideas which will also improve us as an organization.

Over the coming weeks, we hope to provide more opportunities for camaraderie and fellowship among our members. We will have more live “listening” events and we will have live entertainment at some of the general monthly meetings. If you have ideas or would like to plan social events for JJS members, we encourage you to come forward with your ideas. We recently went to the JAM event for the Palm Coast Jazz organization and a couple of our members took the initiative to rent a 15-passenger van for us to travel to Daytona as a group. We had a great time traveling together. These events will give us an opportunity to better get to know one another and help us build friends and relationships with the JJS members.

Journal Ads

The Sponsorship and Fundraising Committee is working on obtaining sponsors for this year's Wayne Barlow Scholarship Gala Souvenir Booklet. If you were a sponsor last year and want to be a sponsor this year, please contact us at:

jjssponsorship@jacksonvillejazzsociety.org
or, Theresa Warren, the Chair of our WBSF
Committee at:
jjs.barlowchair2022@gmail.com

We thank you in advance for your support.

ARE YOU A JAZZ LOVER?



If you are a true Jazz lover, tune into WFCF on Friday Afternoons from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM and listen to the melodic jazz selections played by our Founder, Na'im Rashid on “Extensions of Congo Square”.



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JJS ENTREPRENEURS

JJS is comprised of members with a wealth of experiences. Monthly, the Entrepreneurs amongst us have shared their skills, service and or products with our membership.

Please review and support our fellow members in their endeavors.

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