



NAPA VALLEY DIXIELAND JAZZ SOCIETY

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The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society PRESENTS



CELL BLOCK 7 JAZZ BAND

Sunday, February 11

1:00 pm-4:00 pm

American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl Street, Napa

Corner of Pearl Street & Franklin Street, 2 blocks Southwest of Main Street, downtown Napa. Parking lot at the American Legion Hall, free parking on street, plus free public parking structure across from this Hall, on Pearl Street

Cell Block Seven is a California jazz band favoring the West Coast traditional jazz sounds of Lu Watters, Turk Murphy and the Bay City Jazz Band of the '50's, with a classic jazz lineup of musicians led by two cornets. Their many festivals, tours and concert successes are a direct result of their very professional approach coupled with great sounds and an extensive repertoire.

As with most bands, the lineup has changed somewhat over the years, but most of the present team have been together for ten years or more. Cell Block 7 is a very versatile and entertaining band. By doubling their talents on the double bell euphoniums, Cell Block 7 is able to produce some very different sounds -- from fast, exciting trios to smooth and mellow blues -- all in great low brass harmony.

Here are just some of Cell Block Seven's world-wide appearances:

- 1998 - The Long Weekend Jazz Festival in Clevedon, England
- 2000, 2001 & 2002, Whaler's Cove Fishing Lodge, Admiralty Island, Alaska
- 2002 - Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival
- 2004, June - 12-day tour of Taiwan
- 2006, Eight-day tour of three cities, China
- 2007, March, Bohem Ragtime & Jazz Festival, Hungary

Additionally, they've participated in a number of U.S. Festivals, including Sacramento (1994-2008), Friday Harbor (WA), Hangtown Jazz Jubilee, Sonoma County Dixiefests, San Diego Festival at Thanksgiving, Pismo Beach Festival and many more.



To our Enthusiastic Supporters of Traditional Dixieland Jazz Music, as presented by Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

We're requesting added help to keep Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society operating each month with a different high-quality band playing excellent Traditional Dixieland music, in our lovely convenient site in downtown Napa, that is the American Legion Hall, located at 1240 Pearl Street. Besides membership dues and admissions, we need added voluntary contributions, as a non-profit special organization, in order to help keep our special unique music, that is Traditional Dixieland Jazz Music thriving.

One of our generous followers has agreed to match each contribution we receive in February and March 2024, up to \$2,000. If you can afford to contribute an extra \$50, we would receive a total of \$100 from your contribution, with the donor "matching" your contribution. We will be very appreciative of any extra help you are able to contribute to "Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society". To make a contribution, send it to NVDJS, 145 Merner Drive Windsor, CA, 95492, with a note saying "Contribution to NVDJS", and the amount of your contribution. We can then double your contribution, through the matching donor, during the months of February and March 2024.

With these added funds, we can continue to offer the best in Traditional Dixieland Jazz in an advantageous location in the Napa area to our very special unique audience. We very much appreciate any contribution you can comfortably afford to provide, especially during February & March 2024, when it will be doubled by this "matching" donor.

As another possible advantage for you, personally, if you contribute \$125 for yourself for admission, at our Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, during February or March, 2024, then you would be considered a "Contributing Member" and not have to pay any admissions for one year, plus we would receive an additional \$125, from the matching donor, that is \$250 total, in order to match your contribution. Everyone comes out ahead! If you have any questions, please feel free to send me a note at 145 Merner Drive, Windsor, CA 95492. I'd be glad to call you back if that would be useful to you. Thanks! *Marilee Jensen*

Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen Presidents' Message:

The Wolford family held a "Celebration of Life" in their home for Thomas Wolford, who had died, recently. At that Celebration of Life, Marilee Jensen, Linda Stevens, and Don Robertson, officers of Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, appointed Thomas Wolford as an Honorary Director of their organization, because of all of the great self-initiated efforts he had made over the last few years, in order to help our organization find locations in the area which would not be too expensive while providing a positive setting for our music. The goal of these efforts on Tom's part was to help our organization find locations in the area which would not be too expensive while providing a positive setting for our music. He also was able to initiate contacts in the area which resulted in advertising for our events, at no cost. Our current operational status is in good shape, at least partially thanks to Tom Wolford's assistance, with an excellent facility (The American Legion Hall in downtown Napa) available to us, indefinitely, as well as a number of excellent Traditional Dixieland Jazz Bands ready to accept an offer to play for our organization. At this "Celebration of Life" for Thomas Wolford, Ron Dubin, Tom Barnebey and Robert Young, three outstanding local musicians, played Traditional Dixieland Jazz Music for one hour. The music and the mood of those attending was so appreciative in honor of Thomas Wolford's love of this music and all of his efforts to improve our experiences listening to Traditional Dixieland Jazz. Those in attendance all strongly supported Thomas Wolford's special efforts for "our music" and his Honorary Appointment as a Director of the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Organization.

Ongoing arrangements with the American Legion Hall at 1240 Pearl Street, downtown Napa. Our experiences at the American Legion Hall at this location, where our bands have been playing since August 2023, have been so successful, that our plan is to continue having our monthly sessions there on the second Sunday of each month, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, through at least 2024 and perhaps even longer, as feasible. The management there recently signed a lease with Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, accordingly,

Bay Area Traditional Jazz Clubs Information

*** 1st Sunday**

TRAD JASS of Santa Rosa meets at Druids Hall, 1011 College Avenue, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Members-\$12; Other Clubs - \$12; Public - \$15; Sunday, February 4th - Tom Barnebey's Hot 4 Plus One; Sunday, March 3rd - Casey Jones Band;

***2nd Sunday**

Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society meets at the American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl Street, Napa, CA, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. NVDJS Members and other jazz/dance clubs members, \$10; Public, \$15; Sunday, February 11, Cell Block 7, Bob Romans; Sunday, March 10, The Flying Eagles, Jim Broadstreet; Sunday, April 14, Barbary Coast Jazz Band, Bob Schulz

***3rd Sunday**

New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California, (NOJCNC) meets at the Elks Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Members, \$8.00; Other Clubs, \$10.00; Public, \$12.00. Sunday, February 18, Chris Bradley's Trad Jazz Band; Sunday, March 17, Cell Block 7, Bob Romans.

***4th Sunday**

South Bay Trad Jazz Society meets at the Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale. 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Sunday, February 25th, Jessica King Quartet; Sunday, March 24th, Nick Rossi Quartet.

***Variable Days of the Week, generally once a month**

Dixieland Jazz Club of Rossmoor meets at the Tahoe Room, in the Rossmoor Event Center, 1021 Stanley Dollar Drive, Walnut Creek, CA, 94595, generally at 7:00 pm. Rossmoor is a gated community, so tell the guard you are going to the Event Center for a Jazz Concert. The contact person is Rob Thomas, robthomas10@sbcglobal.net, (510) 432-1624. If additional information is needed, contact Al Davis, (925) 932-2580.

Tuesday, February 13, Cell Block 7

Monday, March 4th, Sierra Stompers

Wednesday, March 27, Zenith Jazz Band

Thursday, April 18, The Flying Eagles

Wednesday, May 15, Jambalaya Swing Band

Upcoming Special Traditional Jazz Events, In California

February 8-11, Fresno Dixieland Society, Sounds of Mardi Gras, 2024, Fresno CA

March 1-3, Jazz Bash by the Bay, Monterey, CA

April 11-14, Jazzaffair 2024, Three Rivers, CA, with Sierra Stompers, Katie Cavera and the Lost Boys, New Boogie Woogie Boys, St. John's River Boat Jazz, Nathan Tokunaga's Fearless Five & more, stj@threeriversjazzaffair.com

Membership

THE NAPA VALLEY DIXIELAND JAZZ SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Standard Membership: Single -- \$40.00/year Couple -- \$70.00/year

Contributing Membership: Single -- \$125.00/year Couple -- \$200.00/year

Monthly Admission

NVDJS Members and members of other

Other Jazz and Dance Clubs: \$10.00

Public: \$15,00

Contributing Members: Free

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