



Abdullah Ibrahim's Ekaya Celebrates South African Jazz

The great pianist and bandleader Abdullah Ibrahim celebrates South Africa's jazz roots when he visits Ann Arbor's Michigan Theater on April 13 (8:00 p.m.) He was part of the Jazz Epistles, a pioneering modern jazz band in apartheid South Africa, in the late 1950s. Trumpeter Hugh Masakela was also a member, and the plan was to feature him on this reunion tour, but he unfortunately passed away early this year. The concert with Ibrahim and his Ekaya group will dedicate their performance to Masakela's memory. The trumpet chair is taken over by Freddie Hendrix, who recently released a new recording celebrating his New Jersey roots.

Ibrahim has played with Ekaya in Ann Arbor a few times and have always impressed with their tight arrangements and soulful solos. Today it is an eight-piece group which includes Detroit native Noah Jackson on bass.

U-M Celebrates Geri Allen

The University of Michigan Jazz Program will present a tribute concert to their former colleague the late pianist Geri Allen at the Ark on April 5 (8:00 p.m.). The celebration will feature students, faculty and alumni in various configurations playing music associated with Allen.

The U-M Jazz Ensemble will play Ellen Rowe's arrangement of Mary Lou Williams' "Roll 'Em," with solo features by pianist Alexis Lombre and saxophonist Kasan Belgrave (his father was Allen's mentor). The ensemble will also play Allen's "Unconditional Love" and an arrangement of "Cherokee" by Dennis Wilson, featuring Allen's former student Stephen Grady. Student-led ensembles will play several songs composed by Geri Allen, like "Feed the Fire." Other faculty contributing will be saxophonist Andrew Bishop, bassist Bob Hurst, and trumpeter Ed Sarath. Two former piano students, Michael Malis and Ian Finkelstein will also be on the program.

Tickets are available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office or at the door.



Dave Rempis and Larry Ochs to Trinosophes

Chicago saxophonist Dave Rempis has been part of an all-horns trio with trumpeter Darren Johnson and saxophonist Larry Ochs (both from the San Fran Bay Area) for the last seven years. They bring their free improvisation to Trinosophes in the Eastern Market area of Detroit on April 18 (8:00 p.m.). The address is 1464 Gratiot.

On April 3, brilliant trumpeter Peter Evans will perform with Levy Lorenzon on percussion and various electronics.



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Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe

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Piedmont Blues with Gerald Clayton

BY LARS BJORN

Piedmont Blues: *A Search for Salvation* was a unique performance by Gerald Clayton & The Assembly at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor on March 14. Clayton was the originator of the concept for the show, composed the music, and played the piano. There was also a gospel choir (from Southfield directed by Alvin Waddles), a featured vocalist (Rene Marie), a tap dancer (Maurice Chestnut) and videos playing behind the musicians (Christopher McElroen was director of

SEMJA Review

I did not find that the visuals added much to the overall production; in fact I thought they often were a distraction from the music which I was mostly focused on.

The Piedmont Blues is a more gentle, almost folksy variant of the blues, not as aggressive as the Mississippi Delta Blues (or its offshoot Chicago Blues), and it worked well with Clayton's mainstream approach to jazz.

The Assembly was a septet with three saxophones, and many of the solos were handled beautifully by altoist Godwin Louis. As you would expect, there was a substantial number of blues songs, and Rene Marie was impressive as the lead singer — for example in the slow "Poor Stranger Blues" and the roaring finale "Steppin' Up and Go." Clayton's piano provided the connecting tissue between the vocal numbers and he treated us to several nice solo outings.

MJF Spring Fundraiser with Pete Siers Trio



The Michigan Jazz Festival will hold its Spring Fundraiser at Schoolcraft College on Sunday, April 22, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. with the Pete Siers Trio. The trio includes pianist Tad Weed and clarinetist Dave

Bennett, and focuses on the Gene Krupa/Benny Goodman repertoire. You can order tickets online at www.michiganjazzfestival.org.

The 24th annual Michigan Jazz Festival will take place at Schoolcraft on Sunday, July 15.

A2 Jazz Fest Spring Series 2018

The A2 Jazz Fest has put together a Spring concert series to promote the Annual Jazz Festival in Ann Arbor. The second installment takes place on April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at LIVE (102 S. First St. in downtown Ann Arbor) and presents bassist Tim Flood and his quartet. The frontline consists of Justin Walter on trumpet and Tristan Cappel on saxophone, while Flood is joined by Nick Collins on drums in the back.



Colin Stetson Returns to Ann Arbor

Saxophonist Colin Stetson returns to his hometown for a concert at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor on April 14 at 8:00 p.m. Stetson has just recorded his fifth album (*All This I Do For Glory*) under his own name and is one of the more adventurous musicians out there. He will present his interpretation of Henryk Gorecki's third symphony (Symphony of Sorrowful Songs) for a 12-piece group that includes electric guitars, synthesizers, woodwinds, soprano, strings, and drums. Some of the players are saxophonists Andrew Bishop and Dan Bennett, and keyboardist Justin Walter.

Stetson attended the University of Michigan and played here with the Transmission Trio for several years. He left 20 years ago and is now a global avant garde artist who has recorded in Europe and makes his home in Montreal. Stetson is a virtuoso saxophonist who employs many advanced circular breathing techniques.

SFJazz Collective Plays Miles

The San Francisco Jazz Collective is an all-star band that this year takes on the music of Miles Davis in a concert at Orchestra Hall in Detroit on April 20 (8:00 p.m.). The octet recently released a double-CD featuring trumpeter Sean Jones, altoist Miguel Zenon, vibraphonist Warren Wolf, tenorist David Sanchez, trombonist Robin Eubanks, pianist Edward Simon, bassist Matt Penman, and drummer Obed Calvaire. We hope this will be the lineup in Detroit as well.

Orchestra Hall is located at 3711 Woodward Ave. Please visit their website for ticket information: www.dso.org.

Happenings at Washtenaw CC

Guitarist Steve Somers leads the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra (YYO) Jazz Band, and he has scheduled a number of activities this month.

April 23 will be Washtenaw Community College Jazz Showcase Day. It will feature a concert by the YYO Jazz at 4:00 p.m. and a concert at 7:00 p.m. with the WCC Jazz Combo and the Marion Hayden New Generation Group. Hayden is artist in residence at WCC this semester. There will also be a panel discussion with Hayden, Somers, and Michael Naylor. This will take place in the Morris Lawrence Building at the WCC campus.

The WCC jazz combo has also been invited by Paul Keller to the Paul Keller Orchestra performance at the Zal Gaz in Ann Arbor on Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m.

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Schedule

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7						NEW JAZZ ARCHIVE	REVEAL
8						WEEKEND EDITION Scott Simon	WEEKEND EDITION Rachel Martin
9						THIS AMERICAN LIFE	SUNDAY BEST Nik Thompson
10						89.1 JAZZ MORNING Hosted by Michael Jewett	
11						WAIT, WAIT... DON'T TELL ME!	
12						ASK ME ANOTHER	
1						JAZZ24	
2						89.1 JAZZ AFTERNOON Hosted by Michael Jewett	GROOVEYARD Daniel Long
3							THE IN CROWD Jessica Webster
4						ALL THINGS CONSIDERED NPR news, information & public affairs	BIG CITY BLUES CRUISE Joe Tiboni
5						ROOTS MUSIC PROJECT Jeremy Baldwin	
6							
7						REVEAL	CUBAN FANTASY Marc Taras
8						ALL SONGS CONSIDERED	MOUNTAIN STAGE Larry Groce
9						JAZZ NIGHT IN AMERICA	GLOBAL VILLAGE JAZZ NIGHT IN AMERICA
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Bacco Ristorante
www.baccoristorante.com
 29410 Northwestern Hwy.
 SOUTHFIELD 248-356-6600

ONGOING
 Wed 6:30 Michèle Ramo



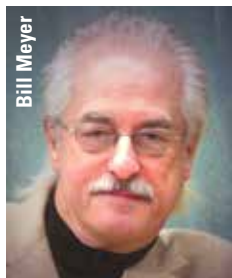
Baker's Keyboard Lounge
www.theofficialbakerskeyboardlounge.com
 20510 Livernois
 DETROIT 313-345-6300

ONGOING
 Tue 8:00 313 The Live Experience, Isis Damil
 Wed 8:00 OGD — featuring Gerard Gibbs, Perry Hughes, Gene Dunlap and Sky Covington

Bert's Market Place
www.bertsentertainment.com
 2727 Russell (in the Eastern Market)
 DETROIT 313-567-2030

APRIL
 12 8:30 17th Anniversary of RGB Trio, plus Award Presentation for Lars Bjorn and Jim Gallert

ONGOING
 Thu 8:30 Open Jam with RGB Trio (Ralphe Armstrong, Gayelynn McKinney, Bill Meyer)
 Fri 8:30 John Douglas Jazz Quartet
 Sat 8:30 Blues with Champagne and her Band
 Sun 8:30 R&B with Misty Love



Biggy Coffee
 1510 Washtenaw Ave.
 YPSILANTI 734-961-7429

APRIL
 7 6:00 Open Mic Jazz Session — with Steve Somers Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra Jazz Band & Washtenaw Community College Jazz Band

Black Lotus Brewing Co.
www.blacklotusbrewingco.com
 1 E. 14 Mile
 CLAWSON 248-577-1878

ONGOING
 Mon 9:00 Open Mic — with Brando
 Tue 9:00 Music Brazilian
 Wed 9:30 Jam session — led by James Hughes & Jimmy Smith

Blue Goose Inn
www.bluegooseinn.net
 28911 Jefferson between 11 & 12 Mile
 ST. CLAIR SHORES 586-296-0950

ONGOING
 Wed 8:00 Open Jam with various bands
 Thu 6:00 [2nd] Riverboat Ramblers — featuring Patrick MacCarroll, Bob Ervin and the gang

The Blue Nile
www.bluenilemi.com
 221 East Washington St.
 ANN ARBOR 734-255-3371

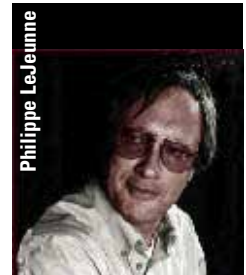
ONGOING
 Fri 6:00 Louis Johnson, Will Austin
 Sat 6:00 Louis Johnson, Will Austin

Canterbury House
www.canterburyhouse.org
 721 East Huron St.
 ANN ARBOR 734-665-0606

ONGOING
 Sun 5:00 Quartet Jazz Mass with afterglow

Cariera's Cucina Italiana Ristorante
www.carieras.com/dearborn
 6565 North Telegraph
 DEARBORN HEIGHTS 313-278-4060

ONGOING
 Fri 7:00 Mike Gabriel
 Sat 7:00 Mike Gabriel



Cliff Bells
www.cliffbells.com
 2030 Park Ave. at West Adams
 DETROIT 313-961-2543

APRIL
 4 8:00 Bobby Muncy Quartet
 5 8:00 Philippe LeJeune
 6 9:00 John Raymond & Real Feels — with Gilad Hekselman, Colin Stranahan (CD release)
 7 9:30 Sky Covington's Billie Holiday Review
 8 5:00 Southeastern Music Academy
 8 7:30 Oakland University Jazz Night — with Sean Dobbins
 11 8:00 Alex Harding & Lucian Ban
 12 7:00 Scott Gwinnett Jazz Orchestra
 13 9:00 Rod Williams Detroit Quartet — with Kasan Belgrave, Kayvon Gordon, Marion Hayden
 14 9:30 Rod Williams Detroit Quartet
 11 5:00 Wayne State University Jazz Night — with Chris Collins
 18 7:00 Opera and Jazz — with Michigan Opera Theater
 19 8:00 Mike Monford & Detroit Effervescence
 20 9:00 Paul Carey Group
 21 9:30 DET/NYC Quartet featuring Dwight Adams — with Scott Gwinnett, Sam Trapchak, Josh Davis
 22 7:00 Caroline Davis (NYC)
 25 7:00 Spartan Youth Jazz Program
 26 8:00 Peyton Miller Quintet — with Andrew Bishop, Vincent Chandler, Michael Palazzolo, Louis Jones III
 27 9:00 Planet D Nonet — with RJ Spangler, James O'Donnell

ONGOING
 Sun 11 am Jarrod Champion
 Tue 8:00 Alexis Lombre Quartet — with Trunino Lowe, Brian Juarez, Alex White
 Fri 5:30 Jeff Cuny Trio
 Sat 6:00 Evan Mercer Trio — with Sam Harris, Jake Matthews

ATTENTION all venue owners, musicians, and listeners
 Please let us know about upcoming jazz events in the area!

- Write us at SEMJA
 712 East Ann St.
 Ann Arbor, MI 48104-1502
- Phone us at 734-668-7470
- Submit information online at www.semja.org/submit

We will include notices if they reach us by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

The Ark
www.theark.org
 316 South Main St.
 ANN ARBOR 248-645-6666

APRIL
 5 8:00 University of Michigan Jazz Showcase: A Celebration of Geri Allen — with Ellen Rowe, Andrew Bishop, Robert Hurst, Dennis Wilson, Ed Sarath, Michael Malis, Ian Finkelstein, Alexis Lombre, Kasan Belgrave and many others
 21 7:30 Mr B's Blues & Boogie Celebration



Aut Bar
www.autbar.com
 315 Braun Ct.
 ANN ARBOR 734-223-8385

ONGOING
 Tue 9:00 Jesse Kramer Trio — with Bobby Streng, Damon Warmack

Clinton Macomb Public Library

40900 Romeo Plank Rd.
CLINTON TOWNSHIP 586-226-5020

APRIL

18 2:00 Planet D Nonet



Club 54

www.nightclub54.com
37722 Van Dyke
STERLING HEIGHTS 586-795-0054

ONGOING

Thu 7:00 [1st, 3rd] Gary Greenfelder Orchestra

Cobo Joe's Smokehouse BBQ and Sports Bar

cobojoes.com
422 West Congress St.
DETROIT 313-965-0840

ONGOING

Sat 8:00 Motown with Joan Belgrave — with Robert Jones, Jerome Spearman

Commonwealth Club

www.commonwealthclubmi.com
30088 Dequindre Rd.
WARREN 586-751-9560

ONGOING

Thu 7:00 [3rd] Riverboat Ramblers — with Patrick MacCarroll

Cultivate Coffee

www.cultivatepsi.com
307 North River St.
YPSILANTI 734-249-8993

APRIL

12 7:00 Steve Somers and Friends

ONGOING

Thu 7:00 Jim Dapogny & Plenty Rhythm

D'Amato's

www.damatos.com
222 North Sherman Dr.
ROYAL OAK 248-584-7400

ONGOING

Sun Noon Jazz Brunch — with Steve Jarosz, Carl Cafagna, Shannon Wade

Dakota Inn

www.dakota-inn.com
17324 John R
DETROIT 313-867-9722

ONGOING

Thu 7:30 [3rd] Kerry Price

Detroit Institute of Arts

www.dia.org
5200 Woodward Ave.
DETROIT 313-833-4065

APRIL

6 7:00 Alfredo Rodriguez Trio — with Munir Hossn, Michael Olivera
20 7:00 Mr B's Blues & Boogie Festival — with Luca Filastro, Bob Seeley, Jim Dapogny
27 7:00 Danilo Brito & Joao Luiz

Dirty Dog Jazz Café

www.dirtydogjazz.com
97 Kercheval
GROSSE POINTE FARMS 313-882-5299

APRIL

4-7 Kimmie Horne
12 David Thomas
13-14 Sachal Vasandani
shows at 6:00 and 8:30 p.m.

ONGOING

Tue 5:00 Charles Boles Quartet

Kimmie Horne



Eagles Aerie #3607

141 Schroeder Park Dr.
HOWELL 517-548-1630

ONGOING

Sun 3:00 [3rd] The Blue Notes, Thomas Halm director

The Earle

www.theearle.com
121 West Washington
ANN ARBOR 734-994-0211

ONGOING

Tue 7:00 various pianists / guitarists
Wed 7:00 Jake Reichbart
Thu 7:00 various pianists / guitarists
Fri 8:00 Rick Burgess Trio
Sat 8:00 Rick Burgess Trio

Eddie V's

2100 Big Beaver Rd.
TROY 248-649-7319

APRIL

8 5:00 RJ Spangler Trio & Tbone Paxton
22 6:00 RJ Spangler Trio & Tbone Paxton

ONGOING

Sun 6:00 Mark LoDuca Trio

Elks Pratt Lodge

220 West Sunset Rd.
ANN ARBOR 734-761-7172

ONGOING

Thu 6:00 Dan Bennett Ensemble
Fri 6:00 Tim Haldeman Trio

Fusion Liquefaction Lounge

38 St Clair St.
TOLEDO, OH 419-243-8224

ONGOING

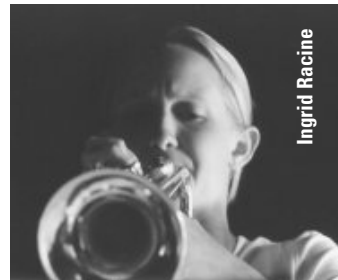
Wed 7:00 Nicole Heitger, Ray Heitger, Bob Miller

Gandy Dancer

www.muer.com/gandydancer.html
401 Depot St.
ANN ARBOR 734-769-0592

ONGOING

Sun 10 am Ingrid Racine Quartet



Ingrid Racine

Garden City Library

31735 Maplewood St.
GARDEN CITY 734-793-1830

APRIL

18 6:00 RJ Spangler / Larry Smith Quartet

Goodnight Gracie

www.damatos.com
222 North Sherman Dr.
ROYAL OAK 248-584-7400

ONGOING

Tue 8:00 Jimmy Smith Trio

Haab's Restaurant

www.haabsrestaurant.com
18 West Michigan Ave.
YPSILANTI 734-483-8200

ONGOING

Tue 7:30 [4th] Depot Town Big Band

Jazz Café at Music Hall

jazzcafedetroit.com
350 Madison Ave.
DETROIT 313-887-8532

APRIL

15 8:00 Bettye Lavette
25 7:00 DjangA — with Markita Moore & Grace Detroit
26 8:00 Anthony David Live in Detroit

ONGOING

Sun 6:00 Jam Session with Scott Gwinnell Trio

Jean's Lounge

12002 Joseph Campau
HAMTRAMCK 313-892-9689

ONGOING

Sun 1:00 [2nd] Attic Dweller's Jam Session

Jenuwine Cigar Factory

44791 Schoenherr Rd.
STERLING HEIGHTS 586-997-1731

ONGOING

Tue 7:00 Michele Ramo Quartet — with Danny Patrona, plus guests
Thu 7:00 Michele Ramo
Fri 8:00 Michele Ramo Trio — with Danny Patrona, plus guests
Sat 7:00 Michele Ramo Duo, plus guests

Joe's Top Dog Restaurant & Bar

www.joestopdog.com
13342 Michigan Ave.
DEARBORN 313-846-0888

APRIL

4 7:00 Rich Michaels Trio — with Ron Kischuk
13 7:00 Rich Michaels Trio — with Paul King
20 7:00 Rich Michaels Trio — with Sarah D'Angelo
27 7:00 Rich Michaels Trio — with Sandra Bomar



Kerrytown Concert House

www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com
415 North Fourth Ave.
ANN ARBOR 734-769-2999

APRIL

2 8:00 Peter and Will Anderson
12 8:00 New West Guitar Group — with Perry Smith, John Storie, Will Brahm
15 4:00 Alex Harding, Lucian Ban
22 2:00 All About the Trio — with Ellen Rowe, Paul Keller, Pete Siers
28 8:00 Danilo Brito, Joao Luiz
29 4:00 International Jazz Day — with Vincent York's Jazzistry — featuring Rick Roe, Gary Schunk, Josef Deas, Zach Saginaw

LaMusique

www.hotelstregisdetroit.com/dining.html
St Regis Hotel, 3071 West Grand Blvd.
DETROIT 313-873-3000

ONGOING

Fri 8:15 Jam — with Karen Fox & Jerome Clark Trio

Leonardo's

U-M North Campus
ANN ARBOR 734-647-6838

ONGOING

Thu 8:30 Jazz Jam Session

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LIVE @ PJ's

102 South First St.
ANN ARBOR 734-623-1443

APRIL

28 7:00 Tim Flood Quartet — with Justin Walter, Tristan Capel, Nick Collins

London Chop House

155 West Congress
DETROIT

APRIL

14 6:00 Emma Aboukasm — with Mike Jellick, Sam Copperman

Marge's Bar & Grill

www.margesbar.com
15300 Mack Ave.
GROSSE POINTE PK. 313-881-8895

ONGOING

Thu 7:00 [2nd, 4th] Marge's Bar Band — Terry Kimura, Davy Lazar, John Hammer, Bill Bolle, Bob Pinterich, plus guests

Metropolitan United Methodist Church

www.metroumc.org/rush
8000 Woodward Ave.
DETROIT 313-875-7407

APRIL

13 5:00 Open Jam — with Stepan Kukurugya, Alan Day
10 5:00 Hughes Smith Quintet CD release
17 5:00 Shahida Nurullah — with Ian Finkelstein
24 5:00 Jerome Clark — with Audrey Northington

ONGOING

Tue 5:00 5 O'clock Rush Concert Series

Michigan Theater

603 East Liberty St.
ANN ARBOR 734-764-2538

APRIL

14 8:00 Colin Stetson Reimagines Gorecki's Symphony of Sorrowful Songs — with 12-piece ensemble

Motor City Wine Bar

608 Woodward Ave., 2nd Floor
DETROIT 313-483-7283

ONGOING

Wed 9:00 Ian Finkelstein and friends
Thu 9:30 Jesse Kramer Trio
Fri 9:00 [1st] Damon Warmack Trio
[2nd] B Williams Experiment
[3rd] Hughes-Smith Quintet



Jesse Kramer

Nagomi Sushi and Noodle

www.nagomiann Arbor.com/northcampus
1754 Plymouth Rd.,
ANN ARBOR 734-635-6028

ONGOING

Thu 8:00 [2nd, 4th] Doug Horn

Nikola's

www.nikolasbbq.com
25225 Telegraph Rd.
SOUTHFIELD 248-355-4695

ONGOING

Thu 7:00 [2nd] Don Swindell Quartet
Thu 7:00 [others] Jerry McKenzie Trio, plus guest

1917 American Bistro

www.1917americanbistro.com
19416 Livernois
DETROIT 313-728-2001

ONGOING

Fri 8:00 [except 4th] Brad Shearer Duo — with Sean Harris

Northern Lights Lounge

northernlightslounge.com
660 West Baltimore St.
DETROIT

ONGOING

Tue 8:00 Dennis Coffey and various vocalists [1st] Pat Smillie [2nd] Theo Spight [3rd] Lady Champagne
Thu 8:00 Dennis Coffey — with Phil Whitfield, Djallo Djakate



Dennis Coffey

Orchestra Hall

3711 Woodward Ave.
DETROIT 313-576-5100

APRIL

20 8:00 San Francisco Jazz Collective Plays the music of Miles Davis

Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325

www.plyaa325.com
41700 Ann Arbor Rd.
PLYMOUTH 734-453-1780

APRIL

10 7:00 Kathleen Murray Band
24 7:00 Matthew Ball, Jazz, Ragtime and Rock & Roll — with Jon Milan, Kerry Price, Jarrod Champion



Matthew Ball

Ravens Club

www.theravensclub.com
207 South Main St.
ANN ARBOR 734-214-0400

APRIL

2 9:00 Roe / Bickley / Kramer Trio

ONGOING

Sun 8:00 Heather Black Project — with Heather Schwartz, Ingrid Racine, Mike Malis, Josef Deas, Jesse Kramer
Mon 9:00 Jesse Kramer Trio — with Rick Roe, Rob Bickley



Heather Black Project

Rush

www.rushann Arbor.com
314 South Main St.
ANN ARBOR 734-913-0330

ONGOING

Thu 7:00 Los Gatos — with Pete Siers



Los Gatos

St Matthew's & St Joseph's Episcopal Church

8850 Woodward
DETROIT 313-538-9811

APRIL

15 3:00 Celebration of Larry Smith (call 313-871-4750) by the Societe of the Culturally Concerned

Salem-South Lyon District Library

9800 Pontiac Trail
SOUTH LYON 248-437-6431

APRIL

8 2:00 RJ Spangler & Tbone Paxton Celebrate New Orleans

Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center

www.schoolcraft.edu/music

18600 Haggerty Rd.

LIVONIA

248-474-2720

APRIL

- 22 3:00 Michigan Jazz Festival Fundraiser: Pete Siers Trio — featuring Dave Bennett, Tad Weed
- 30 7:30 Up Jumped Spring: Schoolcraft College Jazz Studies Program, Riccardo Selva, director



Pete Siers

Shield's

25101 Telegraph Rd.

SOUTHFIELD

248-476-2674

APRIL

- 7 1:00 Planet D Nonet — with RJ Spangler, James O'Donnell, & Camille Price
- 21 1:00 The Millionaires — with Dan Devins

The Sodbuster

www.sodbusterbar.com

Haymarket Square, 5758 North Main St.

SYLVANIA OH 419-517-1045

ONGOING

- Wed 8:00 Ragtime Rick and the Chefs of Dixieland

Soggy Bottom Bar

613 Martin Luther King Ave.

FLINT

810-239-8058

ONGOING

- Tue 7:00 Pat Cronley, John Hill, others

Sports Channel Bar

www.sportschannelscs.com

25419 Jefferson

ST CLAIR SHORES

586-296-0950

ONGOING

- Thu 7:30 [1st] Gabby and Ron Rosolino, Tom Ploeger, Dennis DeCello, Jerry Neeley

Stone House Bar

thestonehousebar.tripod.com

19803 Ralston near State Fair

DETROIT

313-891-3333

ONGOING

- Sat 10:00 Blues bands

Tavern and Tap

www.tavernandtap.com

101 South Washington Sq

LANSING

517-374-5555

ONGOING

- Wed 7:30 Jam with Tavern House Jazz Band — with John Patrick Peters, Duncan Tarr, Nathan Grant, plus guests

Tower Inn

701 West Cross St.

YPSILANTI

734-487-2650

APRIL

- 16 Noon All-Day Eastern Michigan University Jazz Ensemble Fundraiser — with faculty and students

Trinosophes

trinosophes.com

1464 Gratiot (at Russell)

DETROIT

APRIL

- 3 8:00 Peter Evans & Levy Lorenzo Duo
- 18 8:00 Dave Rempis / Larry Ochs / Darren Johnson

Trixie's Bar

2656 Carpenter

HAMTRAMCK

313-316-5376

APRIL

- 2 8:00 Fire Music Mondays: Piotr Michalowski Sextet — with Ken Kozora, Kirsten Carey, Kenn Thomas, Will McEvoy, Jon Taylor

TV's Grand Event

www.tvsgrandevent.com

2651 2651 W. Jefferson

TRENTON

734-671-5676

ONGOING

- Wed 6:30 [1st] Ron Kischuk Tartarsauce Traditional Jazz Band

UDetroit Café

Dan Good Pizza, 1427 Randolph

DETROIT

313-962-0660

ONGOING

- Thu 8:00 [last] Jump and Swing with the Millionaires — with Steve Wood
- Fri 7:00 Ralphe Armstrong Show



Ralphe Armstrong

Union Street

unionstreetdetroit.com

4145 Woodward Ave.

DETROIT

313-831-3965

ONGOING

- Tue 6:30 Dawn Giblin Trio — with James Dapogny, Mike Karoub and guests

Valentine Theatre

410 Adams St.

TOLEDO

419-242-2787

APRIL

- 13 8:00 Old Black Magic Gala — with Toledo Jazz Orchestra on Friday the 13th Fundraiser for TJO with food, dancing

Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Auditorium

4800 East Huron River Dr.

ANN ARBOR

734-973-3300

APRIL

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APRIL

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APRIL

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JUNE

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Lars Bjorn and Jim Gallert, Jazz Heroes

The Jazz Journalists' Association will give a Jazz Heroes Award to Lars Bjorn and Jim Gallert in a ceremony at Bert's Market Place on April 12.

Bjorn and Gallert have collaborated on a number of jazz history projects since the 1980s. In 2001 they published *Before Motown: A History of Jazz in Detroit, 1920-1960* (University of Michigan Press), and over the last decade they have spearheaded the JazzTalkTent at the annual Detroit Jazz Festival.

The RGB Trio with pianist Bill Meyer, bassist Ralph Armstrong, and drummer Gayelynn McKinney play regularly for an open jam on Thursdays at Bert's starting at 8:30. Bert's is located in the Eastern Market area of Detroit, at 2727 Russell.

TOP: Jim Gallert, Lars Bjorn

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Cliff Bells Events in April

Cliff Bells features a couple of Detroiters who, after stints in New York, have returned to their hometown. Baritone saxophonist Alex Harding studied with Ernie Rodgers and Beans Bowles in Detroit before leaving, and will unite with pianist Lucian Ban in a duo on Wednesday, April 11. Harding and Ban have played together for about a decade.

On April 13 and 14 pianist Rod Williams returns to Detroit to play with his old bandmate Marion Hayden (bass) and youngsters Kasan Belgrave (alto sax) and Kayvon Gordon (drums). Williams has played with a number of big names in the Big Apple: David Murray, Dewey Redman, Cassandra Wilson and Henry Threadgill.

French boogie specialist Philippe LeJeune returns to Cliff Bells on April 5, accompanied by bassist Kurt Krahnke and drummer Pete Siers.

On April 22, saxophonist/composer Caroline Davis will be featured with her trio. Davis was for several years on the Chicago jazz scene before relocating to New York.



Miller-Scheinman Return

Violinist Jenny Scheinman and drummer Allison Miller have been frequent visitors at Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor the last few years. They return with a new group called Parlour Game on May 3 (8:00 p.m.) and will have their first appearance at Cliff Bells in Detroit on May 6.

Parlour Game is a quartet that celebrates the popular roots of jazz. Scheinman and Miller have played in a variety of genres outside of avant garde jazz. Scheinman has appeared with a number of roots artists including Lucinda Williams and Bruce Cockburn. They promise this group will have a groove!

photograph by Lars Bjorn



Around Town

BY LARS BJORN

Mark Braun (Mr B) celebrated his birthday with a concert at Kerrytown Concert House on February 24. Recently he has played with guest artists, but this time he chose to go back to the basics alone at the KCH Steinway. "My Sunday Best", "St. Louis Blues" and "After Hours" were some of his traditional piano blues, but he revealed that he was increasingly getting interested in ballads and medleys. One of the latter that worked very well was the pairing of Monk's "Bright Mississippi" with "Sweet Georgia Brown." This was the first KCH/SEMJA Club Series concert of the year, with SEMJA providing the bar thanks to our volunteers.



The Dave Sharp Worlds Quartet offered a rousing concert at Kerrytown Concert House on March 10. The quartet is tight, and the interplay between violinist Henrik Karapetyan and oud player Igor Houwat is particularly symbiotic. It was like hearing two old friends in a conversation with one finishing the other's sentences. The repertoire of the group is far reaching, from India to the Middle East and back to the U.S. (Mongo Santamaria's "Afro Blue"). On their encore, "Sunrise" (written by Sharp and Houwat), there was some intense percussion work by Mike List. I look forward to their first CD as a group which they are recording at this time.

ABOVE: Igor Houwat talking with a fan after the concert

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