



Sierra Jazz Society Newsletter Volume II - Issue 2 Spring 2008

"Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire." — Gustav Mahler

JAZZ EXTRAVAGANZA

**local musicians donate their talents for
Jazz Camp Scholarship Fund**

When: Thursday April 24

- 7:00 p.m. show
- 8:30 p.m. show

Where: Sierra Center For Positive Living
112 Florence Avenue, Grass Valley

A lovely new venue, the Sierra Center is newly renovated, intimate and comfortable. Parking at the back of the GV Veterans Hall on 255 S. Auburn. Use the gate pass thru to Florence Avenue. Handicapped parking available.

Who: Lots of local jazz players: Bill Douglass, Steve Holland, Erin Gailsduaghter, Nora Nausbaum, Kit Bailey, Ty Smith, Motoshi Kosako, Gary Upton, Daryl van Druff, Greg Perkins, Bob Claire, Al Bent, Joe Berry.

Cost: \$10 each show.

Contact Sierra Jazz Society for information:
nora@sierrajazzsociety.com, 273-2393.

Jazz Camp Concerts

Jazz Camp concerts will be held at the Miner's Foundry in Nevada City.

Faculty Concert: Tuesday July 15, 7 pm

This evening concert kicks off Jazz Camp, which starts the next morning at the Nevada City School of the Arts.



**Student Concert:
Sunday, July 20, 3 pm**

It's going to be another
great concert!

Junior Jazz Camp May 18

Junior Jazz Camp is a fun workshop offered again this Spring. It's two hours of music-making for young musicians ages 8-12 that develops musical imagination, rhythm, and listening to others.

When: May 18 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Where: Nevada County Superintendent of Schools building, Nevada City

How: Register and pay by May 11. Cost: \$30.

Use this link learn more or to pay online:
www.sierrajazzsociety.com/jrjazzcamp.html

Contact Julia Glasse for more information:
julia@sierrajazzsociety.com or call (530) 273-0568.

Jazz in the News: The Brain and Jazz

As reported in the San Francisco Examiner March 10, 2008 by Lauran Neergaard, AP.

"Scientists inspired by the legendary improvisation of Miles Davis and John Coltrane are peering inside the brains of today's jazz musicians to learn where creativity comes from..."

"This isn't just a curiosity for jazz fans but a bold experiment in the neuroscience of music, a field that's booming as researchers realize that music illuminates how the brain works. How we play and hear music provides a window into most everyday cognitive functions - from attention to emotion to memory - that in turn may help find treatments for brain disorders. . ."

To read the whole article, go to:

http://www.examiner.com/a-1270260~Study_Creativity_Jazzes_Your_Brain.html

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Jazz Camp on NCTV

Watch local cable NCTV for 30 minutes of beautiful music and an interview with Bill Douglass. Lew Sitzer, NCTV Executive Director interviews Bill about Jazz Camp 2008, and the tradition of improvising. Bill and a few jazz campers play Summertime and the Blues. To watch it on google video, use this link: video.google.com/videoplay?docid=8490481324212871880

Silent Auction to Benefit Jazz Camp Scholarship Fund

Bid on music lessons, music accessories and dinner for 2 while helping the Jazz Camp Scholarship Fund. This auction will be held just prior to the Faculty Concert on Tuesday July 15 at the Miners Foundry.

If you are a business person and would like to donate a related auction item, please contact Sierra Jazz Society 530-273-2393.

Silent Auction proceeds benefit the Sierra Jazz Society Jazz Camp scholarship fund.

Jazz Camp Dates

Come join the fun this July! Bill Douglass and faculty again offer Jazz Camp for all ages, all instruments and voice.

July 16 to 19
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Nevada City School of the Arts on Bitney Springs Rd.

Tuition of \$450 includes:

- Daily lunch
- 2 tickets to the Faculty Concert
- 2 tickets to the Student Concert

Scholarships and work-study plans are available. Contact Julia Glasse for more information: julia@sierrajazzsociety.com or call (530) 273-0568.

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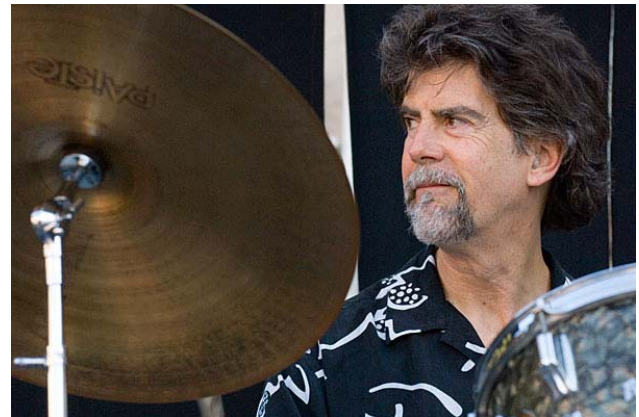
Sierra Jazz Society has discerned a need in our community for young musicians to be able to play instruments with better tone and response.



If you have a mid-level (or better) instrument sitting around, please consider donating it.

Contact Nora Nausbaum at 273-2393. Thank you so much.

Sierra Jazz Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your donation may be tax-deductible. Please consult your tax professional.



New Faculty Member Jim Zimmerman

Jim Zimmerman replaces Eddie Marshall on the Jazz Camp Faculty for 2008. We are delighted to welcome him as our new drumming instructor.

Jim has recorded and toured with the legendary jazz pianist Vince Guaraldi, the British jazz singer Cleo Laine, and Grammy winning jazz vocalist Dianne Schuur. Jim plays in the Bay Area doing recording, studio and show work. As staff percussionist and drummer at the Circle Star Theater, he performed with everyone from Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett to the Temptations, Spinners, and Jackson Five. He is a graduate of the San Francisco Conservatory.

Jim has composed works for Cleo Laine and has written original music for vibraphone. He will be joining his long-time friends at the Faculty Concert and at Jazz Camp.