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The Sunshine Jazz Concert Series Presents

## The JOE DONATO Quartet

Sunday, April 24th, 2016

### March 31, 2016

**MIAMI, FL** – The Sunshine Jazz Organization’s monthly concert series continues on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at Miami Shores Country Club with legendary South Florida Jazz Hall of Fame inductee Joe Donato! Widely recognized as a saxophonist, respected band leader, composer, lyricist and one of the most active and innovative musicians working in the field of jazz, Donato will knock your socks off with his hard swinging **Joe Donato Quartet!**



Originally from Vineland, New Jersey, Joe Donato started his professional career at the age of 12 when he joined the American Federation of Musicians Union. As a young teen he began touring with a wide assortment of bands and in 1968, as fate would have it, Joe was offered a scholarship to study music at The University of Miami. Donato arrived on New Year’s Day 1970 and has since earned his B.A. in music and an M.A. in jazz performance from U of M. Joe has lived, studied, performed, and taught in South Florida ever since.

Joe Donato is versatile within the entire woodwind family and possesses a unique performance style and approach to improvisation reflecting his wide variety of musical influences. Throughout the years he has performed with countless Jazz and music icons including Dizzy Gillespie, Art Blakey, Carmen McRae, Doc Severinsen, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Nina Simone. Joe plays with some of the finest local and international musicians and has toured throughout the Americas, Europe, and Asia. He has also served as an adjunct faculty member and lecturer at UM, Miami-Dade College and Florida International University.



Please join us on Sunday, April 24th from 6pm-9pm at Miami Shores Country Club, 10000 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores, FL 33138. General Admission is \$20 /SJO Members \$15. **Become a member or renew your membership at the door and admission is FREE!** MSCC features a great lounge with full menu and free parking. Info: SJO (954)554-1800; MSCC (305)795-2360. Many thanks to our SJO members and sponsors!

### SUNSHINE JAZZ ORGANIZATION CELEBRATES OUR 30<sup>TH</sup> SEASON LATER THIS YEAR... STAY TUNED!

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