

NEWSLETTER



Advancing Jazz music along the gulf coast!



You're Invited to a Jazz Pensacola Holiday Tradition!





BY RHONDA DEATON, ADMINISTRATOR

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Dear Members,

The holiday season is here, and it's time to celebrate in true jazz style! Join us for our annual Jingle Jazz event, a night filled with captivating performances, festive cheer, and the warm camaraderie of our jazz-loving community. This cherished tradition is the perfect way to ring in the holidays with your favorite music and friends. Whether you're a longtime member or new to our group, this is an evening you won't want to miss!

WHAT'S NEW?

02

Call for Artists

03

What's Jazzing

05

Notable Jazz Birthdays

06

Prepping for JazzFest 2025

07

Event Calendar





Calling all artists to create a unique design that represent the annual JazzFest.

This design will be the 'face' of JazzFest 2025, showcased on posters, t-shirts, mugs, and other JazzFest merchandise where proceeds benefit Jazz Pensacola. **Chosen design earns \$500 award.**

For more information <u>click here.</u>

DEADLINE FOR THE CREATIVE IS JANUARY 1, 2025.



DECEMBER 2024 PAGE | 02

JAZZ PENSACOLA NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S JAZZING

by Carolyn Joyce Tokson

Do you like your holidays jazzy? Well, there are several ways to manage that. First you want to go to the Pensacola Jazz Jam at the Odd Colony Brewing Co. Monday, December 2. That session is always fun because you never know for certain who will join the fantastic house band and what will happen next.

If you are in Panama City and environs, you can attend the Gulf Jazz Society's Concert featuring Saxophonist Craig Duran and Trio at the House of Henry, also on December 2. Admission is \$10.

Jazz Pensacola's annual Jingle Jazz featuring Pearl Ash and Joanna Hayes is at Seville Quarter Monday December 16 at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 at the door. These two ladies have graced our stage on several occasions and promise a jolly way to brighten the evening with Christmas cheer.

Gino Rosario's Christmas Jazz Charity Concert is scheduled for December 7 at WSRE PBS Jean and Paul Amos Performance Studio at Pensacola State College. Doors open at 6 with the show beginning at 7 PM. Tickets are \$40 for general admission and \$150 for a VIP experience. Appearing with Gino are saxophonist BK Jackson and vocalist Erin Stevenson. The show is hosted by Charles Gibson. Click the link below for tickets https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/83bc5e94-626c-4433-a5ea-513854a6b9de https://tinyurl.com/rmae2024.

You can also enjoy the spirit of the holiday season with the Pensacola Civic Band's presentation of "Christmas at the College" under the direction of Doug Holsworth on Monday and Tuesday, December 16 and 17 at 6:30 in the PSC Ashmore Fine Arts Auditorium, Building 8, 1000 College Avenue. Tickets are \$10 general admission and are available by phone at 850-484-1847 or online at https://performingarts.pensacolastate.edu/upcoming-events/

DECEMBER 2024 PAGE | 03

What's Jazzing (continued)



In Mobile, the Mystic Order of the Jazz Obsessed is offering Curt Bol and his band on December 16. Tickets are \$15.

New Year's Eve jazz is available at It's Personal by Sheila featuring Nicholas Cole at the Annual Red Party December 31. Doors open at 8 with the show starting at 10 PM. Tickets are \$50 with food while it lasts. Tickets are available at 850-607-2520 or at 850-377-4692.

Look for other jazz events on Facebook or at your favorite performers' website or check with your local restaurants that feature live music. There's always a jazz brunch at Five Sister's Blues Cafe on Sundays and at McGuires. Please patronize businesses which offer live music and be generous if there is a tip jar. It's not an easy gig being a musician. Nor is it easy to be a jazz society in this world. Jazz Pensacola has been around for over 40 years and we are still preserving and furthering the legacy of jazz. Renew your membership or bring a friend to one of our events as a way to celebrate the holidays. Enjoy this season and look forward to more events in the new year.

Carolyn





DECEMBER 2024 PAGE | 04



Notable Jazz Musician December Birthdays

| Brian Bromberg | 12/05/60 |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Jay Lionhart | 12/06/40 |
| Harvey Schwartz | 12/06/48 |
| Miroslav Vitous | 12/06/47 |
| Diane Schuur | 12/10/53 |
| Alex Acuna | 12/12/44 |
| John Abercrombie | 12/16/44 |
| Robben Ford | 12/16/51 |
| Eric Marienthal | 12/19/57 |
| Bobby Columby | 12/20/44 |
| Alex Blake | 12/21/51 |
| Marilyn Scott | 12/21/49 |
| John Pattitucci | 12/22/59 |
| Lawrence Hobgood | 12/23/59 |
| John Scofield | 12/26/51 |
| Mike Barone | 12/27/36 |
| T.S. Monk | 12/27/49 |
| Lonnie Liston Smith | 12/28/40 |
| Joe Lavano | 12/29/52 |
| Frank Vignola | 12/30/65 |
| | |



NOVEMBER 2024 PAGE | 05



JAZZFEST 2025 APRIL 5 & 6



We're already preparing to welcome spring with the soulful sounds, vibrant art, and tantalizing flavors of the 42nd annual JazzFest, a cherished Pensacola tradition! Set against the stunning backdrop of our beautiful city, this outdoor event celebrates the season's arrival with world-class jazz performances, a showcase of talented local artists, and an array of delicious food and beverages. Whether you're looking to sponsor, volunteer, or join us as an art or culinary vendor, JazzFest offers a unique opportunity to connect with the community and support this iconic celebration.

Stay tuned for more details arriving in your inbox soon. We invite YOU to be part of what makes Pensacola shine this spring!



NOVEMBER 2024 PAGE | 06

JAZZ PENSACOLA DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., Dec. 2

COMMUNITY JAZZ JAM @ ODD COLONY BREWING

6:30PM FREE Spirited evening of live jazz with Jazz Pensacola's Fabulous House Band and any musician or vocalist that wants to join in.

Wed., Dec. 4 2:00 - 4:00PM FREE Rx: Just what the Doctor ordered @ Ascension Sacred Heart 5151 North 9th Avenue, Pensacola

Relaxed jazz music for patients, physicians, staff, and visitors to enjoy during the busy work day.

*Made possible through a partnership with the Escambia County Medical Society and Jazz Pensacola.

Mon., Dec. 16 JAZZ IN THE QUARTER @ PHINEAS PHOGG'S IN SEVILLE QTR.
6:30PM Jingle Jazz, featuring Joanna Hayes and Pearl Ash

\$25 admission



