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SJO CO-SPONSORS 3RD ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA JAZZ HALL OF FAME June 10th
Ms. Alice Day returns to the Joseph Caleb Auditorium on Sunday, June 10th for the 3rd installation of her brilliantly conceived, very special event honoring significant South Florida jazz pioneers and icons. Started in 2009, Ms. Day formed a committee to determine six worthy honorees to be installed in the very first ceremony which was presented in 2010 at the American Legion Hall, Miami. On that date a great crowd of musicians and jazz lovers of every kind assembled for the announcements, installation ceremony and all-star jam session. Continued page 3

SUNSHINE JAZZ @ THE CALEB 2012 Continues…
Sunday, July 8th - The Von Henry Express
SJO’s popular, ongoing concert series - Sunshine Jazz @ The Caleb - consistently presents Sunday afternoons filled with old and new friends enjoying fabulous live music featuring many of South Florida’s best and most popular Jazz and Blues artists. SJO’s next featured performer’s name may be relatively unknown to some, but not after this July 8th performance! You won’t want to miss the Von Henry Express, presented at 4pm at the Joseph Caleb Auditorium. 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, Fl. Continued on Page 2

Jazz Radio icon China Valles is presented with 2009 SFJazz Hall of Fame award by son, SJO President Keith Valles.
FEATURED SJO MEMBER MUSICIAN – MS. LAVONGIA HENRY

Born at Homestead Air Force Base, “Von”, as she’s known, is a true South Florida native who grew up in the area formerly known as Cutler Ridge. She had some musical training in high-school and also in the Baptist church that she grew up in, which is where she had her first taste of singing alone in front of an audience. Though “life” steered her in directions other than performance arts, and to the point that she never even considered being able to be a singer, fate offered a “chance” meeting with the legendary Mel Dancy and veteran jazz guitarist Neil Bacher at a local Miami jazz jam spot and the rest, as they say, is history.

That evening ten years ago played out in an interesting way. Armed only with raw talent and a budding desire to share her voice with the world, Von walked into Churchill's Pub for the Monday night Jazz Jam and promptly and totally forgot the lyrics to the song she called out. Lucky for her Mel Dancy was there, and the veteran vocalist immediately took her under his wing and began to train that raw talent. With the patience and regular accompaniment of musicians such as Neil Bacher, Jim Kessler, Neil Rogers, along with the local forums in which she has been able to sit in with the likes of Mike Gerber, Ira Sullivan, Joe Donato and others, Von Henry is totally loving the musical journey that she is on.

Von has had the pleasure of performing at events such as the Mad Hatter's Festival, Taste of the Grove, The Ft. Lauderdale Centennial Celebration, Carnival on the Mile, Alliance Francaise’ Apero Jazz, and has played regularly at places like the Luna Star Cafe in North Miami, and Cote Gourmet in Miami Shores. In 2011 she was able to add acting to her resume thanks to the vision of her friend, Barry Edelson, who in 2009 saw her performing in a porkpie hat one night at the Luna Star Cafe and thought she was the spitting image of Bessie Smith. Two years and many rewrites later Barry produced and directed Von in "Bessie's Back In Town" an original play that was well received by critics and audiences alike.

Stay in touch with Von Henry’s gigs and more at http://www.facebook.com/vonhenryjazz

SUNSHINE JAZZ @ THE CALEB

Concert events run from 4pm – 7pm at the Joseph Caleb Auditorium’s reception lobby. Join legendary jazz icon China Valles and the SJO family for an afternoon of great live music, among friends and your jazz community. General admission tickets $15 advance purchase, seniors and SJO members / $10 groups of 10 and for students with ID / $20 at door. Ticket purchase and info: Contact Thelma Valles at (305)693-2594; Email sunjazzorg@aol.com. The Joseph Caleb Auditorium is located at 5400 NW 22nd Ave., Miami, FL 33142 (305)636-2350.
From the very beginning, there was an eerie kinda vibe in the room. I walked in around 3PM, to try and finish the setup. It had been planned that we would open the door to the public at 3:30PM. However, there had been some anxiety and discrepancy over tickets that had people feeling a little uneasy. So, at 3PM when I arrived, the door was only swinging open. These people were ready to take this on. Needless to say, we only got close to finishing the set up, but apparently it was close enough.

The entire scene was a bit overwhelming and emotional. Unfortunately our official video/photographer was involved in a car accident on his way to the event and ended up in the hospital instead. We are truly grateful that the most serious injury was his broken wrist. He sends apologies for his no show (although unavoidable), and he is progressing well. Fortunately nearly everybody in the room had a camera, so we’ve got lots of photos, and they are slowly trickling in. We will make a photo presentation as soon as…but in the meantime, if you have any photos, please send them to one of the addresses below, and they will be included in the presentation.

Now, having lived and worked in this “scene” most of my life, it is all very personal to me. As faces got closer and became recognizable, I was transported back to the 1970’s…..what a jolt. When we were finally able to get started, the room was full and buzzing with anticipation. Our stellar house band, Dolph Castellano, piano; Sam Chiodo, bass; and Elvis Taylor, drums, took to the stage, and we were off. We even had dancers on the floor.

Posthumously: Inductees Richard Allen “Blue” Mitchell (Trumpet) and William “Billy” Rolle (Saxophone/Educator), were honored for their valuable contributions. William “Bill” Peeples, was represented by family members who made the trip from Virginia, Orlando and Jacksonville. A special thanks to daughter, Valory, for pulling this one off.

It was especially rewarding for me that Ms. Peggy Murphy from Delray Beach was there to accept the plaque for her Mother, Ms. Nancy Murphy, the only non-musician recipient, but one of the most prolific none-the-less.

We are all aware of the plight of Melton Mustafa. He was inducted into the SFJHOF in a special fund raising ceremony on October 23, 2011. The house was packed. I understand it had been close to a year since he had even attempted to blow his horn. That was seven or eight months ago. On this day, he made an appearance….an awe inspiring appearance. Your jaws would have dropped had you heard him play on June 10, 2012. He reminded me of “The Real Melton Mustafa”. I know there is a God somewhere.

Our final inductees of the evening, The Billy Marcus Quartet. To a standing ovation, Billy Marcus, Don Mosley, Eric Allison, and Gary Duchaine, each graciously accepted the honor and took their rightful place. As I said previously, from the beginning there was an eerie kinda vibe in the room, starting with the audience. More than half I had not seen for nearly 30 years
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(believe it or not). What a pleasure to see those faces. It was amazing...as was what happened next.

The BMQ took to the stage and it was as if time had stood still. Was it really 2012, or late 1970’s? Had you closed your eyes, you would have been immediately transported back to the Travelers Lounge or The Take Five or any number of places that “was”. For the first time, after almost 30 years, the BMQ was together again, if only for a moment. However, the music spoke for itself….the love was still there, in spite of it all….or maybe because of it all. Whatever the reason, the guys and the guests were awesome. Could this be the start of something? To another standing ovation, cheers, screams and tears, the evening could have come to an end.

**Had the evening ended there, we would have missed the jammin’ jam. Our special friends, Hall of Famers, Mel Dancy and Melton Mustafa, were joined by Brenda Alford, Von Henry, Mo Morgan, and a little wisp of a girl, with great big chops, whose name I think is Clarissa, joined our house band to groove just a little longer. A rousing rendition of Amazing Grace was the closer, and all agreed that it was most appropriate….overwhelming, emotional, and well done.**

Thank you for being part of yet another history-making South Florida Jazz Hall Of Fame induction ceremony and concert…. Unforgettable. A very big THANK YOU to all who helped to make it possible, especially our co-sponsor, The Sunshine Jazz Organization. To all of you on-the-spot photographers, thank you for sharing. We’d also like to pointedly thank Ms. Tracy Fields, host of Evenin’ Jazz on WLRN FM for tackling the MC spot again, thus making my job a little easier.

In a few days you can check out our website. Here, your pictures will be shared and you will be able to catch up. Feel free to comment, compliment or criticize, we welcome all.

Our 2012 inductees are:

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Just mark the month of June, 2013 on your calendar, date tba. Looking forward to your face in the place.

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Warm Welcome to Sunshine Jazz Messenger’s newest addition…Manny Meland

MANNY MELAND SJO member and columnist with MiamiArtzine.com.
A long-time fixture on the South Florida music scene, Manny is a devoted Jazz lover and will be keeping Jazz Messenger readers up to date on the latest artists, concerts, recordings and more. Enjoy!

MANNY ABOUT TOWN
By: Manny Meland

Eric Allison: Rockstar

My friend, saxophonist Eric Allison, is back in town from Alberta, Canada. He came to accept his portion of the Hall of Fame honor awarded to the members of the Billy Marcus Quartet. The quartet, whose run was from 1975 to 1982, was honored by the South Florida Jazz Hall of Fame with Alice Day, in a ceremony at the Caleb Center in Miami on June 10th, 2012. This was their first reunion in thirty years. Obviously enjoying themselves, the quartet, consisting of Billy Marcus (piano), Eric Allison (sax, clarinet, flute & banjo.), Gary Duchaine (drums) & Don Mosley (bass), showed their appreciation by taking the bandstand.

Geoffrey Hines of the Washington Post wrote, “Eric Allison is one of those gifted saxophonists who become local legends in their hometown while being overlooked by the rest of the world. He is a first rate composer and arranger and a versatile player whose gigs have ranged from Dixieland to funk to bop-oriented jazz”.

I met Eric in 1974 when he first arrived in Miami from Naples, FL. At that time, I managed Ronny’s Lounge at the Miami Skyways Hotel near the airport. He scored his first Miami gig at our hotel with the Lou Lane band. At the neighboring Travelers Hotel, pianist Billy Marcus was doing a cool jazz gig. I invited Marcus to check out our sax player. The following year, Billy and Eric teamed up, adding drummer Gary Duchaine and bassist Don Mosley to form the Billy Marcus Quartet. Besides their musicianship, the band had an entertaining stage presence. Eric, with his natural sense of humor, could pop out a song and tell amusing stories. They attracted loyal fans that followed them from gig to gig to the jazz clubs that dotted the airport area at that time.

Years later he met ‘Contemporary Records’ executive Bob Weinstock who was “very impressed with this guy who has such deep roots in mainstream jazz”. They released two full-length studio albums which include numerous original compositions, as well as new arrangements of classic jazz standards. Nine originals are “Midnight Groove”, “After Hours”, “Double Shot”, “Round About Dawn”, “Sittin’ In”, “No Cover”, ” Tip-Toeing”, “Straight Up”, “Deanna & Delta Joy”. Eric’s latest record, “After Hours” earned a Top 20 spot on the Gavin Report for National Radio Airplay and remained on the charts for 13 weeks.

From 2007 to 2012, Eric was the Music Director of the Gold Coast Jazz Society Band. You may have seen him as he led the Gold Coast Society Jazz Band at the Ft. Lauderdale Riverwalk Jazz
“Rockstar” continues…

Brunch Program. At that time he told me that - “I’ve been gigging with Eddie Higgins. Eddie has become a genuine superstar in Japan, packing the arenas and selling millions of records. Before passing away, Eddie took me on several of his summer tours to Japan. I felt as close to being a rock star as I’ll ever be.”

Now, by installing Eric Allison and the Billy Marcus Quartet into the Hall of Fame, the South Florida Jazz Hall of Fame organization has conferred on them this well-deserved recognition. Congratulations. Rock on!

Catch up on Manny Meland and his MiamiArtszine columns at:
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