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### **SJO's Silver Anniversary Celebration Met All Expectations!**

Twenty-five years of love and jazz came together with seamless beauty as SJO members, musicians, dignitaries, friends and fans filled the Joseph Caleb Auditorium on September 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the milestone moment for South Florida's oldest jazz organization. An elegant cocktail reception greeted guests in the theatre's foyer, decorated with dozens of red roses and large black & white framed jazz photos accompanied by guitarist Eddy Balzola's soulful music. Wine and a variety of fabulous catered foods were offered followed by a huge 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake, but the real sweets started on stage just after 8pm as three divine songbirds were introduced by the evening's esteemed emcee hosts, Ms. Tracy Fields and Mr. Len Pace. *Continued Page 3*

### **Jazz In The Park, Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Barbara J. Jordan, re-launches her "Jazz In The Park" series on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-9:30pm. Commissioner Jordan intends for families to be provided with wholesome activities that will foster a strong sense of community. The event will be hosted by Ed Williams and will feature: Florida Memorial Jazz Band, Jesse Jones, Jr., George Tandy, Sr. and Spoken Word Artists. Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex, Amphitheater, 3000 N.W. 199 Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33056.



## **GINNY'S JAZZ NOTES**

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(please call venues for scheduling updates)

**TIGERTAIL Presents *James Blood Ulmer Trio*** Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm.  
Colony Theatre, 1040 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach. Tickets (305)324-4337.  
[www.tigertail.org](http://www.tigertail.org)

**MIAMI JAZZ FEST** November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, at The Klipsch Amphitheater at Bayfront Park downtown Miami. Featured artists include Bucky Pizzarelli, Monty Alexander, Giacomo Gates, Jesse Jones, Jr. and much more. <http://miamijazzfest.com/>

**U.M. FROST School of Music** at Gusman Concert Hall presents: Nov 27: Frost Jazz Vocal Ensemble II and III with Jeremy Fox and Kelly Garner; Nov 29: Frost Concert Jazz Band with Ira Sullivan and Dante Luciani. 8pm - Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$10 Seniors, FREE for UM Students 1314 Miller Rd, Coral Gables, FL 33124 [www.music.miami.edu/concerts](http://www.music.miami.edu/concerts).

**THE CAFÉ At Books & Books** Features live jazz and world music on Fridays and Saturdays. 7:30pm-11:30pm. November 17<sup>th</sup> Daniel Susnjar Trio featuring Martin Bejerano; December 22<sup>nd</sup> Eddy Balzola & Oriente. 265 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables FL 33134. (305)442-4408. [www.booksandbooks.com](http://www.booksandbooks.com)

**JAZZ AT PINECREST GARDENS** December 8<sup>th</sup> *The Rodriguez Brothers* 8:00pm.  
“...sophisticated, rhythmic arrangements, effortlessly interpreted and conveyed by some incredibly gifted players.” Nate Chinen, The New York Times. Pinecrest Gardens 11000 Red Road, Pinecrest, FL 33156. Info (305)669-6990. <http://www.pinecrest-fl.gov>

**TIGERTAIL Presents** a Concert by Dutch trumpeter Eric Vloeimans and German pianist Florian Weber. Tuesday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, Coral Gables Congregational Church, 3010 DeSoto Blvd., Coral Gables FL 33134. Tickets: Online [www.tigertail.org](http://www.tigertail.org), or call 305 324 4337.  
[www.communityartsprogram.org](http://www.communityartsprogram.org)

**LOTZ Concert Series** South Miami's Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7701 SW 76th Ave. (305)667-3697. [http://uumia.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=39&Itemid=61](http://uumia.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=39&Itemid=61)



### SJO's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary continued...

Ms. Alice Day, Ms. Yvonne Brown and Ms. Brenda Alford shared songs and words, backed by an amazing ensemble including Rick Doll on bass, James Cotman on drums, and Miguel De La Cerna (Ms. Day's band mate from Chicago) on piano. They were absolutely magnificent as they opened the evening with deeply touching music and personal reflections on many shared SJO moments. Their finale honored dear friend and colleague, Chief Sandrell Rivers, backed by a beautiful video photo montage tribute. The Divas totally penetrated every heart in the audience.



Following the fabulous opening set was a Proclamation presented by Vice Chairwoman District 3, Audrey Edmonson on behalf of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners. It stated that "September 15th, 2012 is proclaimed Sunshine Jazz Organization's 25th Anniversary Day"! SJO Board Members, along with President Emeritus China Valles and Thelma Valles, filed on stage to accept the great honor. A brief intermission was followed by VIP Awards honoring Melton Mustafa along with Bernadine Bush, Tracy Fields, Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson, Len Pace and Holly Spillane.



At this juncture of the evening, Miami's spectacular Melton Mustafa Orchestra with its 17 members took the stage in full force! Maestro trumpeter Mr. Mustafa was in top form, full of wit, soul and appreciation for the occasion. It was evident he felt great as he led his extraordinary group of top notch players, joined by brother Jesse Jones, Jr. and son Melton Rahsaan Mustafa. The band was tight and so cool as they ran through original and classic songbooks. Then, an awaited highlight of the evening was the sassy and swinging addition of Mr. Allan Harris! Voice, charm and soul to boot, Harris traveled from Harlem to Miami just for this special tribute and was the icing on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake! Truly a fabulous celebration for SJO's quarter century of Jazz.





## **MANNY ABOUT TOWN**

By: Manny Meland

Mourning in Miami  
Big Poppa 'E'

It was a Sunday evening when a crowd gathered at the Stage nightclub in Miami. Friends and musicians came to pay their respects to our fallen blues brother Musi, "Big Poppa E" Faisal, who died suddenly after suffering a heart attack. He was 64 years old.

Musi took up the harmonica as a teen. "I got hooked on the mouth organ after hearing Sonny Terry and Brownie McGee play," he told me. Actually, he started his career as a percussionist with Hodges, James & Smith back in the early 70s. He continued playing backup for R&B legends Ike & Tina Turner, folk artist John Prine, avant garde saxophonist Joseph Jarman, soul pop legend Bill Withers, and at Sussex Records with Bobbi Hall.

Fortunately, he had a good ear for music, which enabled him to learn several other instruments, including the guitar. Poppa played anywhere between four and six gigs a week, from Key West to Palm Beach, even on Calle Ocho in the heart of Little Havana. That's where I found Big Poppa E and his band jamming last year. "Blues can happen anywhere," he exclaimed, "even here at this Cuban 'Casa Panza'."

He introduced some of his band mates as his white brothers. "You don't have to be black to play the blues," he opined. As a matter of fact, he and Jerry Lane of West Court Island records co-wrote a blues hit called "White Men Can Play the Blues."

Interspersed with his busy performance schedule, Poppa ran his own "Black Owl Music" record label. The year 2006 was good, with three albums released. His song "Terraplane" was nominated as Blues Song of the Year by the International Academy of Independent Artists

Big Poppa E and the E Band had a steady Monday night gig at Tobacco Road. On Monday, Sept. 3rd, Saxophonist Felipe Lamoglia, trumpeter Jowee Omicil, and guitarist Papa Joe of the E Band, played a final session as a tribute to their fallen leader. At the Stage nightclub, the tribute to the life and music of Big Poppa E took place on Sept. 23rd. Several bands signed up to perform. However, time constraints allowed only blues bands - Iko Iko with singer/fiddler Nicole Yarling, Electric Piquette, and the Nil Lara Band to play.

The funeral was held on August 30 at the Muslim Cemetery of South Florida in Hialeah Gardens.

"Swing low, sweet chariot, waiting for to carry 'you' home".

Welcome new Board Member Georgette Daniels.

## SOUTH FLORIDA JAZZ HAPPENINGS

(call ahead for scheduling updates)

**DELRAY BEACH ARTS GARAGE** 3rd Annual South Florida Boogie Woogie Piano Festival, Thursday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> [www.artsgarage.org](http://www.artsgarage.org);  
[www.facebook.com/DelrayArtsGarage](http://www.facebook.com/DelrayArtsGarage)

### **Jazz Roots 5th Season@ Adrienne Arsht Pac Miami December 14th**

December 14<sup>th</sup>: Super Sax Starring Maceo Parker And Candy Dulfer - Dedicated to the irresistible grooves of the Jazz-Funk genre, with a spotlight on the Super Sax!; January 11th, 2013 - Jazz And The Philharmonic Featuring Bobby McFerrin, Chick Corea, Dave Grusin, Eric Owens, Terence Blanchard, Mark O'Connor, Shelly Berg plus the University of Miami Frost School of Music Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra, and YoungArts All-Star Alumni. 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33132. <http://www.arshtcenter.org/perform/>

**Blue Jean Blues** – Fort Lauderdale’s Jazz and Blues Club with Live Music Seven Days A Week! *Oriente* – Latin Jazz Tuesdays Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>; *Danny Burger’s* Wednesday Jazz Showcase. 3320 NE 33rd St., Ft. Laud 33308 (954)306-6330 (2 blocks north of Oakland Park Blvd., just west of A1A). <http://www.bluejeanblues.net>

**WDNA Jazz Encounters** Monthly at WDNA Jazz Gallery [www.wdna.org](http://www.wdna.org)

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846 Lincoln Rd, Miami Beach (305)534-3600. [www.thevandykecafe.com](http://www.thevandykecafe.com)

**Miami Shores Country Club** 10000 Biscayne Blvd., Miami Shores, FL (305)795-2360  
<http://www.miamishoresgolf.com>

**SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch** Every 1st Sunday 11am-2pm, Riverwalk, along the New River, Ft. Laud. (954)828-5363. <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/events/jazzbrunch/jazzbrunch.htm>

**Aventura Arts & Cultural Center** 3385 NE 188th St., Aventura. [www.AventuraCenter.org](http://www.AventuraCenter.org)



## Celebrating the Lives of Ingrid and Jaco Pastorius, Sunday Dec. 2nd



Elizabeth Ingrid Horn-Muller married Grammy Award winning South Florida Jazz Hall of Famer, electric bass virtuoso and innovator, composer and legend, Jaco Pastorius, in 1978. The charismatic couple traveled the world as he toured and recorded with seminal groups including Joni Mitchell, and Weather Report with Wayne Shorter and Joe Zawinul. They had twin sons, Julius and Felix, before his untimely death by a beating in 1987, and since then Ingrid has been tireless in her activism and support of music, art, youth, education, health, nature, their children, jazz and Jaco's artistic legacy.

In the last two decades she had spearheaded several causes including the naming of "Jaco Pastorius Park" in his childhood Oakland Park Ft. Lauderdale neighborhood, music in schools initiatives and, along with her musician sons, presented an annual celebration of Jaco's December 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, with

musical events held in South Florida plus NYC. Tragically, Ingrid passed away suddenly on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 just two days before the annual Jaco Celebration, as musicians from near and far were flying in to participate in the concerts. As hundreds turned out to mourn her on that same Sunday afternoon in the garden of their Deerfield Beach home, the family decided to carry on. The "celebration" planned for that evening turned into a grand memorial for Ingrid and a deeply moving tribute to her and to Jaco.

Join family and friends on Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5pm-11pm to celebrate these two beautiful artists. Native Florida Tap Room & Music Hall, 2006 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, FL 33020. Event info at <https://www.facebook.com/events/400021173384377/?ref=ts&fref=ts>



## Jazz DJ, Stu Grant, Remembers Mentor/ Dad, Alan Grant

Alan Grant, world famous jazz DJ, producer and musician, passed away (October 12th, 2012) after an amazing 93 years on earth. After buying his first saxophone as a teenager in Brooklyn with money won from a craps game, he went on to play in the Army band in WWII, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, was an Honor Guard for General Patton's funeral and later became an iconic jazz disc jockey who basically brought jazz music to the masses in the 1950s and 60s.

### **Alan Grant continued...**

As the founder of the WABC New York "Portraits in Jazz" radio show, and producing live recordings from Half Note and Birdland he came to know ALL of the leading names in jazz. He hosted a Friday night show at the Village Vanguard club in New York City where every jazz musician that even sort of mattered played on a regular basis.

He was friendly with Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, Charlie Parker, Billy Holiday, Stan Getz, Duke Ellington, John Coltrane, Wes Montgomery and just about anyone else who was involved in Jazz between the 1950s and 1990s. He later spent over 15 years in Las Vegas, hosting shows that broadcast live jazz to over 150 public radio stations worldwide bringing the best talent known to America's desert playground.

On top of his amazing professional career which took him from NYC to Las Vegas to Miami to New Zealand, he loved his eccentric New Zealand-born wife, Gigi, and his four children, all of whom became artists to some way or another- three directly in jazz music! His son, Stu Grant, a jazz fixture here in South Florida since 1972 has his dearly beloved father Alan to thank for turning him on to America's true art form and will always remember being at some of those monumental jazz moments in New York during a groundbreaking period for many jazz greats. Dad, I'll miss more than you know you but you'll always be in my heart... All my love always! – Stu (Jazzyguy1948@aol.com)

Some more information on Alan:

1967 Judge of Grammy Awards

1968 Grammy Award for Half Note Club N.Y. Broadcast of Wes Montgomery's "Willow Weep For Me" album.

1971 Billboard Magazine - Top Jazz Broadcaster

1988 World Expo '88 Australia - World Music Award

1989 New York 7th Annual Music Award

Stations:

WLIR [Long Island NY] 1951

WBAB [Long Island NY] 1953

WTMI [Long Island NY] 1953

WRFM [New York NY] 1957

WWRL [New York] 1959

WABC-FM [New York] 1962

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KNPR [Las Vegas] 1982



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**Downtown Jazz by Miami Jazz Society** Nov 14th and Dec 12th: Students from UM Jazz Band; Jan 9: Yvonne Brown and Gary Thomas Trio, 7-10pm at Sky Lounge, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor of 100 SE Second Street, Miami 33131; Dec 11th from Noon-2pm: Oriente, Latin Jazz in the Plaza of the SE Financial Center 200 South Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33131. Info (305)684-4564. Free Downtown Miami Film and Jazz Concert Series. [www.MiamiJazzSociety.com](http://www.MiamiJazzSociety.com)

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**South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center** Box Office (786) 573-5300  
Located 10950 SW 211 St., Cutler Bay 33189 [www.smdcac.org](http://www.smdcac.org)

**Jazz at Pinecrest Gardens** (305)669-6990. <http://pinecrest-fl.gov/index.aspx?page=440>

**Women In Jazz South Florida Inc.** Joan Cartwright, Director (954)740-3398. [www.wijsf.org](http://www.wijsf.org)

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## **SOUTH FLORIDA JAZZ HAPPENINGS...**

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**“Bright Moments In Jazz”** by Howard Moss, Jazz drummer/photographer. [moss@movision.com](mailto:moss@movision.com)

### **ONGOING** *(call venues for scheduling updates)*

**MONDAY** Churchill's: Jazz Jam hosted by Mike Wood, 9pm, 5501 NE 2nd Ave. Miami, (305)757-1807. [www.churchillspub.com](http://www.churchillspub.com); **TUESDAY** Jazz @ Jazid 9pm. 1342 Washington Ave. Miami Bch (305)673.9372; Boca Bar & Grill: Riverside Jazz Band 7pm, 6299 N. Federal Hwy, Boca Raton (561)995-1007. [www.riversidejazzband.com](http://www.riversidejazzband.com); Latin Jazz Tuesdays @ Blue Jean Blues [www.bluejeanblues.net](http://www.bluejeanblues.net); **WEDNESDAY** Danny Burger's Musician Showcase at Blue Jean Blues; Luna Star Café: Donna Blue & Brian Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Weds. 775 NE 125<sup>th</sup> St, N. Miami (305)866-1816. [www.lunastarcafe.com](http://www.lunastarcafe.com); **THURSDAY** Loews Hotel Hemisphere Lounge - Nicole Henry 8pm. 1601 Collins Ave, Miami Bch. [www.loewshotels.com](http://www.loewshotels.com); Sound of Vision @ Blue Jean Blues, 8pm; **FRIDAY** Café at Books & Books: Jazz & World music. 7pm. 265 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables 33134. (305)442- 4408. [www.booksandbooks.com](http://www.booksandbooks.com); **SATURDAY** Troy Anderson's Wonderful World Band at Blue Jean Blues, 9pm; **SUNDAY** Songstress Sundays @ Blue Jean Blues, 11am – 8pm; Boteco Brazilian Bar - Rose Max & Ramatis, Brazilian Jazz. 8pm. Last Sunday monthly. 916 NE 79th St., Miami 33138. (305)757-7737 [www.Botecomiami.com](http://www.Botecomiami.com); **FRI- SAT** Globe Café & Bar, 377 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables (305)445-3555 [www.theglobecafe.com](http://www.theglobecafe.com); Twin Spires Tavern at Calder Casino: Fri-Sat 10pm - Blues, Jazz, R&B (305)625-1311. [www.caldercasino.com](http://www.caldercasino.com); **7 DAYS** Upstairs at The Van Dyke Café (305)534.3600 [www.thevandykecafe.com](http://www.thevandykecafe.com); Blue Jean Blues [www.bluejeanblues.net](http://www.bluejeanblues.net); **MORE** Arts at St John's on the Lake, 4760 Pine Tree Dr., Miami Beach <http://artsatstjohns.com>; Bossa Nova Lounge @ Doral Resort: 8pm-11pm. [www.doralresort.com](http://www.doralresort.com); Biltmore Hotel [www.biltmorehotel.com](http://www.biltmorehotel.com); The Funky Bisquit – Jazz & Blues [www.funkybiscuit.com](http://www.funkybiscuit.com); Catalina Hotel 1732 Collins Ave., Miami Bch [www.catalinasouthbeach.com](http://www.catalinasouthbeach.com); Crescendo Jazz & Blues, 2201 Biscayne Blvd. Miami [www.crescendojazzandblues.com](http://www.crescendojazzandblues.com); Cocoa Beach Heidi's Jazz Club [Heidisjazzclub.com](http://Heidisjazzclub.com).



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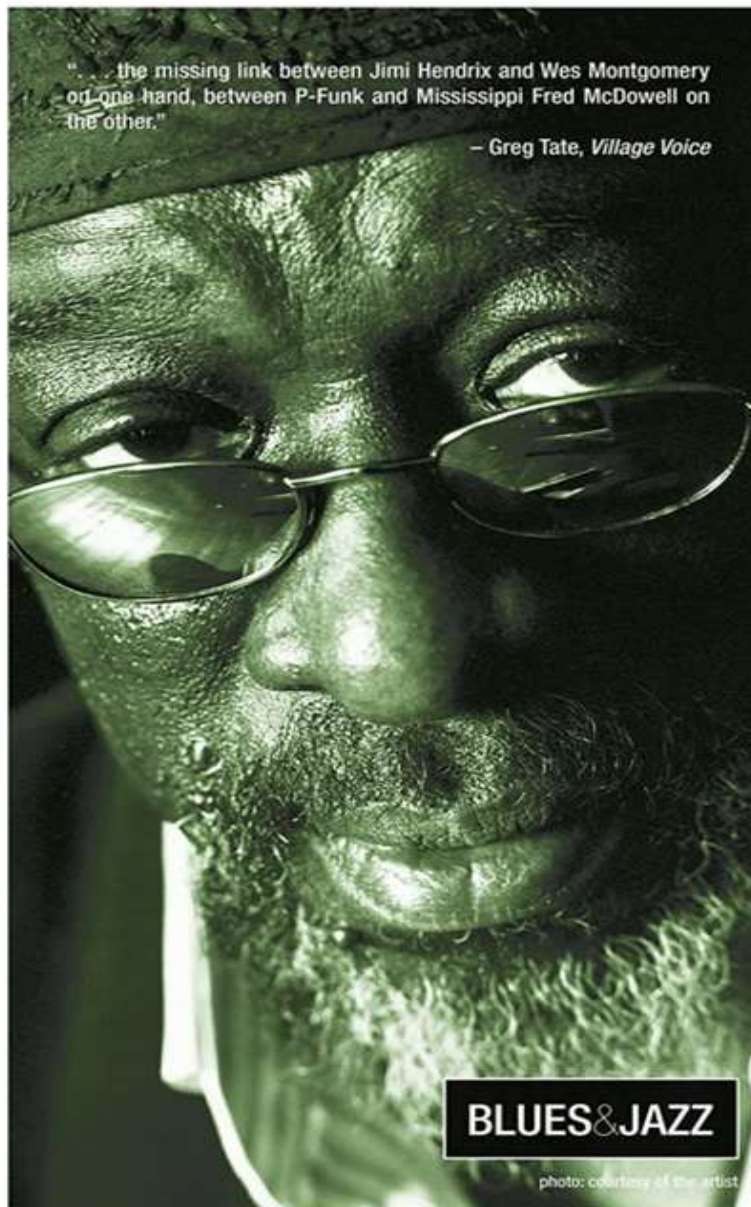
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