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10th Annual WAYNE BARLOW GALA

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The Birth of the Wayne Barlow Scholarship Award



Wayne Barlow Co-Founder of the Jacksonville Jazz Society

The Jacksonville Jazz Society, Inc was co-founded by Wayne Barlow of Brooklyn, NY and Na'im Rashid of Philadelphia, PA. When the two men met in Jacksonville, FL, in 2007 they quickly discovered that they shared the same passion for Jazz and wanted to preserve this music genre in the city of Jacksonville, FL.

In 2009, the two men had a vision of creating a jazz organization comprised of professional and non-professional musicians with people who also loved Jazz. Their shared vision brought the Jacksonville Jazz Society to life. Its mission, "Keeping Jazz Alive" in Jacksonville, FL.

In 2011, as a means of continuing the preservation of Jazz in Jacksonville, Na'im decided to help young aspiring jazz musicians to further their musical careers. This led to the First Annual Scholarship Fundraiser which was established in 2012. Wayne Barlow died on January 29, 2016. In 2017, Na'im renamed the Annual Scholarship to the Wayne Barlow Scholarship to honor his best friend and keep the spirit of the dream they conceived in 2009.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Greetings members, jazz lovers and friends. Thank you for your continued support and I am honored to be able to welcome you to our 10th Annual Wayne Barlow Scholarship Fundraiser. The Jacksonville Jazz Society (JJS) is dedicated to the preservation of jazz history in the Jacksonville area. Our mission is to **'Keep Jazz Alive'** through education, the promotion of local artists, jazz events and supporting young musicians in high school and college. Today's gala allows us to fulfill our mission to the fullest.

With so many jazz lovers in our area, I am proud to say that JJS has provided opportunities throughout the year for our followers to mix and mingle and to listen to jazzy tunes. This year we held our 2nd annual Jazz on the Green event at Eagle Landing. More than 200 guests listened to continuous live jazz music provided by three different bands, while shopping at vendor tables and munching on food available from local food trucks. Thanks to our Communications Committee, monthly jazz tunes are played via zoom providing our followers an opportunity to comfortably listen to jazz, meet new people and sip on the beverage of their choice in the comfort of their home. Isn't technology amazing?

Through an association with Players by the Sea, a performing arts institution, JJS has assisted with bringing a combination of arts education and performing art to our community. Lady Day at the Emirates, Kinky Boots and Ruthless are just a few of the plays performed during this association where JJS provided volunteer support.

With your support, I am pleased to say that this year, JJS will be awarding four scholarships, totaling ten thousand dollars, to four college students. Our scholarship recipients this year are Hojeong Kim, a pianist; Ethan Grussgot, a drummer; Justin Archinihu, a bassist and Pablo Duque, a saxophonist who will be displaying their musical talents for you today.

As part of our efforts to promote students and local talent, we have engaged the services of the Langston Oliver Quintet, which is comprised of high school and college students who will share their musical talents during our cocktail hour today. In support of our local musicians, we hope that you enjoy the talents of the DeAndre Lettsome Quartet. DeAndre is a native of Jacksonville, a composer, music professor, band director, one of the founding members of the Let's Ride Brass Band, and a Saxophonist; the DeAndre Lettsome Quartet will provide you with jazzy musical selections today during the gala.

As we look to 2023, we hope that you will be able to join us as we continue to promote jazz and inspire students pursuing this genre of music. Please stay tuned for our annual Jazz on the Green celebration, Black history musical month experience and more. If you have enjoyed your experience today, I would like to personally invite you to become a member of JJS. We meet monthly in-person and would love to have you join us. Please contact us at jacksonvillejazzsociety@gmail.com for additional information. Remember "Teamwork makes the dream work". Thank you for your continued support.

Michael Bertty - President - JJS

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TO THE JACKSONVILLE JAZZ SOCIETY'S 2022

WAYNE BARLOW SCHOLARSHIP GALA

DeAndre Lettsome



This Jacksonville, Florida native arrived at the spotlight with singular style and dulcet tone on his eponymous debut album that highlights a new voice with meaningful intent. Having spent years as the go-to sideman for several North Florida ensembles, DeAndre is poised to make his home at centerstage.

This young composer leaned into the saxophone at an early age when his elementary school music teacher saw promise. The eight-year-old Lettsome was offered the choice between the flute and the alto sax. His love affair with the alto sax has been continuous and ever evolving.

DeAndre attended the storied Douglas Anderson School of the Arts in his native Jacksonville. From there, he completed his undergraduate degree at Jacksonville University and studied alongside John Ricci. His Master's Degree was completed at the University of North Florida under the guidance of Todd Delguidice.

In 2017, DeAndre was selected for the highly competitive Betty Carter Jazz Ahead residency in Washington, D.C., which let to performing alongside Delfeayo Marsalis and the Uptown Jazz Orquestra, the Marcus Printup Quintet, and the O'Jays.

DeAndre is a member of the Urban Intellectuals, John Lumpkin and the Covenant, and The Bold City Classics. He is a founding member of the Let's Ride Brass Band and has served as Assistant Professor and Assistant Band Director at the well-respected HBCU, Edward Waters University. He is currently the Band/Chorus director at Duval Charter School at Baymeadows.

With his debut, DeAndre finds comfort as a bandleader and as an artist. He offers a unique voice to the world through his music at this point in his journey. "This is me pushing myself beyond what I feel is my comfort zone of being in the background of other people's projects, hustles, and dreams. It's my way of finding myself as an artist."

DeAudre Lettsome

THE JACKSONVILLE JAZZ SOCIETY'S COCKTAIL BAND "THE LANGSTON OLIVER QUINTET"



Langston Oliver began playing trumpet at the age of nine. At age ten, he began studying under the late Al Waters, a former saxophone player in the Ray Charles Orchestra. This musical relationship lasted for the next ten years. Under Al Waters' mentorship, Langston learned jazz history and the fundamentals of music. At age twelve, he was admitted into the Juilliard Jazz Camp, at fifteen he won The Sound of Jazz To Come award at the Stanford Summer Jazz Academy, and at eighteen, he was one of forty-two musicians worldwide to be accepted into the Jazz At Lincoln Center Academy where he studied with world-renowned musician, Wynton Marsalis.

Currently, Langston is furthering his knowledge of Jazz under the mentorship of Ulysses Owens Jr. and John Lumpkin. He has also worked on various albums in different genres and continues to expand his knowledge and expertise in the music world. He hopes to bring inspiration and the love of music to his audiences one song at a time.



John Hermann is an accomplished bassist currently attending Douglas Anderson School of The Arts High School and is planning on pursuing a career in music. He is a member of the Douglas Anderson Jazz Ensemble 1, which was nationally recognized by Downbeat Magazine in 2022, and is also a member of the Douglas Anderson Jazz Combo. In addition to John's Jazz playing, he is also a central part of the Douglas Anderson Chamber Orchestra. In 2021 he was selected for the FMEA Allstate Symphony Orchestra and in 2022 he received a prestigious Douglas Anderson Bravo award. John also plays freelance bass around the Jacksonville area and regularly plays pop gigs in Amelia Island.



At the age of 12, Joel Klein started by playing in small community bands involving multiple genres such as Reggae and Latin. In the Orlando area, he slowly rose to more noticeable groups such as the Orlando Jazz Orchestra, Space Coast Jazz Orchestra, and the Glenn Miller Orchestra. His love for music always keeps him striving for excellence and new ways of expressing himself through his art .As a freelance musician, Joel has played with Marquis Hill, Joel Frahm, Bob Reynolds, and many others. Most recently, Joel has won first place in both central Florida Jazz Society and Bob Washington competitions.



Tim Pickering started playing trumpet at age 10, playing in school bands through high school. After taking a break from music for half a decade he returned to school at Florida State College at Jacksonville to pursue music under the direction of Dr. Paul Weikle, John Thomas, and studied percussion with Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra percussionist Kevin Garry. It was at FSCJ he became interested in jazz music, and after playing with the FSCJ big band for two years, he transferred to the University of North Florida to pursue a degree in jazz, studying with Danny Gottlieb (Pat Metheny Group and Gary Sinise's Lt. Dan Band). He is currently still studying music at UNF.



Patrick Daut started playing guitar at age 10 in Nokomis, Florida. In 2015 he graduated from the Booker High School performing arts program, and in 2019, the University of North Florida with a degree in Jazz Studies. He is currently performing around the Jacksonville area as both solo artist and a sideman.

JACKSONVILLE JAZZ SOCIETY'S 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Pablo Dugue

Native to the panhandle of Florida, Pablo Duque is an up-and-coming saxophonist currently located in Jacksonville, Florida, where he is majoring in Jazz Studies at the University of North Florida (UNF). Pablo started his journey with his saxophone in sixth grade. In the seventh grade, he was introduced to Jazz, and from that point on he decided to continue developing his skills playing Jazz and improvising throughout middle school and high school. While in high school, Pablo won numerous accolades, his most prominent being the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award in 2019, the highest-level interscholastic award given to students at high schools in the United States and the Henry Fillmore Composition Award in 2020. Pablo also played his alto saxophone in the 2020 All-State Symphonic band.

As a student at UNF, Pablo had been a two-time recipient of the Bob Washington Jazz Scholarship, performed with several corporate wedding bands, and has played with several notable jazz musicians such as Ulysses Owens Jr., Barry Green, Scott Giddens, Stefan Klein, Jonah Pierre, John Lumpkin, and many others. With his sites on his future, Pablo plans to graduate from UNF with his bachelor's degree, pursue his master's in jazz composition and release a debut album of original works and arrangements.



Justin Archinihu

Justin Archinihu is a young and rising jazz bassist residing in Jacksonville, Florida majoring in Jazz studies at the University of North Florida (UNF). His Journey started during his 2nd year of community college (Valencia College, Orlando) in 2019 where he was introduced to jazz from a friend. During Covid he devoted most of his time at home developing his craft. With his newfound passion, Justin would play at many jam sessions in his hometown Orlando and was encouraged to audition for UNF's school of music. Justin made it to the 2nd band his first year along with a scholarship, but Justin did not stop there. He continues to play with several musicians around Jacksonville and has worked and accrued recognition from notable Jacksonville musicians such as Ulysses Owens Jr, John Lumpkin, Eric Bailey, David Champagne, Stephan Klein, Jonah Pierre, Al Maniscalco, and many others.



Hojeong Kim

Hojeong Kim began her musical career at the age of five in Seoul Korea. She is a trained classical pianist who loves jazz and has learned to merge the two genres. Hojeong's love for music and mastery of the piano has provided her with opportunities to play in numerous concerts and with a variety of orchestras and bands before graduating from high school. As an up-and-coming pianist, Hojeong has played with numerous professionals, a variety of bands and in numerous concerts in Korea. Her love for jazz lead to her to enrollment in the music program at Kyung Hee University South Korea University.

In 2019 Hojeong transferred to the University of North Florida (UNF) where she is currently enrolled in its Music Department. While at UNF, Hojeong joined the UNF Jazz Ensemble and has been called upon to play in many performances during her tenure. She was an "A" student in the Improvisation course and has performed extended solos in the piano improvisation

In addition to studying her craft, Hojeong enjoys performing with her friends and colleagues Blue Jays Listening Room located in Costa Verde Plaza, by the beaches here in Jacksonville. In September, Hojeong demonstrated her skills while playing as part of a quartet for the Jacksonville Jazz Society's September membership meeting. Thank you Hojeong.



Ethan Grussgott

Ethan Grussgott was born in New York City but grew up in Palm Coast Florida and is currently majoring in Jazz Studies at The University Of North Florida. Ethan first started playing drums at 10-years-old, for his elementary school's steel drum band. At 13-years-old, he joined his middle school's jazz band. At 15-years-old in his sophomore year of high school, he attended The University Of North Florida Summer Music Camp. This camp fueled a deep passion in him. He became obsessed with learning all he could about this Black-American culture and art form. By the time Ethan finished high school, he had played in 21+ ensembles and accumulated 6 Solo and Ensemble "Superior" ratings. After completing high school and earning The Louis Armstrong Award, he began attending UNF under tutelage of Danny Gottlieb. During Ethan's first year at UNF, he performed with 9 Ensembles, including JE1, JE2, JE3 Combos 1,2,3,4,5, and Concert Band. As a sophomore, he continues playing with JE1 and Combo 1. He currently is playing with several groups across the state of Florida and Georgia. After he graduates with his bachelor's degree Ethan plans to pursue a master's degree as well as travel the world to learn and experience cultures and music. "Be obsessed or be ordinary."

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Mike & Liz Bertty

Congratulations to JJS for Keeping Jazz Alive!

And for your love and quest of Jazz and its ongoing exposure for your members and families!!!



As we, Al and Dianne, resume our retirement, may we find and experience even more great Jazz with you, JJS, and friends to share its beauty!

I thank God for the 2020-2022 Board and Committees, whose commitment, work, and excellence enhanced JJS's success!

We are the Team that made the Dream Work!!!!

Special thanks to Terrie McSween, Michael Sweeting and others for their dynamic contributions behind the scenes! Could not have done it without you!

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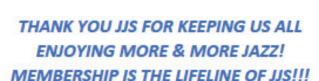
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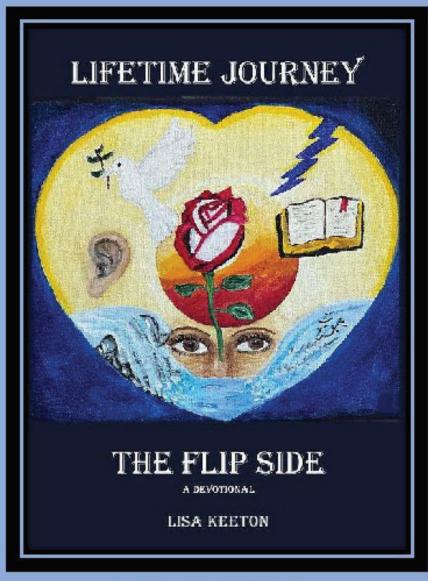


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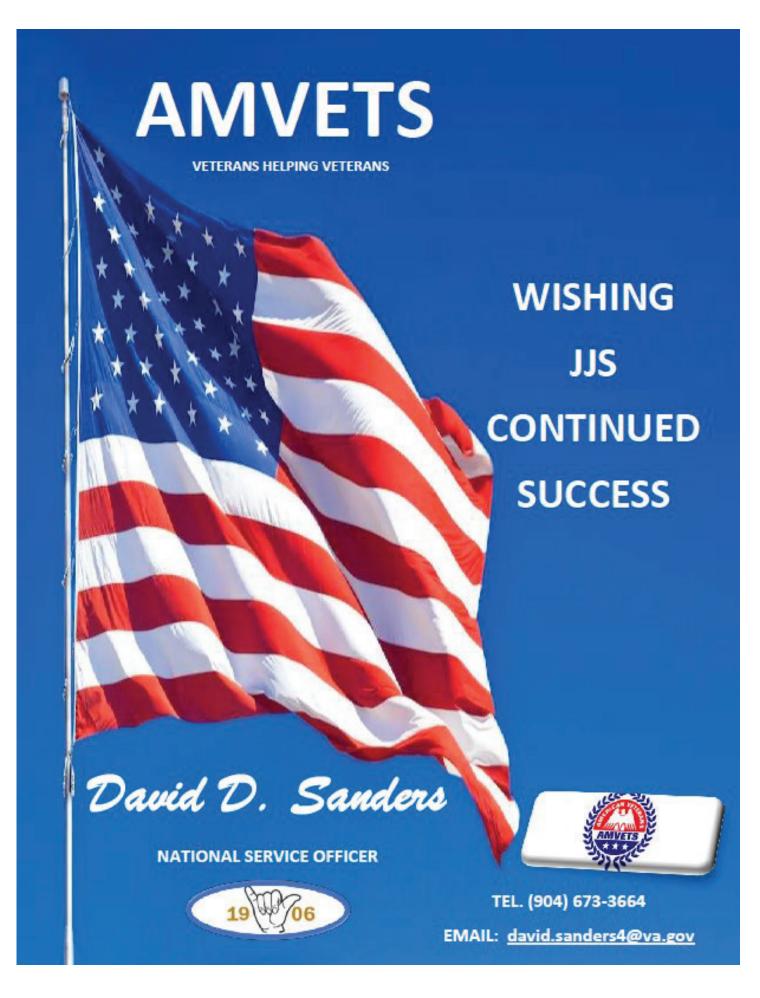












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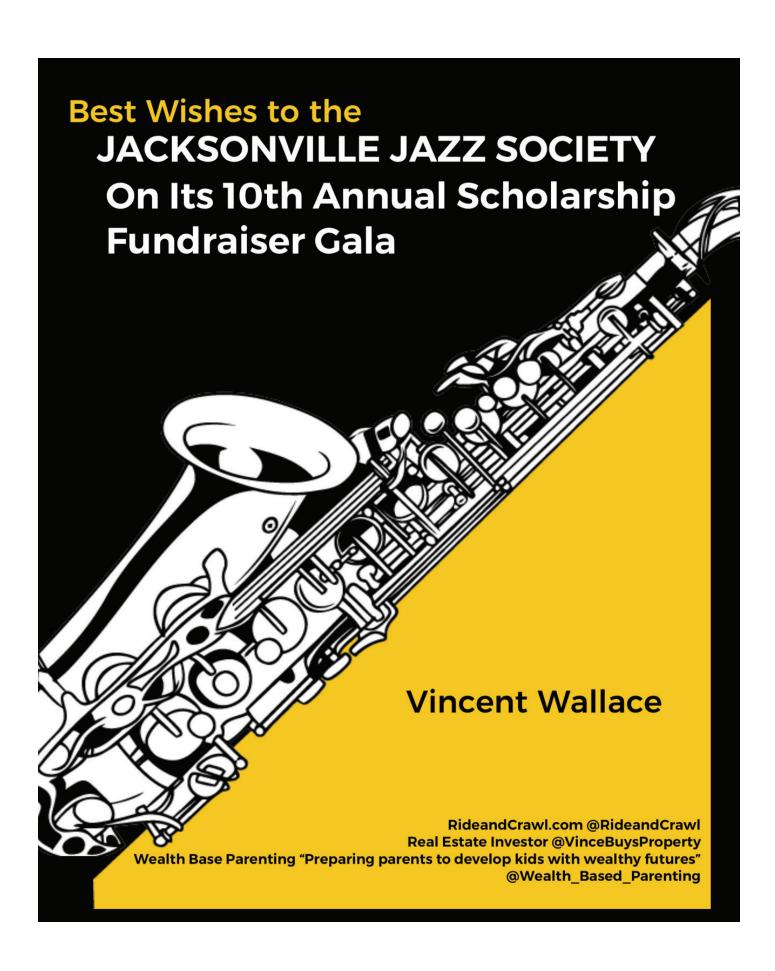
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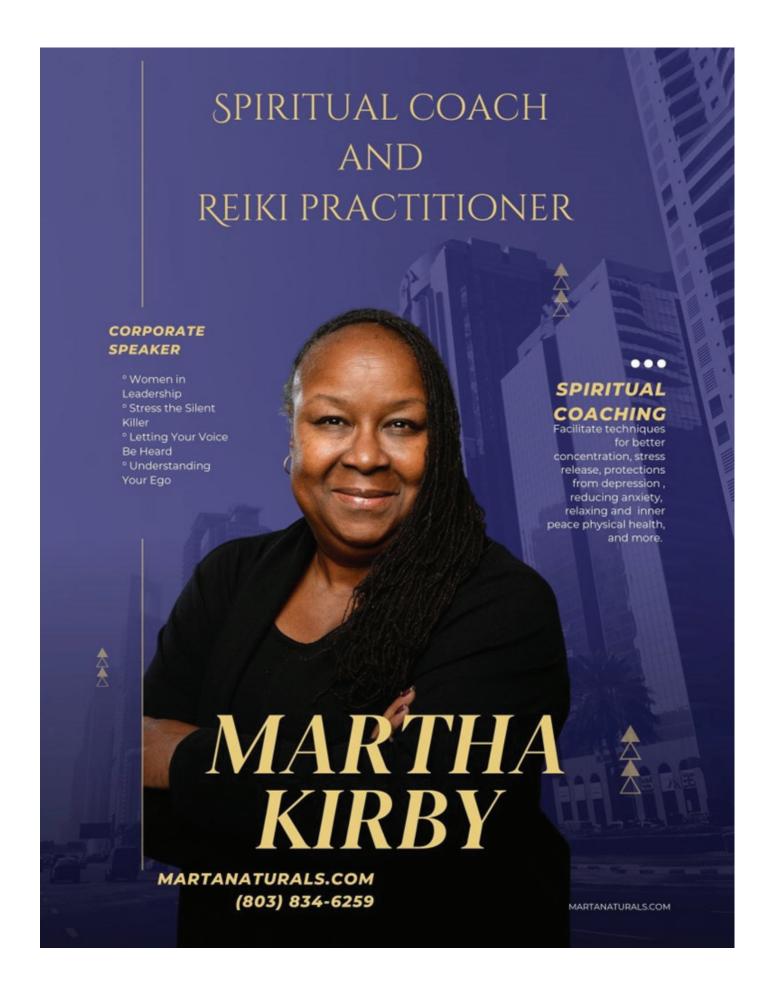
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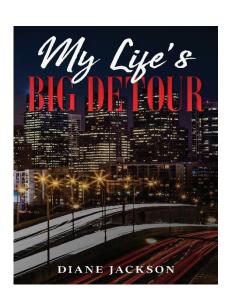


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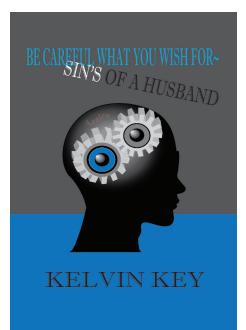
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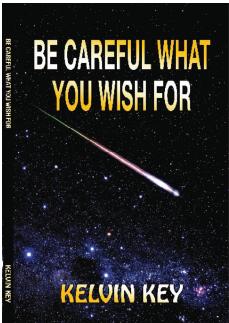


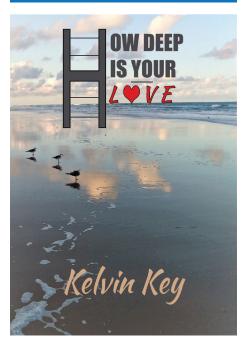
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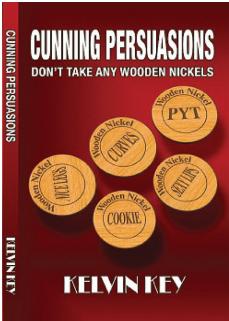
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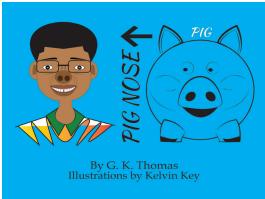


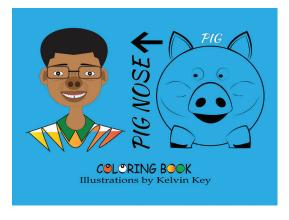


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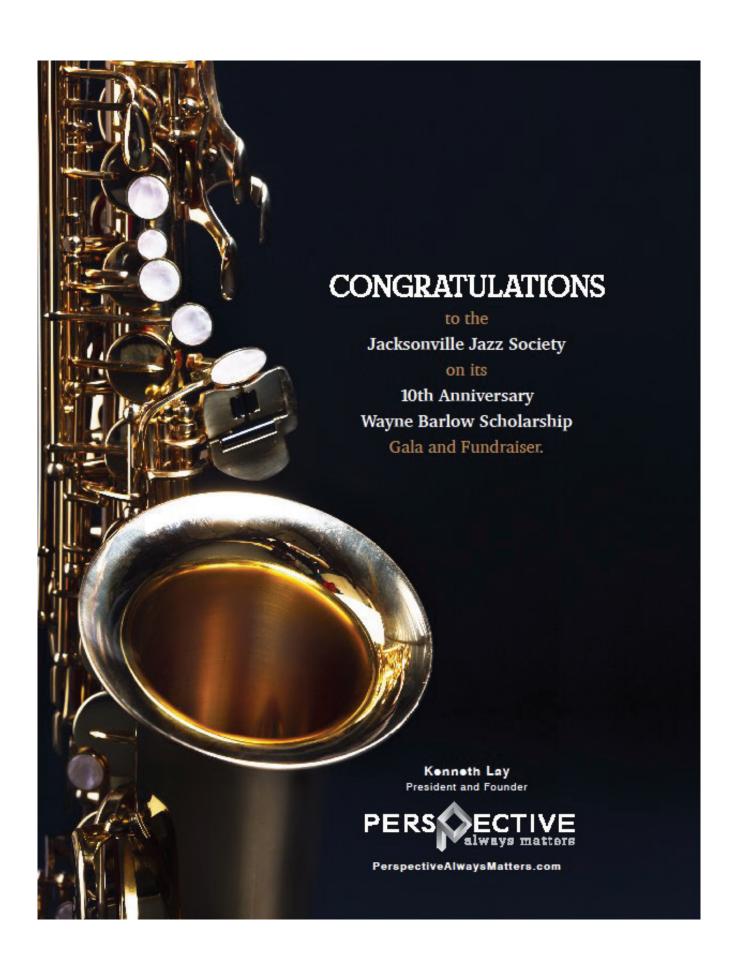


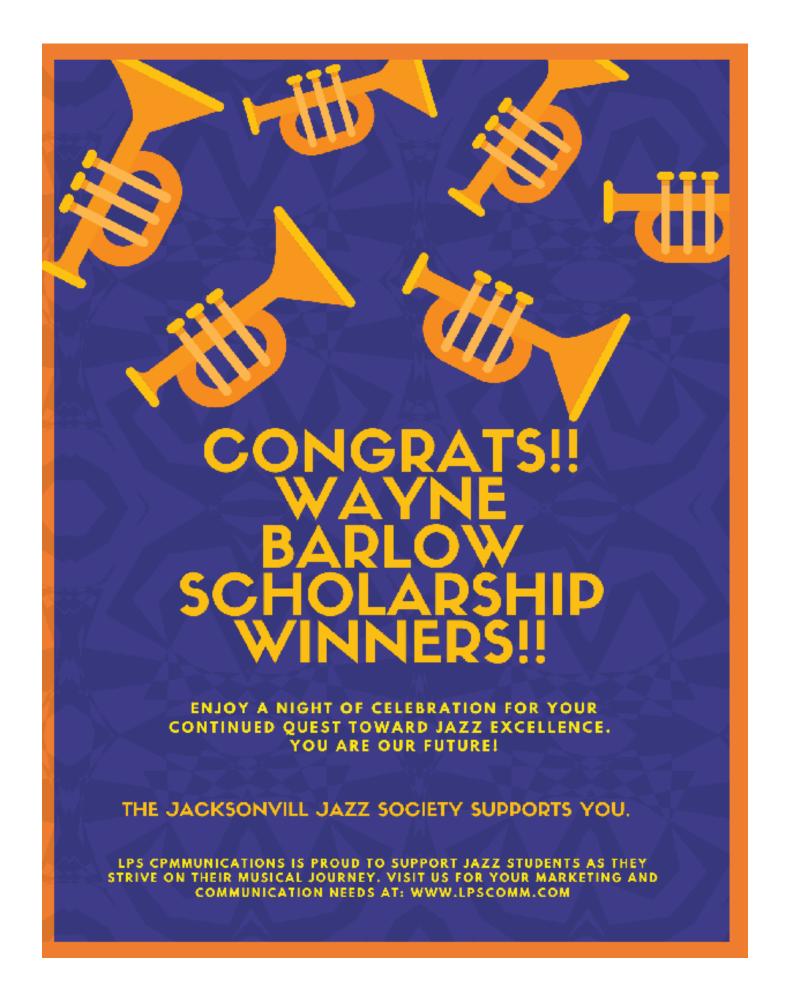
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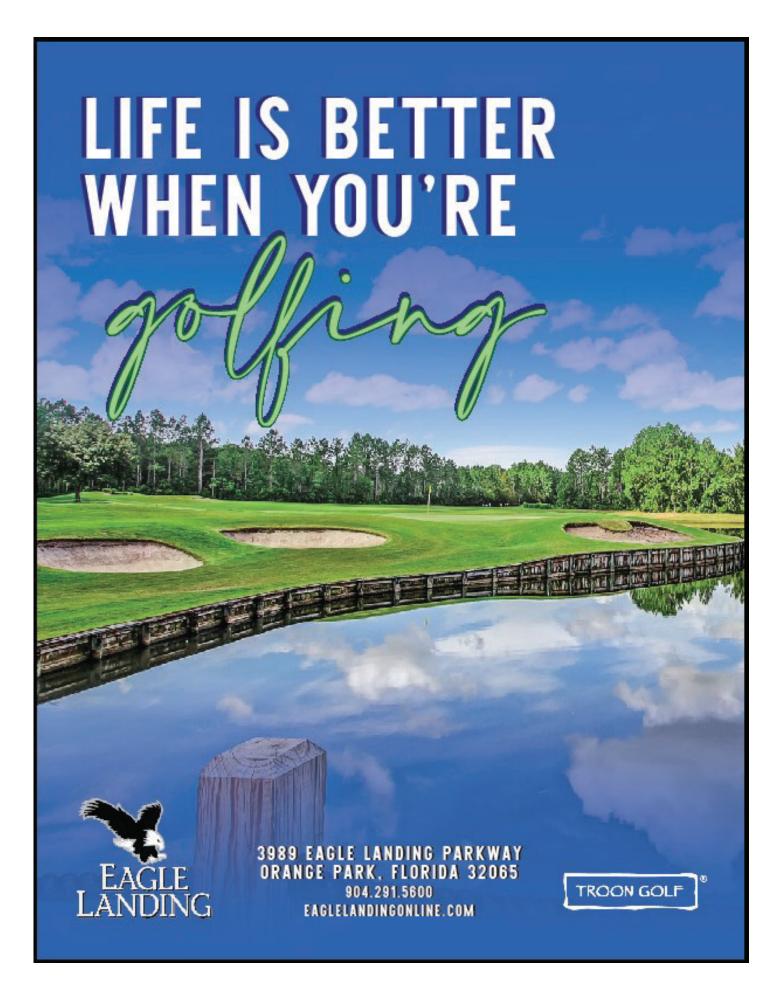
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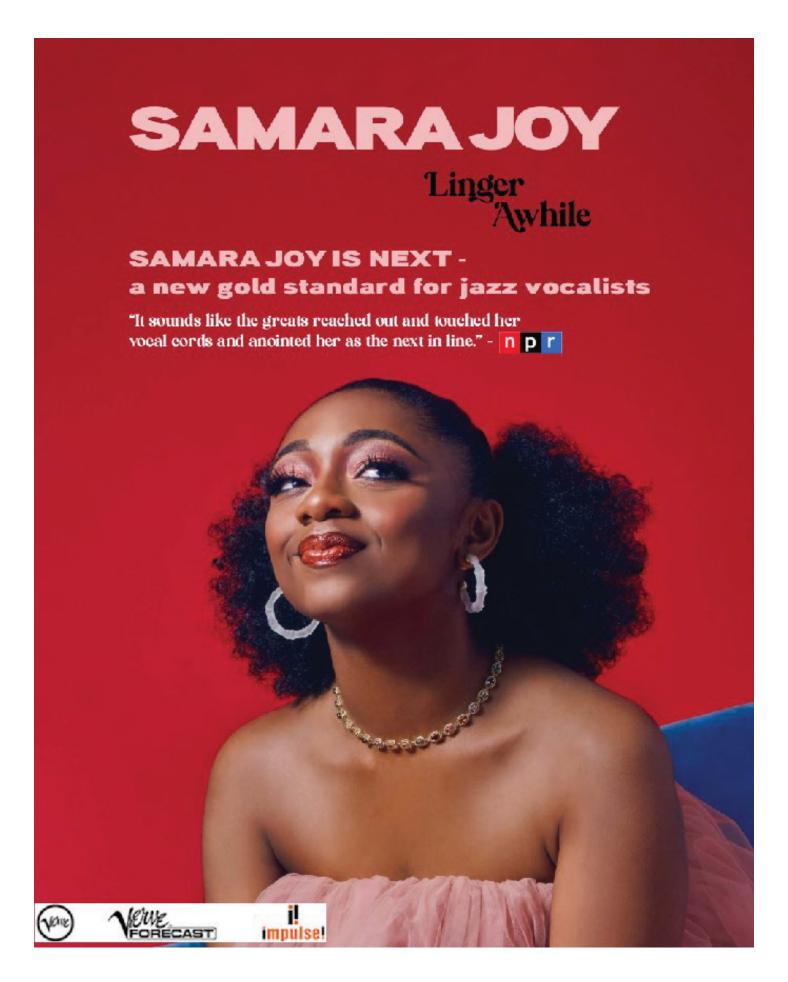
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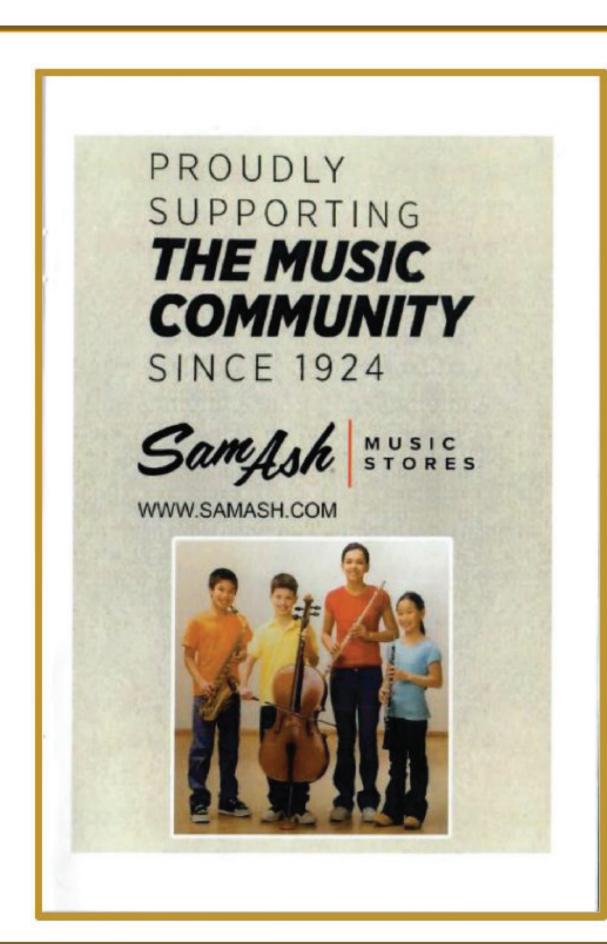
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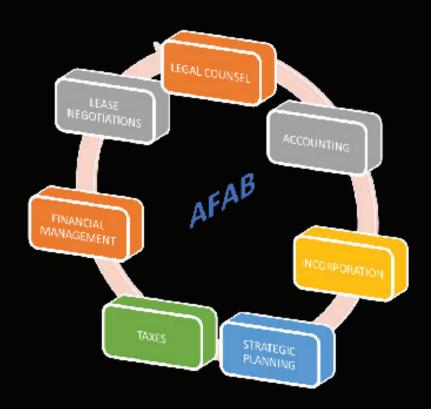
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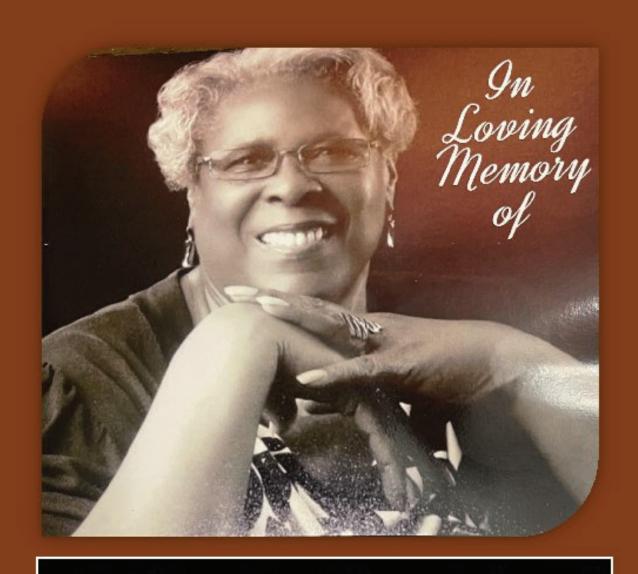
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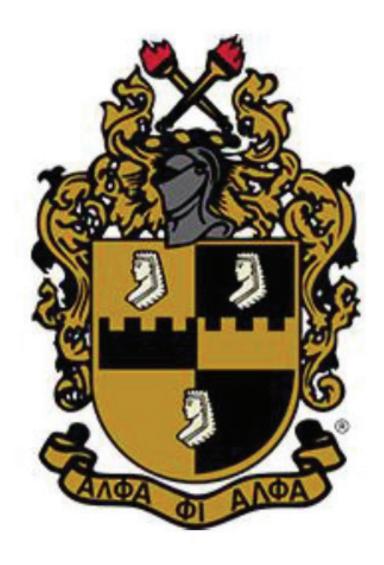
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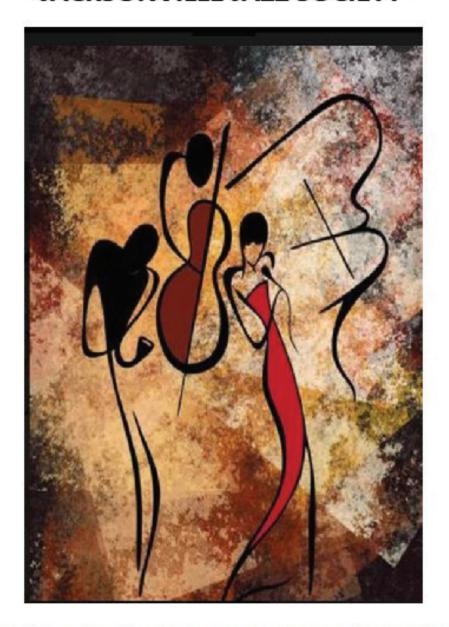
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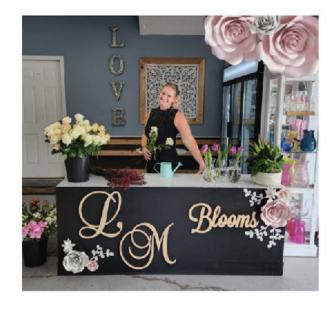


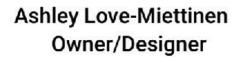
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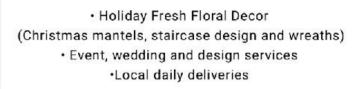












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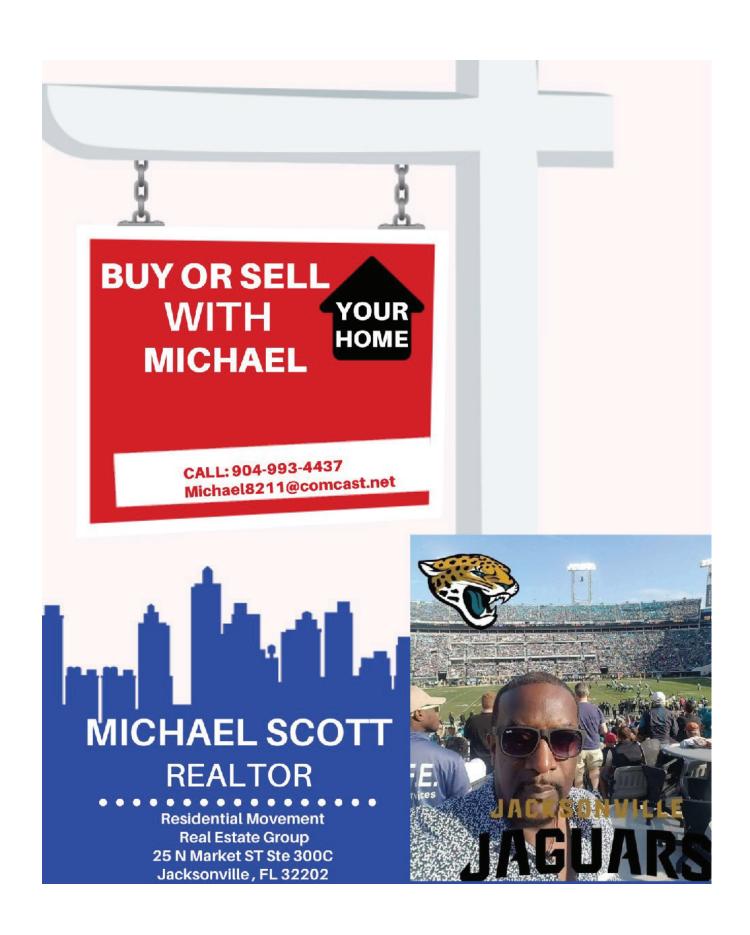


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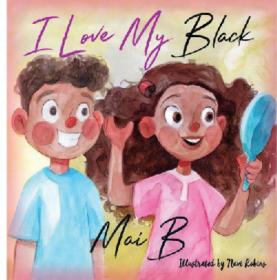
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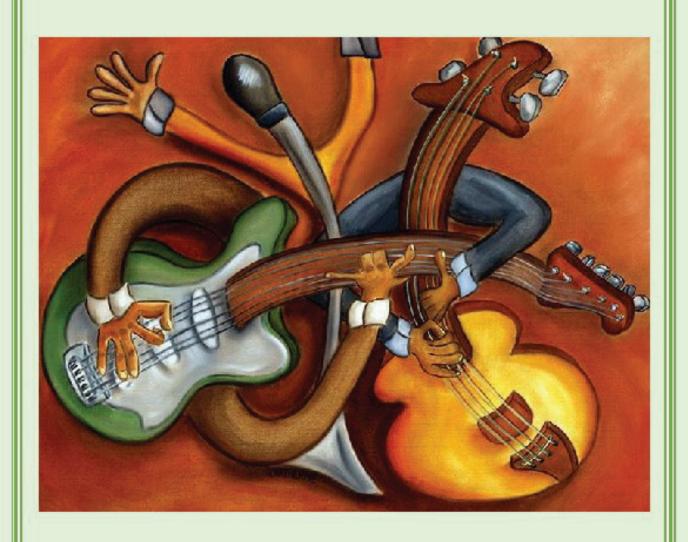
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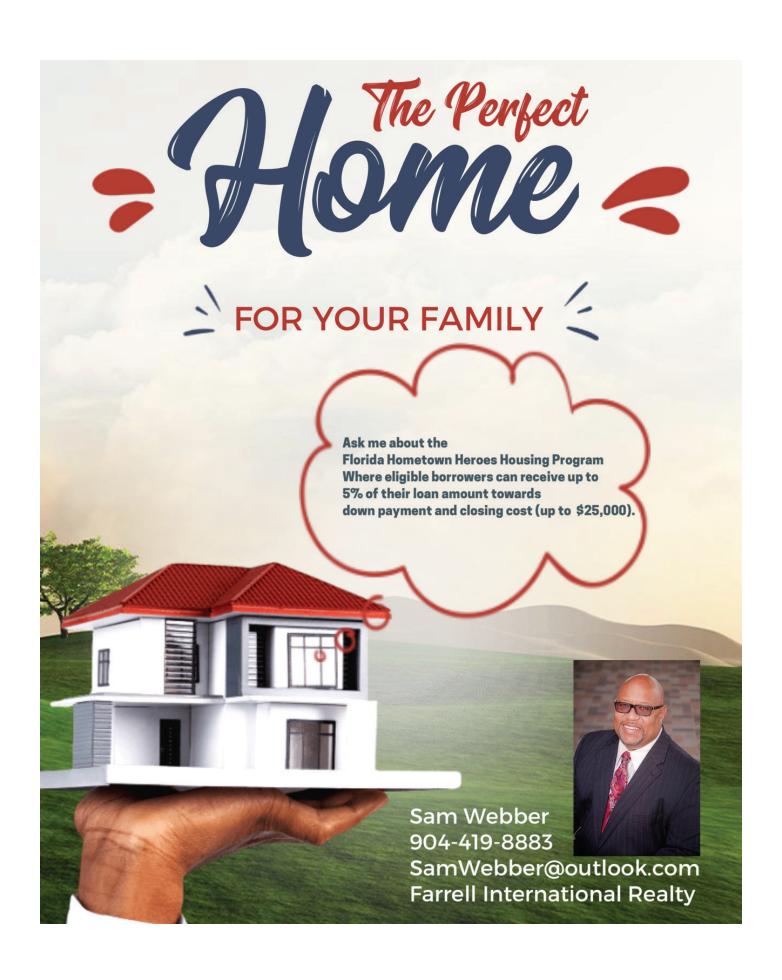


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