The Sunshine Jazz Concert Series Continues at Avenue D!
4th Sundays Monthly – Oct. 27th, Nov. 24th, Dec. 22nd

Join us on the 4th Sunday monthly through the end of the year as the SJO presents the finest artists among South Florida’s Jazz vocalists! On October 27th extraordinary Jazz vocalist, Ms. Brenda Alford is our featured artist. Alford has recorded with jazz piano legend Horace Silver and has worked with some of the greatest names in jazz including Pete Minger, Stanley Turrentine, Sonny Stitt, Philly Jo Jones and Ron Carter; November 24th will present an exciting double bill featuring the great Mel Dancy along with rising star, LeNard Rutledge; And on December 22nd we’ll be treated to the legendary Diva herself, Ms. Alice Day! SJO’s monthly concert series is presented from 4pm-7pm at Avenue D Jazz & Blues Lounge, 8 South Miami Ave., Miami, FL 33130! Tickets $15.00 at door, or in advance contact SunJazzOrg@aol.com.

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**Mr. Mel Dancy** An accomplished pianist, lyricist, and multi-stylist, Mel Dancy sings Jazz & Blues, Swing & Bossa Nova with the flair and charisma that only the best entertainers possess. Among his many credits, Dancy enjoyed a four year collaboration with The Platters as well as stints at the Village Vanguard with Thad Jones, Mel Lewis, and the New York Jazz Quartet. He also wrote with Dizzy Gillespie, and arranged a tune for the McGuire Sisters called “I Love You for Sentimental Reasons”. (Sunday, November 24th, 4pm-7pm)

**Mr. LeNard Rutledge** has been compared to the legendary Lou Rawls as well as the great Kevin Mahogany. His classy elegance is permeated by raw passion and influenced by his Overtown church choir background. A song stylist and songwriter, Rutledge spent time in the Melton Mustafa Orchestra, and can go from Blues to Mainstream to Big Band to Nu Jazz and beyond! (Sunday, November 24th, 4pm-7pm)

**Ms. Alice Day** Affectionately known as “The First Lady of Jazz”, Alice is in demand at top jazz venues around the world and regularly tours in Switzerland, Italy, Germany, France and Austria. Born into the extraordinary musical tradition of gospel, Alice has committed her life to music. Drawing inspiration from the greats such as Dinah Washington, Billie Holiday and Mahalia Jackson, Alice created her own distinctive style and is acknowledged as one of the finest jazz vocalist performing today. Her outstanding contribution to music has been honored and she is the recipient of numerous awards. (Sunday, December 22nd, 4pm-7pm)

**Avenue D Jazz and Blues Lounge** is located at 8 South Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33131 (305)377-8899. Just one block south of the corner of Miami Avenue & Flagler (across from Macy’s). Enjoy a variety of seating with tables and lounge groupings, two cash bars, and a light menu. Street and valet parking are available. For venue info and directions: http://www.avenuedjazz.com/Avenue_D/Contact_Location.html

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**It Happened Again**

Not the fact that the SJO celebrated another anniversary (that will happen once a year), but the fact that we brought these guys together again. If you remember, The Billy Marcus Quartet was inducted into the South Florida Jazz Hall of Fame in 2011, which was the first time in about 30 years they had performed together. This time however, it wasn’t the quartet with Eric Allison (he couldn’t make it), but it was the trio with a very special guest, Ms. Sandy Patton.

The suspense and anticipation started to heighten the night before, Friday. As it was an anniversary, the event took place on Saturday nite. Mel Dancy and I just happened to be hangin’ out (actually Mel was working) at another new spot, Le Chat Noir, next door to Avenue D, when we sort of recognized the gentleman approaching. It was Gary Duchaine, the drummer. He had arrived earlier that day from the D.C. area, and was checking out the neighborhood. Needless to say, the party started. We had a great nite reminiscing and listening to the music. That was the beginning. By the next afternoon, Saturday, calls were coming in from all over the place, as far away as West Palm inquiring about the reunion. Billy had arrived on Friday afternoon, and after the drive from Central Florida, thought it best to chill and prepare for the explosion on Saturday night. Donald arrived at the venue from Ft. Lauderdale on the day, ready, willing, and able. Sandy, on the other hand, had arrived from Switzerland around 2PM that afternoon, and here she is walking in the door, or floating in on a cloud, totally energized and glowing.

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Jazz Roots 6th Season @ Adrienne Arsht PAC
November 1st celebrates the 50th anniversary of the iconic film The Pink Panther, and its composer - Henry Mancini. Featuring an all-star roster of guest artists backed by UM’s Frost School of Music’s Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra. Guests include vocalists Jon Secada, Monica Mancini, Nicole Henry and Cyrille Aimeé; Saxophonist Tom Scott, and jazz arranger/pianist Shelly Berg. 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida 33132. (305) 949-6722. www.amadeus.org/tickets/subscriptions/jazz/jazz-roots/

“Speakeasy Socials”, First Fridays monthly at Ritz Carlton Coconut Grove’s Amadeus Room. 9pm. Live jazz, specialty cocktails and 1920’s décor. Nov. 1: The Speakeasy Trio features Ranses Colon/Eddy Balzola/Orlando Machado. 3300 SW 27th Avenue, Miami, FL 33133 (305) 644-4680. Music co-sponsored by the SJO. (also 11/15; 12/6)

November 2nd - Stanley Clarke and The Harlem Quartet South Miami-Dade Cultural Art Center 8pm. An official event of The Miami Nice Jazz Festival. Tickets $25-$46 www.smdcac.org

Sunday, November 3rd. The Sunday Gospel Brunch featuring Alice Day & "A Joyful Noise"! 11am-3pm at Avenue D Jazz & Blues Lounge. Tickets $20.00 All Inclusive. 8 South Miami Ave., Miami, FL 33131 (305)371-4823.

Le Chat Noir” Wine Cellar Bistro Live Jazz Every Wed-Fri-Sat, 9pm. 2 South Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33130. No cover

WDNA Jazz Encounters 3rd Fridays Monthly 8pm, Nov 15 Nicole Yarling & the Jazz Bootcamp Ensemble. Young jazz musicians can bring instruments and jam with masters. $15.00, Free to WDNA members. WDNA Jazz Gallery, 2921 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33145 (305)662-8889.


The 6th Annual Sunny Isles Beach Jazz Festival “A Tribute to the Great Women in Jazz”, Saturday Nov. 16th, 7pm-10pm. The music of Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Billie Holiday, Anita O’Day, Nina Simone and more. Featuring Nicole Yarling, Wendy Pedersen, Paulette Dozier and introducing Ashlee Moss, accompanied by The Melton Mustafa 17 pc. Jazz Orchestra. Heritage Park, 19200 Collins Avenue, Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160 Tickets $10-$15. www.sunnyislesbeachjazz.com/

Friday, December 6th Music In The Park featuring Alice Day & Friends, and the Dave Nuby Band. 6:30-9pm 3000 NW 199th St., Miami Gardens FREE Co-Sponsored by the Sunshine Jazz Organization

MoJazz Jams at La Puttanesca Weds & Fri 9pm. SW corner of Biscayne Blvd. and NE 135th Street, Miami (305)917-1717.

Wednesday, November 13th, 6-10pm
The Yvonne Brown Quartet
African Heritage Cultural Arts Center
6161 NW 22nd Ave., Miami, FL 33142
(free admission) Presented by Miami Jazz & Film Society
SOUTH FLORIDA JAZZ HAPPENINGS
(contact venue for updates)

Friday, Nov 1:
"Jazz on the Green" The Nestor Zurita Trio with Paul Banman, piano, Tommy Hodul, bass. 7pm-10pm, no cover. Peacock Garden Cafe, 2889 McFarlane Rd., Coconut Grove, FL 33133 (305)774-3332. (Fri-Sat thru November)

“First Friday Jazz Jams”, Presented by Gold Coast Jazz Society. Student jazz musicians invited to bring instruments and jam with pros. 7:30 - 9:30pm. Artsserve, 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Laud, 33304 (954)462-8190.

Saturday, Nov 2:
ORIENTE @ Soyka’s Restaurant “Living Room Jazz” 9PM. 5556 NE 4th Ave. Mia, 33137 (305)759-3117 www.soykarestaurant.com (also 12/14)

The Dizzy Blue Band featuring Noreena Downey with Tom McCormick on sax, Jai Schneider on piano and George Mazzeo, drums. 8pm-12am Timpano Restaurant, 450 E. Las Olas Blvd., Ft. Laud 33301 (954)462-9119

Sunday, Nov 3:
Bobby Rodriguez Big Band - Suntrust Sunday Jazz Brunch, 11am – 2pm. 201 SW 5th Ave., Ft. Laud, FL 33312

Rose Max & Ramatis Moraes, Brazilian Jazz, 1pm – 5pm at The Cascade Bar, poolside at the Biltmore Hotel. 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables, FL 33134. (every Sunday)

Monday, Nov 4: Bryan Lynch Latin Jazz at PAX, 8:30pm $5. 337 SW 8th St., Miami (305)640-5847 33328 (954)424-0300. No cover (also 11/11)

Thursday, Nov 7:
The Mike Norris Big Band 8pm- 10pm at Ye Olde Falcon Pub, 2867 South University Dr., Davie, FL

Friday, Nov 8:
Davis & Dow, 7pm The Gardens Shops Downtown Palm Beach Gardens, 11701 Lake Victoria Gardens Ave, Palm Beach. Free (also Dec 6)

Saturday, Nov 9: Eliane Elias: “A Tribute to Chet Baker”. Opening set South Florida Jazz Orchestra. 8pm. $40/$55/$65 The Olympia Theater at Gusman Center, 174 East Flagler St., Miami, FL 33133 (305)374-2444

The Frost School of Music Jazz Vocal 1 (JV1) Ensemble, $15/$10 seniors, 8pm University of Miami Gusman Concert Hall, 1314 Miller Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33124 (305)284-2241

Sunday, Nov 10:
Oriente - The Van Dyke 9pm. Lincoln Rd & Jefferson. www.thevandykecafe.com (also 12/8)

Wednesday, Nov 13:
Gold Coast Jazz Society presents The Frank Derrick Big Band, A Tribute to Buddy Rich, 7:45pm. $40 ($10 students w/ valid ID) Amaturo Theater/Broward PAC, 201 SW 5th Ave., Ft. Laud, FL 33312 (954)462-0222.

Friday, Nov 15:
Henry Mancini Institute Jazz Sextet, 8pm. UM Gusman, 1314 Miller Dr, Coral Gables, 33124 (305)284-2241

Oriente at Le Chat Noir – Wine Cellar Bistro, 9pm. 2 South Miami Ave., Downtown Miami, FL 33131

Saturday, Nov 16:
3 Cohens Sextet, 8pm. Miniaci PAC. $40. 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd., Davie, FL 33314 (954)462-0222.

Oriente – 7-10pm at Cuenca’s Montecristo Lounge 1925 Harrison St., Hollywood 33020 (also 12/21)

Tuesday, Nov 19:
The Swing & Jazz Preservation Society presents TheDuffy Jackson Big Band, 7:30pm. Pine Crest School, 2700 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33434 (561)470-0095.

Gary Campbell Quartet, 9pm. Van Dyke Cafe ($5 cover at tables) 846 Lincoln Rd. Miami Bch (305)534-3600.
SJO’s 27th Anniversary continued…
Of course the room was filled with anticipation but, by this time, it was also filling up with folks… family, friends and fans, coming to check it out, the whole scene, some even came for the music. The Trio took the stage first- and as we strolled down memory lane they had folks dancing in the aisles. These guys were phenomenal. They never missed a beat, and it was like they had played together just the day before. They were all hyped. Not just about the gig, but about being here, about the vibe, and hyped about being reconnected, if only for a moment.

Ladies and gentlemen this was also evident in the performance of Ms. Sandy Patton. If you recall, Sandy was a featured vocalist with the Quartet back in the day, and for years it has been her wish to come back to Miami and feel the warmth of “down home”. Her original composition “My Friend Joan” was written for and about four South Florida women who share the name “Joan” and, as two of them were in the house, it was an especially touching moment. She scatted her way thru some familiar standards and had the house in tears on others. Sandy was in rare form that day, and she was ready for the Billy Marcus Trio and the demands from the house.

To continue…I neglected to inform you of our other “special guests”. On the scene and sharing the stage was Mel Dancy who treated us to a version of what has become his signature tune “Miami Miami”. This, as you know, is an original composition, and has been adopted by Avenue D as “their” song. We’re still waiting for the City to adopt this as one of the official tunes for the “Magic City”. More icing on the cake was the appearance of the “Brothers 2”, Jesse Jones and Melton Mustafa. Being in rare form just doesn’t seem to fit them anymore. As Usual, they were awesome. We are all aware of Melton’s medical condition, so it was especially poignant to see (and hear) this man in action. You should have been there. And if you were there, you know that this was a most memorable evening. Thank you for being part of the 27th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE SUNSHINE JAZZ ORGANIZATION

MORE SOUTH FLORIDA JAZZ
Wednesday, Nov 20:
Jazz at The Wertheim presents The FIU Big Band, 7:30pm. Wertheim Concert Hall at FIU, 10910 SW 17th Street, Miami, FL 33199 (305)348-0496. Tickets $15/$10/$5.

Saturday, Nov 23:
Miami Sax Quartet @ Hollywood Young Circle ArtsPark, Opening Set by UM Frost School of Music “Stamps Jazz Quintet”. 7pm-11pm FREE

Sunday, Nov 24: SJO Concert Series presents Mel Dancy & LeNard Rutledge, 4pm at Avenue D Jazz & Blues.

Tuesday, Nov 26:
"Six Decades of Latin Jazz" presented by Nat Chediak, Jazz History Lecture Series, 7pm at WDNA Jazz Gallery, 2921 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33145 (305)662-8889 FREE
Friday, Nov 29: JAZZ at MOCA - Aaron Lebos Reality 8pm. 770 NE 125th St., North Miami (305)893-6211.

Friday, Dec 6: Music in The Park, presented by Mia-Dade Commissioner Barbara Jordan, Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver Gilbert, and the Sunshine Jazz Organization. Features Alice Day; Dave Nuby Band 6:30-9pm FREE 3000 NW 199 St., Miami Gardens, Fl 33056. Info (305)474-3011

Miami Jazz & Film Society concert “New World School of the Arts H.S. Jazz Combo”, 6-10pm (free) African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22nd Ave., Miami, FL 33142 (305)638-6771 www.miamijazzsociety.com

Wednesday, Dec 11: Shelly Berg Trio w/ vocalist Tierney Sutton, presented by Gold Coast Jazz Society, 7:45pm. Amaturo Theater/Broward CPA $40 ($10 students w/ valid ID) 201 SW 5th Ave., Ft. Laud, FL 33312

The Dale Powers Band with Jesse Jones Jr., 7-11pm Council Oak Restaurant in the Seminole Hard Rock Casino, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, FL 33314 (954)327-7501 (also Dec 18)


Friday, Dec 20: Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra w/ Wynton Marsalis, 8pm. Knight Concert Hall, 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33132 (305)949-6722.

Sunday, Dec 22: SJO presents Alice Day! 4pm at Avenue D Jazz & Blues Lounge, 8 South Miami Ave., 331

The Arts Garage Delray Beach 180 NE First St., Delray Beach, FL 33444 (561)450-6357. www.artsgarage.org

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