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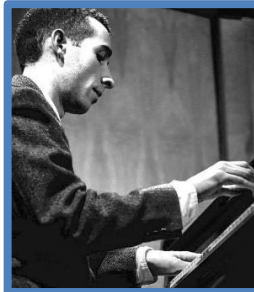
May 2024

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

PRESENTS



Don



Neil



Robert



Ryan

Neely's Rhythm Aces

Sunday, May 12

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

Neely's Rhythm Aces

This month we are having another great and well-known band, the Rhythm Aces. This band is led by Don Neely, one of the best all-around reed players, music composers, arranger, and conductor I know and have followed since 1979, when I lived in Cupertino. Don Neely is also the founder and leader of The Royal Society Jazz Orchestra, by my rating, one of the best orchestras in the World, for period music from the 1920's and evolving into the 1930's. As good as it gets!

Well worth your time to come and experience the best in Traditional Jass, San Francisco style, with some of the music even composed by Don Neely. Seeing how the exceptionally fine and experienced professional players play together, in concert, and needing no written music or "cord sheets"; so every tune played provides a skilled musician an opportunity to show their mastering of their craft...More than worth the price of admission! Hope to see you there! Charles E. Newman, Musician

Joining Don on May 12 will be:

A Multi-talented, multi-instrumentalist veteran of the trad jazz scene for many years, the amazing Robert Young on bass sax

Representing the younger generation is another outstanding multi-instrumentalist, Neil Fontano on piano .

Last but not least, a true renaissance man and lover of traditional jazz, Ryan Calloway on banjo and reeds.

All in all, this will be a great band, one not to be missed.



Presidents' Message

Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen, Co-Presidents

It is so exciting & refreshing to have these "different" outstanding bands lined up for all of 2024. We've already passed the first four months of this year and each of these bands have been so refreshing to hear, in their own varying individual styles. When you visit New Orleans to hear the various forms of music being performed, you find there are many styles of what might be classified as a type of jazz. Or might not be. The same is true of NVDJS, that is Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society. The bands we invite may be "dixieland", classical jazz, traditional jass, hot jazz or they may not quite fit an exact form of "jazz" at all. They all have a beat, even an upbeat, of one sort or another. Through regular attendance with the different bands, you learn which bands play the styles you prefer. Even better, you may enjoy a number of different styles, whether or not they qualify as a form of "jazz". We really like the various forms of music played by the bands we've invited. So, you can explore which bands or styles of music you prefer which are being performed at our monthly sessions. And you will find that you can have a good time exploring these various musical options at our monthly sessions, rather than making it to New Orleans.

We want to be sure you know our 2024 calendar year schedule of bands, after May 12, which follows:

American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl St., Napa
Second Sunday, each month, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

June 9, The Big Four: *Jeff Hamilton, piano; Mikya Matsuda, bass; Bill Reinhart, guitar, banjo; Robert Young, cornet, saxophones*

July 14, Thrown Together Jazz Band, Rich Owens,

August 11, Mission Gold Jazz Band, John Soulis

Sept. 8, San Francisco Feetwarmers, Mike Slack

October 13, The Jambalaya Jazz Band, Ken Brock

Nov. 10, The Fog City Stompers, Tom Belmessieri

Dec. 8, Gold Coast Jazz Band, Bill Badstubner

Jazz Clubs Information

Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society Information

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society is a non-profit tax-exempt organization dedicated to the performance, promotion, preservation and perpetuation of Traditional, Dixieland, Ragtime and Swing Jazz, an integral part of Americana. Your membership and contributions are tax-deductible. As a member of and/or a contributor to the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, you are helping to preserve & broaden the sounds of Traditional Dixieland Jazz. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. Our Non-Profit Entity # is 1633975.

Officers

Co-Presidents - Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen

Vice-President - Don Robertson

Treasurer - Marilee Jensen

NVDJS Newsletter Co-Editors - Marilee Jensen & Don Robertson

Secretary - Lee Campbell

NVDJS Membership & Circulation Manager - Don Robertson

Directors - Linda Stevens, Marilee Jensen, Lee Campbell, Jack Harford, Marion Mills, Charles E. Newman, Don Robertson, Joy Waite and Candy Woodworth

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, **May 5th - Cell Block 7; June 2nd - Gold Coast Jazz 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; **May 12, Don Neely & the Rhythm Aces; June 9th, The Big Four, (Jeff Hamilton, piano; Mikya Matsuda, bass; Bill Reinhart, guitar, banjo; Robert Young, Cornet, saxes.**

*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. **May 19, Mission Gold Jazz Band; June 16, Zenith Jazz Band**

*4th Sunday

South Bay Trad Jazz Society meets at the Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale. 1:00 to 5:00 pm,

* The Dixieland Jazz Club of Rossmoor hosts **The Jambalaya Swing Band, on Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 pm, then Le Jazz Hot, on Wednesday, June 19th, at 7:00 pm, in the Tahoe Room of the Rossmoor Event Center, 1021 Stanley Dollar Way, Walnut Creek, CA, 94595.** 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. Rossmoor residents, friends and family are all welcome. Bring your own libations and snacks. Cost is \$20 per person, cash, check or credit card. My husband and I went to see the Sierra Stompers there recently, which was very enjoyable. It was during the day, but went very well, in terms of finding the correct location, paying the bill, etc. It is a wonderful auditorium, with excellent sound equipment, a good stage, and a very pleasant appreciative audience. *Marilee Jensen Taddei*

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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Please let us know your ideas.