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SJO's Annual Jazz Showcase presented

THE LENARD RUTLEDGE QUARTET at the 2012 Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo



The Sunshine Jazz Organization once again collaborated with Diaspora Arts Coalition, Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs and Miami-Dade Parks in hosting our annual music event at the Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo on Tuesday, March 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m. The concert featured the talented vocalist, Mr. LeNard Rutledge and his swinging band featuring Paul Shewchuk (upright bass), Jauí Schneider (elec piano) and Carlomagno Araya (drums).

SJO's annual Jazz Showcase event at The Fair entertains and educates the public as fairgoers are treated to a great, free concert by respected, South Florida jazz musicians while also gaining awareness of jazz music and its significance in American culture. Concerts are presented from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm at The Parks Community Stage in Arnold Exhibition Hall. THE FAIR! 10901 Coral Way (SW 24 St.), Miami. Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo Info (305) 223-7060.

JAZZ @ THE CALEB 2012

SJO's Jazz @ The Caleb Concert Series consistently presents a Sunday afternoon of fabulous live music featuring many of South Florida's best and most popular Jazz artists. SJO's next featured performer will be announced very soon! Concert events run from 4pm – 7pm at the Joseph Caleb Auditorium's reception lobby. Join legendary jazz icon China Valles and the SJO for an afternoon of great music among friends in our jazz community. General admission tickets are \$15.00 for advance purchase, seniors and members, and \$20.00 at the door. For purchase and concert information contact Thelma Valles at (305)693-2594; Email sunjazzorg@aol.com, and check updates online at www.sunshinejazz.org. The Joseph Caleb Auditorium is located at 5400 NW 22nd Ave., Miami, FL 33142 (305)636-2350.

FEATURED SJO MEMBER MUSICIAN – MR. LENARD RUTLEDGE

Born and raised in Miami, LeNard Rutledge is often compared to the legendary Lou Rawls as well as the great Kevin Mahogany. LeNard's classy elegance is often permeated by the raw passion of his church choir background and it's at historic Saint Agnes Episcopal Church in Overtown where he still sings. LeNard considers himself a song stylist/ songwriter. *"I can go from the Blues to Mainstream to Big Band to Nu Jazz and beyond"* and he's been described as captivating, soul stirring, earthy and funky. He began his music career as a drummer, playing in the marching band at Miami Central Senior High, but after college in the Carolinas in 1997, LeNard embarked on his vocal career with non-other than the famed Melton Mustafa Orchestra, where he remained until 2003.

In May of 2006, the Miami New Times magazine named LeNard Rutledge - BEST JAZZ ARTIST. His first CD release, *Hello World*, was released in November of 2006, produced in collaboration with Miami bassist Don Wilner. LeNard has been a featured vocalist at area Jazz spots, most notably The Van Dyke Café, The Loew's Hemisphere Lounge, Jazid, the Ritz-Carlton and Emeril's Restaurant on Miami's South Beach. He's also frequented Broward's O'Hara's Jazz Pub, and recently played with his band at The Arts Garage in Delray Beach.

Also, LeNard, along with pianist Jai Schneider (both SJO Members), represented the SJO a few weeks ago at a VIP Reception in Miami Gardens held by McDonalds, a sponsor of Jazz in The Gardens music festival. President Keith Valles attended the event and said the hosts were very impressed and grateful to SJO for referring such fine musicians. It's no wonder LeNard Rutledge has shared the stage with a number of respected artists such as: Nnenna Freelon, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Kenny Drew Jr. and Harry Allen. LeNard's local backup quartet often features three of Miami's finest, Paul Shewchuck on bass, Jai Schneider on electric piano, and Carlomagno Araya on drums. You can find LeNard's schedule, or purchase CDs by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/people/LeNard-Rutledge/1460960551>





GINNY'S JAZZ NOTES

Contact Ginny Crawford at
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Stu Grant presents Big Band Monday Nights at Satchmo Blues Bar, featuring a staggering variety of the best Jazz Orchestras in town! Bands include The South Florida Jazz Orchestra, The John Branzer Big Band, Orqestra Nostalgia, and the Bobby Rodriguez Orchestra. Showtimes 7:30pm and 9:15pm. Admission \$10. Satchmo Blues Bar is at 2871 East Commercial Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale (954)533-6092. www.satchmoblues.com

"Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill" Starring Paulette Dozier as Billie Holiday
April 27, 28 & 29 Presented by The Boca Raton Theatre Guild at The Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 301 S. Military Trail Boca Raton, FL 33486. Box Office (561)948-2601.
http://www.brtg.org/show_summer.html

JAZZ ROOTS SERIES At The Adrienne Arsht Center – APRIL 13th 8pm

"A Night In Rio" Starring Sergio Mendes With very special guest Eliane Elias

International music legend Sergio Mendes brings sizzling samba sounds to Jazz Roots, filling the Knight Concert Hall with his signature mix of bossa nova and percussion accents along with the distinctive pop instrumentation that has defined Brazilian music around the world. The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts - 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami (305) 949-6722.
<http://www.arshtcenter.org/jazzroots1112/>

Unitarian Universalist Congregation Of Miami – Lotz Concert Series winds down another season of fabulous Sunday afternoon Jazz concerts which have included such luminaries as *Ira Sullivan, Vince Maggio, Randall Dollahon, The Ortas, Jamie Ousley, Wendy Pedersen* and more. One exciting concert remains - Sunday, April 29th will feature **ORIENTE** with their Latin Jazz-Blues-Rhythm & Soul style. Performances take place from 4pm-6pm in the UUMIA Sanctuary - known as one of Miami-Dade County's finest music venues. Tickets are \$10.00 minors/ \$15.00 Adults/ Door. In SW Miami just off the Palmetto at Sunset Dr. (SW 72nd Street). 7701 SW 76th Avenue, Miami, FL 33143. Info (305)661-0023. <http://www.tinyurl.com/UUConcert>

On behalf of internationally acclaimed Jazz trumpeter Melton Mustafa, please lend your support. Melton is currently battling an aggressive form of cancer and his friends, students, colleagues and fellow musicians have joined to help raise funds for the medical treatments that insurance will not cover. Attend ongoing events around S. Fla and DONATE DIRECTLY by mailing a check to: Melton Mustafa Medical Trust, c/o Attorney N. Sabir, 18350 NW 2 Ave, 5th Floor, Miami, FL 33169. Or DONATE DIRECT: www.wepay.com/donate/meltonmustafa

JAZZ HAPPENINGS

Look out for **MJC Rent Parties:** Monthly Mondays 8pm at The Stage. **The Miami Jazz Cooperative, Inc.** supports jazz projects and more: www.miamijazz.com

A Village At Work! *South Florida neighbor and SJO member/ friend, and supporter of all things Jazz, “The Real” Tracy Fields (Host of WLRN 91.3FM’s wildly popular and important “Evenin’ Jazz” show) recently had to undergo medically necessary surgery which was not covered by insurance, nor did she have paid medical leave. Costs could exceed half a year’s salary. We can help! Please donate generously to help Tracy afford to stay in South Florida and keep Jazz alive! Donate Online @ <https://www.wepay.com/donations/89306> .*



Miami Jazz Society Presents its’ ongoing Downtown Miami Film Series and Jazz Concert Series

April 10th *Lady Be Good: Instrumental Women in Jazz, 6pm*

April 11th *Yvonne Brown in Concert, 7-10pm with Special Tribute to Jazz Radio DJ Tracy Fields.*

April 11th live jazz features vocalist Yvonne Brown, a South Florida favorite, accompanied by The Gary Thomas Trio. This will also be a fundraiser to benefit Jazz radio host, **Tracy**

Fields of 91.3FM WLRN to assist with her recent medical fees. Please join us for an evening of great jazz entertainment and donate to Tracy Fields’ medical fund if you can. 7:00pm. **FREE admission, Cash bar/food.** The Miami Tower, 100 SE 2nd Street, 11th Floor Sky Terrace Lounge, Downtown Miami, FL. Info (305)684-4564. www.miamijazzsociety.com
(Photo: Tracy w/ Yvonne Brown & Jesse Jones Jr. in Evenin’ Jazz studio at WLRN 91.3FM)

PACO DE LUCIA – April 5th at The Fillmore, Miami Beach 8pm

1700 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139. Tel: 305.673.7300

<http://fillmoremb.com/index>

SOUTH FLORIDA JAZZ 2012 at The Miniaci Performing Arts Center, Ft. Lauderdale

Upcoming events include *Matt Wilson’s Arts & Crafts w/ trumpeter Terell Stafford* (Apr 14); *David Sanchez Quartet* (May 12); *The Bad Plus* (June 9). Tickets (954)462-0222. <http://www.southfloridajazz.org/>

Delray Arts Garage Upcoming concerts incl *Othello Molineaux* (4/14); *Jesse Jones Jr.* (4/21). www.artsgarage.org; www.facebook.com/DelrayArtsGarage

Aventura Arts & Cultural Center

3385 NE 188th St., Aventura, 33180. Tickets (877)311-7469. www.AventuraCenter.org

JAZZ HAPPENINGS continues...

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Every Thu, Fri & Sat 7:30pm, w/"Miami Mo" Morgen keys-vocals-saxes plus house drummers: Elvis Taylor - Thu/Fri and Howard "Moss" Moss – Sat. Varied musicians sitting in. Located 15975 Biscayne Blvd, North Miami Beach. Plenty of safe, free parking. (305)945-5111.

JAMS Jazz Arts Music Society presents Angela Hagenbach – Tuesday, April 24th.

Kansas City singer/songwriter Angela Hagenbach is best known for her creative, phrase-oriented style and is widely regarded as a master interpreter of great songs written by everyone from Duke Ellington to Antonio Carlos Jobim. She has worked and recorded with renowned jazzmen such as Clark Terry and Jimmy Heath, and was chosen twice to represent the United States as a jazz ambassador to the world. JAMS concerts are held at The Harriet Himmel Theater, 700 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. www.cityplace.com . Tickets (877)722-2820. www.jamsociety.org/

Pavilion Grille Boca Raton presents *Hot Jazz at The Grille*

Jazz with dinner, drinks and a great local scene. Calendar regulars include Anthony Corrado, Lourdes Valentin, Davis and Dow, Wendy Pedersen, Mark Fernicola and Joe Donato (Joe w/ Quartet 4/19). 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton 33431. www.paviliongrille.com.

The Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra presents...

Hot 8 Brass Band from New Orleans - April 4th at 6pm & 8:30pm at Daniels Pavilion.

All That Jazz – Featuring Dante Luciani - April 19th at 6pm & 8:30pm at Daniels Pavilion. 5833 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Naples, FL 34108-2740 (239)597-1900 or (800)597-1900.

<http://www.thephil.org/>

Bienes Center for the Arts at St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Ongoing Events. 2801 SW 12th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312. Info (954)513-2272.

<http://www.bienescenterforthearts-sta.org/>

Swing & Jazz Preservation Society 2011-2012 Season

Spanish River Performing Arts Center, 2400 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

(561)499-9976. <http://www.swingandjazzpreservationsociety.org>

Blue Jean Blues – Fort Lauderdale's Jazz and Blues Club *Live Music Seven Days A Week!*

Located at 3320 NE 33rd St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308 (2 blocks north of Oakland Park Blvd., just west of A1A) (954)306-6330. <http://www.bluejeanblues.net>

Boca Raton Bridge Hotel presents Jazz, Blues, Bossa Nova and more. 999 East Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL (561)886-4570. www.jazzbossablues.com

Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society

Presenting Jams, Concerts, Saturday Jazz Market – Sat. April 12 features Fort Pierce Jazz Ensemble, at The Gazebo 9am-12pm. Along the Indian River Waterfront. Jazz Hotline: (772)460-JAZZ. www.jazzsociety.org

JAZZ HAPPENINGS continues...

Latin Jazz at The Grove Spot

Andy Harlow and his band plays every Wednesday night at the Grove Spot.
<http://grovespot.com/calendar>

WLRN 91.3FM South Florida Arts Beat with host Ed Bell - Fridays at 1pm Includes all the latest happenings plus live in-studio concert performances www.wlrn.org

WDNA presents monthly Jazz Encounters Series - Uniting Generations of Jazz Musicians
www.wdna.org

JAZZ & BLUES FLORIDA Florida's Online Guide To Live Jazz and Blues
<http://www.jazzbluesflorida.com/>

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"Bright Moments In Jazz" A new book by Jazz drummer & world-class photographer, Howard Moss. His first hand, intimate view of beloved Jazz artists. Info: moss@movision.com.

CONCERT REVIEW by SJO Secretary, Jeanette Tullis

The LeNard Rutledge Quartet performs for SJO's Annual Jazz Showcase

The Sunshine Jazz Organization collaborated with The Diaspora Arts Coalition, Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs and Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation to host their annual music event at the 2012 Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Tuesday evening, March 20th. The concert was on the Community Stage in Arnold Hall. This year's featured artist was the talented vocalist Mr. LeNard Rutledge and his Quartet. A native of Miami, LeNard developed his talents by singing in the choir at historic St. Agnes Episcopal Church in Overtown. He continues to sing in the choir whenever he is not on tour. Here at home he has showcased his talent at local jazz spots wowing audiences with his smooth baritone vocals which have been compared to Lou Rawls.

Concert review continues...

LeNard was accompanied at SJO's Jazz Showcase by Paul Shewchuk on bass, Jauí Schneider on electric piano and Carlomagno Araya on drums. The quartet began the evening with beautiful renditions of *In a Mellow Mood* followed by *What Is This Thing Called Love*. The audience, which included several very pleased SJO members, was in the swing as Rutledge and the band performed several standards from America's Song Book.

LeNard challenged the audience to name a tune. The winner would be able to take him home! The tune was *Imagination* from the film *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and the happy winner received LeNard's CD titled *Hello World*. The quartet broke away from jazz to sing a blues, *Baby, You're My Centerpiece*, and after performed a wonderful selection written by Jauí Schneider, *The Magic of Your Love*. The ending song for the evening was *Bye, Bye Blackbird*. SJO's president, Mr. Keith Valles, thanked the band for their excellent performance, and thanked the audience for coming to listen. Everyone was encouraged to continue supporting the arts.

TOP 20 CD's RECOMMENDED BY JAZZ RADIO HOST, TRACY FIELDS (*Back soon!*) Keep in touch with Tracy <https://www.facebook.com/TheRealTracyFields>



The Real Tracy Fields is from Greensboro, NC. That's where her father introduced her to The Music when she was little by playing 78s of Count Basie. Since graduating from Hampton Institute with a double major in broadcasting and journalism, she has pursued a double career, writing for The Associated Press and others before getting the best job ever: host of Evenin' Jazz on 91.3 WLRN-FM, weeknights from 9:30 'til 1 a.m. tracy.fields@gmail.com

CONCERT CALENDAR / APRIL 2012

Apr 1: SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch – Every 1st Sunday 11am-2pm, Riverwalk, along the New River, Ft. Laud. Hotline (954)828-5363. <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/events/jazzbrunch/jazzbrunch.htm>

Apr 8: Oriente - Latin Jazz, Rhythm & Soul, 2nd Sundays, Upstairs at The Van Dyke, 9pm. 846 Lincoln Rd, Miami Beach (305)534-3600. Live web broadcast. www.thevandykecafe.com

Apr 11: Danny Burger's Wednesday Jazz Showcase Featuring *Joe Donato Quartet* 8pm-12mid. 18th: *Nicole Henry* @ Blue Jean Blues, 3320 NE 33rd St, Ft. Laud 33308 (954)306-6330. www.bluejeanblues.net

Apr 13: ArtsPark Live Concert Series, Downtown Hollywood presents *ORIENTE!* 8:00pm-9:30pm in Young Circle, FREE <http://www.visithollywoodfl.org/events.aspx>

Concert Calendar continues...

Apr 14: Delray Beach Arts Garage presents *Othello Molineaux* (4/14); Jesse Jones Jr. (4/21).
www.artsgarage.org; www.facebook.com/DelrayArtsGarage

Apr 14: Troy Anderson's Wonderful World Band @ Blue Jean Blues, 9pm. (954)306-6330.

Apr 14: Eddy Balzola & The Deal at Calder Casino & Race Course, 10pm. 21001 NW 27 Ave.,
Miami Gardens 33056 (305)625-1311. www.caldercasino.com

Apr 21: Delray Beach Arts Garage presents *The Jesse Jones Jr. Quartet*
www.artsgarage.org; www.facebook.com/DelrayArtsGarage

Apr 21: *Turtle Island Quartet - "A Love Supreme", The Music of John Coltrane*, 8pm.
South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center. Box Office (786) 573-5300; Located 10950 SW 211
St., Cutler Bay 33189 www.smdcac.org

Apr 21: Downtown Hollywood Artwalk – Monthly gallery stroll features live music and artist
creations throughout the downtown area, 7pm-10pm. www.hollywoodcra.org

Apr 24: JAMS Jazz Arts Music Society presents *Angela Hagenbach*, 7:30pm
Harriet Himmel Theater, 700 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. www.cityplace.com .
Tickets (877)722-2820. www.jamsociety.org/

Apr 24: Anthony Corrado's Funky Jazz Band @ Blue Jean Blues, 9pm. (954)306-6330.

Apr 27: *Paulette Dozier as Billie Holiday "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill"*
Boca Raton Theatre Guild at The Willow Theatre, Sugar Sand Park (4/27-28-29).
301 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton 33486. Box Office (561)948-2601.
http://www.brtg.org/show_summer.html

Apr 28: "Jazz at Pinecrest Gardens" features *DEBBIE ORTA Sings the Greatest Ladies of Jazz:*
Billie Holiday & Ella Fitzgerald, 8pm. 5855 SW 111th St., Miami 33156 (305)669-6990. 6990.
<http://pinecrest-fl.gov/index.aspx?page=440>

Apr 28: Troy Anderson's Wonderful World Band @ Blue Jean Blues, 9pm-1am.

Apr 29: Lotz Concert Series presents *ORIENTE Latin Jazz, Rhythm & Soul* 4pm-6pm.
South Miami's Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7701 SW 76th Avenue (305)667-3697.
http://uumia.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=39&Itemid=61

JAZZ AROUND TOWN *(please call ahead for schedule updates):*

Monday

Churchill's: Jazz Jam hosted by Mike Wood, 9pm-2:30am \$5/adm. 5501 NE 2nd Ave. Miami, 33137 (305)757-1807. www.churchillspub.com

Blue Jean Blues – Turk Mauro Band www.bluejeanblues.net

Tuesday

Jazz @ Jazid: 1342 Washington Avenue Miami Beach – (305)673.9372. 9:00pm

Boca Bar and Grill: Riverside Jazz Band (Dixieland) 7pm-10pm, 6299 North Federal Highway, Boca Raton (561)995-1007. <http://www.riversidejazzband.com/home.htm>

Wednesday

Blue Jean Blues - Danny Burger Musician Showcase, 8pm. <http://www.bluejeanblues.net>

Luna Star Café: Donna Blue & Brian Murphy plus special guests. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 775 NE 125th St, North Miami - (305)866-1816. <http://www.lunastarcafe.com>

Thursday

The Loews Hotel, Hemisphere Lounge - Nicole Henry 8pm-12mid. 1601 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach. <http://www.loewshotels.com/en/Miami-Beach-Hotel>

Sound of Vision @ Blue Jean Blues, 8pm www.bluejeanblues.net

Friday

The Café at Books & Books: Outdoor Jazz and World music. 7pm-11pm. Light menu + Bar. 265 Aragon Ave. Coral Gables 33134. (305)442-4408. www.booksandbooks.com

Jazz at MoCA, 8pm, last Friday monthly – free admission. The Museum of Contemporary Art, 770 NE 125th St., North Miami. (305)893-6211. www.mocanomi.org

Saturday

Troy Anderson's Wonderful World Band - Blue Jean Blues, 9pm. www.bluejeanblues.net

Thu-Fri-Sat

Calder Casino & Race Course: Thu-Fri-Sat Jazz, Blues, R&B, Latin, Reggae 9:30pm. Calder Casino 21001 NW 27 Ave., Miami Gardens 33056 (305)625-1311. www.caldercasino.com.

Jazz Around Town continues...

Fri-Sat

Globe Café & Bar 377 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables (305)445-3555 www.theglobecafe.com

Sunday

Boteco Brazilian Bar - Rose Max and Ramatis, Brazilian Jazz. 8pm. Last Sunday monthly.
916 NE 79th Street, Miami 33138. (305)757-7735. www.botecomiami.com

Songstress Sundays @ Blue Jean Blues, 11am – 8pm www.bluejeanblues.net

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Bossa Nova Lounge @ Doral Golf Resort: 8pm-11pm. www.doralresort.com

Biltmore Hotel Live Jazz in various areas. www.biltmorehotel.com/email/biltmorenights.htm

Boca Raton The Funky Bisquit – Jazz and Blues Club <http://www.funkybiscuit.com/>

Catalina Hotel & Beach Club 1732 Collins Ave., Miami Beach www.catalinasouthbeach.com

Crescendo Jazz and Blues Lounge: 2201 Biscayne Blvd. www.crescendojazzandblues.com

Cocoa Beach Heidi's Jazz Club www.heidisjazzclub.com/

FESTIVALS

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival <http://www.nojazzfest.com/>

Mount Dora Blues & Wine Festival featuring Leon Russell – May 18, 19 & 20.

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