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SUNSHINE JAZZ ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED IN AUGUST OF 1986 TO HELP SUPPORT AMERICA'S INDIGENOUS MUSIC - JAZZ. WE HOPE TO FOSTER AND ENHANCE INTEREST AND APPRECIATION OF OUR BELOVED MUSIC, TO PROMOTE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC, AND ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FLORIDA'S JAZZ TALENT.

The SJO is online!
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The Sunshine Jazz Organization

In our 29th Season of Jazz Services in South Florida!
 We invite you to celebrate the beginning of another wonderful season with the SJO and our Jazz family.

Our 29th year anniversary celebration on September 26th was a fantastic evening to remember and cherish. Dear friend and maestro Hammond B-3 organist, Dr. Lonnie Smith, came out in full force and blew the roof off of the ballroom filled with an ecstatic, capacity crowd. We cannot thank him enough for honoring the history and the members of our Sunshine Jazz Organization family. The year 2016 will mark SJO's 30th anniversary and we hope "The Doctor" will come back to pay us a visit!



Be sure to join us for the final two concerts of the year at our 4th Sunday monthly *Sunshine Jazz Concert Series* at Miami Shores Country Club on November 22nd with Latin Jazz quintet "Oriente", and a very special holiday concert on December 28th featuring "Ms. Alice Day & Friends".

Music in the Park!

Presented the first Friday in May and in December. We are very pleased to announce the date of the second installment of our bi-annual community concert series "Music in the Park", on Friday December 4th from 6:30pm-9:00pm. This free event is co-sponsored with Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan along with City of Miami Gardens Councilwoman Lillie Q. Odom.

Twice each year, in early May and again in early December, SJO joins with Commissioner Jordan and Miami Gardens to present an event that allows the whole community to enjoy a wonderful evening of live music and culture. They get to hear and dance to some of South Florida's finest Jazz and Blues musicians for free and under the stars. December 4th will feature jazz and gospel diva Maryel Epps, and for a great dose of the blues we'll have the King of South Florida blues, Joey Gilmore!

Save the date and spread the word. Join us on Friday Dec. 4th from 6:30pm-9pm at Betty T. Ferguson Recreation Complex amphitheater. All ages enjoy ample seating or bring a lawn chair, there is a snack bar and plenty of free parking. 3000 NW 199th St., Miami Gardens, FL 33056. For info call 305-474-3011.



Thanks for a fantastic show and 29th yr. celebration!
SJO President Keith Valles with Dr. Lonnie Smith and Executive Director Mrs. Thelma Valles. 9/26/15



Miami-Dade County Commissioner
Barbara J. Jordan, City of Miami Gardens
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and the Sunshine Jazz Organization

Present
Music in the Park
Free!
Rain or Shine!

Friday, December 4, 2015
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Miami Gardens, Florida 33056
Call (305) 474-3011 for more information!

Joey Gilmore & Maryel Epps, Dec 4th Music in the Park



SJO Featured Event

Join us every 4th Sunday monthly from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at Miami Shores Country Club for the *Sunshine Jazz Concert Series*. South Florida’s best jazz musicians are presented Live in the Lounge, with full bar and menu, lovely views of the golf course, and free parking. General Admission is \$20 and \$15 for SJO members. As always, admission is FREE when you become a member or renew your SJO membership at the door. 10000 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Shores, FL 33138 (305)795-2360.



***SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016 – CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH IRA SULLIVAN!**

SJO Community Workshops

MANY THANKS TO...

EDUCATOR AND MUSICIAN, STEVE GRYB

For another great season of Arts in the Park, SJO’s free community workshops.



JAMES COTMON WITH GEORGE TANDY, SR.



For your awesome participation with our appreciative and interactive Revelations Community Education Center’s “Drum and Rhythm” workshop audience.



***PLEASE GIVE BACK TO OUR JAZZ MUSICIAN COMMUNITY**

An online fundraising site has been set up for Mel Dancy.



SJO member and dear friend Mel Dancy is a legendary South Florida musician.

Mel is a beloved figure who has entertained us for decades with his cool, cabaret style, amazing voice, and witty, raucous charm. Please show your support. Mel needs help to recover and return home...

Visit <http://www.gofundme.com/meldancy>

SOUTH FLORIDA JAZZ SPOTS

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Jazz Roots @ The Adrienne Arsht PAC 1300 Biscayne Blvd, Miami 33132. www.arshtcenter.org
Le Chat Noir Jazz & Wine Cellar 2 South Miami Ave., Downtown Miami 33130 www.lechatnoirdesalis.com.
WDNA Jazz Encounters and Jazz Gallery Events 2921 Coral Way, Miami 33145 www.wdna.org
Olympia Theater Lobby Jazz Wednesdays monthly 174 E. Flagler St, Miami 33130 www.miamijazzsociety.com
Miami Jazz Coop Monday Rent Parties Open Stage Club 8pm, Coral Gables 33134 www.miamijazz.org/
Books & Books Café Friday-Saturday 7:30pm. 265 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables (305)442- 4408.
The Fish House 10000 SW 56th St., Miami, FL 33165 (305)595-8453. www.thefishhouse.com/
Ball & Chain 1513 SW 8th St, Little Havana Miami 33135 (305)643-7820 www.ballandchainmiami.com
Maxine's Bistro 1732 Collins Ave., Miami Beach 33139 (305)674-1160.
Blue Martini 8405 Mills Drive #205, Miami, 33183. (305)630-2583.
Lagniappe House , 3425 NE 2nd Ave., Miami, 33137.
4th Fridays JAZZ at MOCA 8pm. mocanomi.org
Soyka Restaurant Lounge Fri-Sat 9pm 5556 NE 4th Ct, Miami (305)759-3117 www.soykarestaurant.com
Ventana al Jazz, Mary Brickell Village, 3rd Friday monthly 7-10pm. 900 South Miami Ave. FREE
South Miami-Dade CAC www.smdcac.com

BROWARD COUNTY

Blue Jean Blues – Live Jazz & Blues 7 days 3320 NE 33rd St, Ft. Laud. 33308. www.bjblive.com
Riverwalk Sunday Jazz Brunch 1st Sun. monthly 11am – 2pm. Riverwalk, 201 SW 5th Ave, Ft. Laud
Council Oak at Seminole Hard Rock 7pm. 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood 33314 (954)327-7501.
Café Vico 1225 N. Federal Hwy, Ft. Laud 33304. (954)565-9681
All That Jazz Cafe & Grill 3491 N. Hiatus Rd., Sunrise, FL 33351 (954)572-08216.
Tavolinos 10181 West Sample Rd, Coral Springs, FL 33065 (954) 509-0046 www.tavolinorestaurant.com

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Arts Garage Delray Beach www.artsgarage.org
Heidi's Jazz Club Cocoa Bch www.Heidisjazzclub.com

LOCAL JAZZ ORGANIZATION

Women In Jazz South Florida

www.wjjsf.com

Swing & Jazz Preservation Society

www.swingandjazzpreservationsociety.org.

South Florida Jazz

www.southfloridajazz.org/

All About Jazz

www.allaboutjazz.com/

Gold Coast Jazz Society

www.goldcoastjazz.org

Jazz & Blues Florida

www.Jazzbluesflorida.com/

South Florida Jazz Hall of Fame

<http://southfloridajazzhalloffame.blogspot.com/>

Miami Jazz Coop www.miamijazz.org/

JAMS www.jamsociety.org/

Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues www.jazzsociety.org

Miami Jazz & Film Society www.miamijazzsociety.com

JAZZIZ Magazine www.jazziz.com

Jazzonion www.jazzonian.org/

JAZZ RESOURCES!

Musicians & Venues can input gigs directly to Jeanette Piña southfloridajazzlist@gmail.com
For weekly e-listing "South Florida (and beyond) Jazz Events" <http://southfloridajazzlist.com/>
www.facebook.com/southfloridajazzlist; and to All About Jazz www.jazznearyou.com.



WLRN 91.3 FM JAZZ RADIO HOST, TRACY FIELDS

MON-FRI 9:30pm-1am: "Evenin' Jazz" www.facebook.com/TheRealTracyFields

SAT 8pm-12am: "Jazz Works", SUN 8pm-12am: "Night Train" w/Ted Grossman.

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Please print and mail back to SJO with your level of support. Thank you!

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<i>The SJO has been promoting Jazz since 1986. Thanks for your support!</i>	
2015-16	
Membership Rates (please check one) New _____ Renewal _____	
\$25 Student/Musician _____	\$40 Individual _____
\$50 Family _____	\$75 Org/Donor _____
\$100 Sponsor _____	\$250 Patron _____
\$500 Corporate _____	\$Other _____
www.SunshineJazz.org	



The Sunshine Jazz Organization has been promoting Jazz awareness, education and performances since our first official “SJO” meeting at the “1330 Club”, aka the Miami home of China and Thelma Valles, back in 1986. Though we sadly lost our iconic leader, China Valles “The Mahj” on December 17, 2014, we vowed to move forward in honor of his esteemed legacy and lifelong passion for Jazz. The Sunshine Jazz Organization continues to be in the forefront of South Florida’s cultural arts community with year-round programming offering all ages a LIVE JAZZ experience.

The Sunshine Jazz Messenger Newsletter has been in publication since 1987 and is also available online. It is a valuable source for Jazz news with a Calendar of Events, Jazz venues, plus affordable promotion opportunities. As a Miami-based, non-profit entity, SJO’s mission is to create and promote Jazz awareness through our diverse, year-round programming. SJO produces opportunities for audiences of all ages to experience the beauty and importance of America’s precious, indigenous, classical music, JAZZ!

Memorable SJO presentations and events include - Miami-Dade County Dept. of Cultural Affairs Council elects SJO as Service Organization for all Jazz Artists... Round Midnight Premier, 1986 Inaugural SJO Event...2nd Anniversary w/ Diane Schuur... AFJS Convention features Freddy Cole ...A-Train to New Orleans...Jazz on Wheels Summer Parks Series...Musicians in Crisis Fund-Raisers for: Steve Bagby, Mike Gerber, Pete Minger... Jazz Jams for Youth Series... 10th Anniversary w/ Stanley Turrentine, Arturo Sandoval ...MOCA Jazz Concerts Co-Sponsor ...15th Anniversary w/ Houston Person...Arts in Parks..Magic City Jazz Series... Miami-Dade County Fair Jazz Showcase, co-sponsored w/ DAC...Joseph Caleb Center...Tribute to Bill Withers Concert & Film Screening ... Co-Sponsor Annual South Florida Jazz Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies 2009-2015...25th Anniversary w/ Melton Mustafa Orchestra and Allan Harris..28th Anniversary Tribute to Nat & Cannonball Adderley featuring Melton Mustafa and Jesse Jones, Jr...29th Anniversary with Dr. Lonnie Smith... Art Deco Fests 2013-16 featuring JECC Youth Jazz Ensembles, Director Nicole Yarling.. Bi-Annual Music in the Park, Co-Sponsor w/ Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan... Miami Shores Sunshine Jazz Concert Series...

Sunshine Jazz Organization’s programs are presented with The support of The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, The Cultural Affairs Council, The Miami-Dade County Mayor and The Board of County Commissioners.

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