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The Sunshine Jazz Concert Series Presents

RICHIE "ALTO MADNESS" COLE

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MIAMI, FL – The monthly Sunshine Jazz Concert Series continues on Sunday, March 26th with an evening of "Alto Madness" featuring alto sax ace, Richie Cole! He's stood with the legends—the world's been his stage—Richie Cole is the ultimate quixotic cacophony of cool.



Richie started playing alto saxophone at 10 years old in his home town of Trenton, New Jersey. Influenced by Sonny Rollins and Charlie Parker, Cole's talent and dedication won him a full scholarship from Downbeat Magazine to Boston's Berklee School of Music. His professional career began in 1969 when he joined the Buddy Rich Big Band. After stints with Lionel Hampton's Big Band and Doc Severinsen's Tonight Show Band, he formed his own quintet and toured the world—popularizing bebop in his own "Alto Madness" style. He's performed with many great vocalists of our time including Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett, Sarah Vaughn, Nancy Wilson...

Cole has graced the stage at the Village Vanguard, Carnegie Hall and even gave a command performance for the Queen of England. His recent CD, "Richie Cole Plays Ballads and Love Songs" garnered four stars (out of four) in Down Beat Magazine, while his newest and freshest release "The Many Minds of Richie Cole (cover art created at Atelier 3 in Hollywood, Florida, and painted by local artist Daniel Pontet) is sure to become an instant classic! An ex-dweller of Key West, Florida and frequent fixture of the South Florida jazz scene, Richie is honored to be returning "home" to pay homage to his old pal China Valles and the Sunshine Jazz Organization...

Join us for this very special evening with the legendary Richie Cole, Sunday, March 26th from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Miami Shores Country Club, 10000 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores, FL 33138. Admission is \$20/SJO Members \$15. **Become an SJO member at the door and admission is FREE!** MSCC features a retro lounge overlooking the links with cash bar, a full menu and free parking. Reserve your seats at SunJazzOrg@aol.com, (954)554-1800; MSCC (305)795-2360. Many thanks to SJO members and sponsors for helping us keep Jazz alive & thriving in S. Fla. for more than 30 years!

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