

KCH in the New Year



Kerrytown Concert House welcomes several noteworthy acts in the New Year.

Mr B (Mark Braun) is a regular on the Concert House stage. He will appear January 5 with Grant Flick, a multi-instrumentalist from Bowling Green, Ohio. He is a University of Michigan jazz studies student and is a winner of numerous awards for his guitar playing.

Drummer Pete Siers is a perennial favorite with Ann Arbor audiences his Kerrytown Stompers with cornetist Dave Kosmyna and clarinetist Ray Heitger will perform on January 22 with special guest pianist Steve Pistorius from New Orleans. Pistorius has played worldwide, including Carnegie Hall and the Appolo Theater, and much of Europe, the Middle and Far East and South America. But his roots in The Big Easy are deep: Michael White, Orange Kellin, Banu Gibson, and Wendell Brunious.

A more up-to-date version of jazz will no doubt be presented by the ever talented and creative pianist Mike Malis on January 26. Malis is part of the Kombos Collective which presents Out of Time, Out of Place, a look at displacement through the eyes of artists in the Hellenic Diaspora, including flutist Ellie Ganelin and baritone Constantine Novotny. Music and poetry by C.P. Cavafy will be part of their performance. Cavafy has lived most of his life in Alexandria, Egypt, and is considered the quintessential voice of the Greek Diaspora.

On the 30th of January pianist Alvin Waddles returns to KCH along with cabaret singer Gayle E Martin.

Coming up in February is Mr B's Annual Birthday Bounce on the 16th and Cajun and Zydeco specialists Creole du Nord led by Mark Palms in a special Pre-Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Concert on the 22nd.

March will feature acclaimed Argentine vocalist Malena Dayen with New Tango sounds of Astor Piazzola by the Oblivion Project and the jazz vocals of Olivia Van Goor who will do a tribute to the music of Sarah Vaughan on March 28. By the way she is also presenting a "Winter Blues Cabaret" at the North Star Lounge on the March 15.



Blue LLama and Cliff Bells Happenings

The Blue LLama Jazz Club in Ann Arbor and Cliff Bells in Detroit are at present the two most lively jazz clubs in Southeast Michigan. They present both local and national/regional acts, but the LLama has a slight edge with more national acts.



In January some of the major happenings are The Headhunters with Bill Summers, Mike Clark, and Donald Harrison at the LLama on January 23. The band came on the scene in the mid-70s as Herbie Hancock's funky backup band.

Fareed Haque (above) is a Chicago-based guitarist with a long list of accomplishments. He has excelled in classical music settings and also co-founded the jam super group Garaj Mahal in 2001, which lasted for a decade. In 2009 he was voted "best world guitarist" by Guitar Player Magazine. Haque's trio plays the LLama on January 26. Another Windy City act, New Nostalgia, enters the same stage on the last day of the month.

Chicago trumpeter Marques Carroll and his quintet play Cliff Bells on January 25. Carroll has played with Jon Faddis, the Count Basie orchestra and others in the last 25 years. He was born in St. Louis and has played the trumpet since he was eight.

Cliff Bells

Around Town

Bassist Robert Hurst appeared with pianist Orrin Evans and drummer Jeff Tain Watts at Ann Arbor's Blue LLama for two exciting sets on Thursday, December 12.

photographs by Jeff Dunn



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Jazz in Paris

BY SANDY SCHOPBACH

One of the advantages of living in Paris is all the jazz clubs. In addition to the famous New Morning, there's the classic Caveau de la Huchette in the Latin Quarter. But many of the clubs are grouped in a two-block area on the rue des Lombards in the heart of Paris. There's the Duc des Lombards, the Baiser Salé and the twinned Sunside/Sunset Club.

That last one, open since 1982, is where I spent last night. The owner of the club must have a sense of humor because the Sunside is upstairs, where the sun can indeed shine, while the Sunset is downstairs, where it doesn't. The decor is that of the Paris Métro subway system: curved walls arching overhead made of white tiles. There's a bar at the entrance by the stairs, and mercifully they stop serving when the music starts, which means a rush for drinks beforehand but no invasive bar noise or back-and-forthing of wait staff in your line of sight.

Tonight is a jazz quartet with Dmitry Baevsky on alto sax, David Wong on bass, Jason Brown on drums and my friend Peter Bernstein on guitar.



They all stand at the end of the long, narrow room on a stage area over which looms JAZZ IS FREEDOM in talk dark letters, stating perhaps why we're all here. The club info says there's room for a hundred, and almost every seat is taken, including me on a barstool at the back.

The first set started at 8:30 and ran an hour. It opened with an almost

atonal number, probably an original. I didn't catch the name when Dmitry said it at the end, but it didn't usher in more of the same modern jazz genre. Instead it was followed by a classic, "Falling in Love with Love", and then an Ellington piece. After that came a touch of calypso with Tommy Flanagan's "Eclypso." Plus another original, probably by Baevsky.

On the first piece, Wong's bass solo was hard to hear, but the sound guy fixed that on his board by the second piece. Brown's drumming, which you may have heard behind Joey DeFrancesco or Monty Alexander, was masterful, light-handed, and showed a great sense of humor in places that brought out a chuckle in me. Russian-born saxophonist Baevsky knows how to lead when the spotlight's on him and when to step back and let the others shine in their solos. As for New Yorker Peter Bernstein, with his large Zeidler archtop guitar made in 1981, he seems the perfect blend of jazz artist and rock star.

After a short break, they'd come back with a second set, but I was tired and it was a long way home, so I said good-bye to Peter, thanked him for being such a great musician, and walked two blocks to the boulevard where I flagged down a taxi to take me back uphill to Montmartre. Ah, Paris, and its jazz scene.

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Schedule

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
5							PUBJAZZ
6						PUBJAZZ	
7							REVEAL
8						WEEKEND EDITION Scott Simon	WEEKEND EDITION Rachel Martin
9							
10						THIS AMERICAN LIFE	
11						WAIT, WAIT... DON'T TELL ME!	SUNDAY BEST Nik Thompson
12						TRAVEL Rick Steves	
1						PUBJAZZ	
2						FROM MEMPHIS TO MOWTOWN Wendy Wright	GROOVEYARD Daniel W. Long
3						89.1 JAZZ AFTERNOON Hosted by Michael Jewett	THE IN CROWD Jessica Webster
4							
5						ALL THINGS CONSIDERED NPR news, information & public affairs	BIG CITY BLUES CRUISE Joe Tiboni
6						ROOTS MUSIC PROJECT Jeremy Baldwin	
7						REVEAL	CUBAN FANTASY Marc Taras
8						ALL SONGS CONSIDERED	MOUNTAIN STAGE Larry Groce
9						ALT.LATINO	JAZZ NIGHT IN AMERICA
10						MOUNTAIN STAGE Larry Groce	
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12						PUBJAZZ	
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National Public Radio
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jazz events

January



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5	6	7	8	9	10
12	13	14	15	16	17
19	20	21	22	23	24
26	27	28	29	30	31

ATTENTION all venue owners, musicians, and listeners

Please let us know about upcoming jazz events in the area!

- Write us at SEMJA
3020 Bolgos Circle
Ann Arbor MI 48105
- Phone us at 734-668-7470
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We will include notices if they reach us by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Aretha's Jazz Café at Music Hall

jazzcafedetroit.com
350 Madison
DETROIT 313-887-8500

JANUARY

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| 3 | 8:00 | The Jazz Resurgents |
| 6 | 7:00 | Denice Edwards |
| 8 | 8:00 | Philip Buchman Trio |

ONGOING

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| Sun | 7:00 | Aretha's Jazz Jam |
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Baker's Keyboard Lounge

theofficialbakerskeyboardlounge.com
20510 Livernois
DETROIT 313-345-6300

ONGOING

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| Fri | 7:00 | Ralphe Armstrong Trio – with Gerard Gibbs, Brandon Williams |
| Sat | 7:00 | Ralphe Armstrong Trio – with Gerard Gibbs, Brandon Williams |

Blue Llama Jazz Club

www.bluellamaclub.com
314 South Main St.
ANN ARBOR 734-372-3200

JANUARY

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|----|-------|--|------|
| 8 | 7:00 | Cliff Monear Trio | 8:45 |
| 9 | 7:00 | Lisa Sung Quartet | 8:45 |
| 10 | 5:01 | WEMU 5:01 Jazz Series: Vincent York | |
| 10 | 7:00 | Olivia Van Goor Quartet | 9:30 |
| 12 | 6:00 | Bob Mervak & Jeff Pedraz | 7:30 |
| 15 | 6:00 | Moises Borges & Ava Preston | 8:30 |
| 16 | 7:00 | Jonathan Baharal Taylor Quartet | 8:45 |
| 17 | 7:00 | Sean Dobbins Quartet | 9:30 |
| 18 | 6:30 | Matt Von Roderick | 9:00 |
| 18 | 10:30 | Late Night: Blou Reed | |
| 19 | 6:00 | Sarah D'Angelo & Cliff Monear: Etta & Ella | 7:30 |
| 22 | 7:00 | Rick Roe Trio | 8:45 |
| 23 | 7:00 | The Headhunters – with Bill Summers, Mike Clark & Donald Harrison | 9:30 |
| 24 | 7:00 | Nick Collins Sextet | 9:30 |
| 25 | 6:30 | Allen Dennard Quintet | 9:00 |
| 25 | 10:30 | Late Night: Laura-Simone Quartet – with Kevin Brewster, Caleb Robinson | |
| 26 | 6:00 | Fareed Haque Trio | 8:30 |
| 29 | 7:00 | Houston Patton Quartet – with Andre Crawford, Dylan Sherman, B Allen | 8:45 |
| 30 | 7:00 | Tim Haldeman Quartet – with Keaton Royer, Eric Nachtrab, Jon Taylor | 8:45 |
| 31 | 7:00 | New Nostalgia – with Neal Carson (Chicago) | 9:30 |



Cadieux Café

www.cadieuxcafe.com
4300 Cadieux Rd.
DETROIT 313-882-8560

JANUARY

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| 5 | 3:00 | Marc Lipson & the DCC Unity Quintet |
| 12 | 3:00 | Detroit Jazz Factory Big Band |
| 19 | 3:00 | The Philip Buchman Trio |
| 26 | 4:00 | Planet D Nonet |

ONGOING

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| Mon | 8:00 | Open Blues Jam – with Bobby East, Pat Smillie & Friends |
| Thu | 8:00 | Bill Meyer Group – with Ibrahim Jones, Butter Hawkins |



Cliff Bells

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

JANUARY

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|----|------|--|------|
| 3 | 7:30 | Jeff Pedraz Trio | 9:30 |
| 4 | 7:30 | Urban Tropical | 9:30 |
| 5 | 5:30 | Zoe Ny | 7:30 |
| 9 | 7:3 | Lady Vonne | 9:30 |
| 11 | 7:30 | Sky Covington Satin Doll Revue | 9:30 |
| 16 | 7:30 | D'Sean Jones Trio | 9:30 |
| 17 | 7:30 | The Swing Syndicate | 9:30 |
| 19 | 5:30 | Mason Bays | 7:30 |
| 23 | 7:30 | Drey Skonie and the kLOUD band | 9:30 |
| 24 | 7:30 | Chris Codish Trio | 9:30 |
| 25 | 7:30 | Marques Carrol Quintet | 9:30 |
| 26 | 5:30 | RSVP All Stars | 7:30 |
| 30 | 7:30 | Brad Fritcher's MOODS | 9:30 |
| 31 | 7:30 | Vincent Chandler and Jazz Warriors Big Bands | 9:30 |

ONGOING

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| Wed | 7:30 | Tariq Gardner's Evening Star and Session | 9:30 |
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www.commongrill.com
112 South Main St.

CHELSEA (734) 475-0470

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Tue 5:00 Rob Crozier Trio



Dirty Dog Jazz Café

www.dirtydogjazz.com
97 Kercheval

GROSSE PTE. FARMS 313-882-5299

ONGOING

Tue 6:30 Michael Zaporski

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www.theearle.com
121 West Washington St.

ANN ARBOR 734-994-0211

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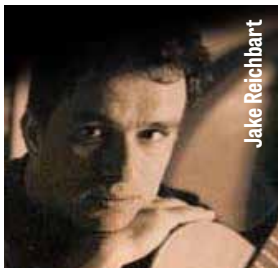
Tue 7:00 Jake Reichbart

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Thu 7:00 Jake Reichbart

Fri 7:00 Jazz Trio

Sat 7:00 Jazz Trio



Imagine Restaurant

imagineaterestaurant.com
401 South Lafayette Ave.

ROYAL OAK 248-633-8899

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Wed 6:30 Eat It Up Trio

Johnny's Royal Oak

johnnysroyaloak.com
215 South Main St.

ROYAL OAK 248-794-1261

ONGOING

Sun 6:30 Sheila Landis and Rick Matle

Kerrytown Concert House

kerrytownconcerthouse.com
415 North Fourth Ave.

ANN ARBOR 734-769-2999

JANUARY

5 4:00 Mark Braun – with Grant Flick

12 4:00 Xavier Davis Trio

25 7:30 Pete Siers & the Kerrytown Stompers
– with Pete Pistorius

26 4:00 The Kombos Collective – featuring
Michael Malis

30 7:30 Gayle Martin – with Alvin Waddles:
“Pieces of Me You May Not See”



London Chop House

155 West Congress St.

DETROIT

ONGOING

Thu 7:30 Paul Keller, Paul King, Ralph Tope,
Adam Mosley

Lucille's Jazz Lounge

lucillesjazzlounge.com
1447 North Summit St., Suite C
TOLEDO, OH

JANUARY

2 8:00 Jack Nissen

4 8:00 Ramona Collins



North Star Lounge

www.nstarlounge.com
301 North Fifth Ave.

ANN ARBOR

JANUARY

4 6:30 Laith Al-Saadi

15 7:00 Olivia Van Goor's
Winter Blues Cabaret



Shield's

25101 Telegraph Rd.

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JANUARY

11 1:00 Cakewalkin' Jass Band – with
Nicole Heitger

21 7:00 Pete Siers and Kerrytown Stompers

25 1:00 Djangophonique – with
Andrew Brown, Katie Smith

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1919 South Industrial Hwy.

ANN ARBOR 734-800-0128

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Sun 11 am Jazz Sunday Brunch

Sat 7:00 Saturday Night Jazz

Weber's Habitat Lounge

www.thehabitatannarbor.com
3050 Jackson Rd.

ANN ARBOR 734-665-3636

ONGOING

Mon 6:00 Kevin Royer, Josef Deas

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Wed 6:00 Kevin Royer, Josef Deas

Thu 6:00 Kevin Royer, Josef Deas

Sun 5:00 William Marshall Bennett

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2070 West Stadium Blvd.

ANN ARBOR 734-663-1202

ONGOING

Sun 5:00 Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings

Mon 7:00 Paul Keller Orchestra

Tue 5:30 Paul Klinger's Easy Street Jazz
Band



Upcoming Jazz Events

FEBRUARY

1 Marvin Jones and Jay Valle • Shield's, Southfield

6-8 Nate Winn Group • Cliff Bells, Detroit

7 WEMU 5:01 Jazz Series: Anthony Stanco • Blue LLama, Ann Arbor

12 Ellen Rowe's All About the Trio: Music of George Gershwin – with Chuck Redd • Schoolcraft College, Livonia

16 Mr B's Annual Birthday Bounce • Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor

21, 22 Don Was & the Pan-Detroit Ensemble • Blue LLama, Ann Arbor

21, 22 Ben Sharkey • Cliff Bells, Detroit

28 Stacy Dillard - Keigo Hiramawa Group • Blue LLama, Ann Arbor

28 Andre Wright Group • Cliff Bells, Ann Arbor

MARCH

1, 2 Andre Wright Group • Cliff Bells, Ann Arbor

2 Mike Karloff • Mackenzie Hall, Windsor ONT

12 Lunar Octet • Schoolcraft College, Livonia

16 Ellen Rowe's All About the Trio: Detroit Jazz Pianists Part II • Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor

28 Olivia Van Goor Quartet: The Music of Sarah Vaughan • Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor



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