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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.

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**THE SUNSHINE JAZZ ORGANIZATION**  
*will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Season of Jazz services this year.  
Another fantastic gathering is being planned. Stay tuned!*

SJO was invited back to support the 39<sup>th</sup> year of the Art Deco Festival on Miami Beach, Jan. 15-17. Presented by the Miami Design Preservation League, it's a celebration of South Florida's architecture, history, art, music and culture. With SJO's history as Miami's oldest Jazz organization, we are delighted to perform the role of cultural and music sponsors promoting America's indigenous music – JAZZ!



We presented two great performances over the weekend – The SJO All Star Band featuring an Afro-Cuban Jazz and New Orleans style 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Parade and stage show plus Oriente with guests Jesse Jones, Jr. on sax, Yamin Mustafa on trumpet and Waldron Dunkley on trombone; and the great JECC Bootcamp Jazz Youth Ensemble, directed by respected musician & educator, Nicole Yarling. Both shows were hugely popular with the Art Deco audiences. Our sincere thanks to the many excellent participants!



**SJO'S Annual JAZZ SHOWCASE at The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition** was a wonderful evening featuring a very special presentation by *The JECC Bootcamp Jazz Youth Ensemble* on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

This important community outreach event is presented in collaboration with Diaspora Arts Coalition (DAC), Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs and Miami-Dade Parks.

The excellent ensemble is mentored by the **Jazz Educators Community Coalition** including Jim Gasior, and Wendy Pedersen, and is directed by veteran jazz musician and educator, Nicole Yarling. The students meet monthly at the WDNA Jazz Radio Studio and Gallery on Coral Way for rehearsals and classes with guest educators.



These young players exhibit extreme talent with deep dedication, and they set a very positive example for the Fair's audiences. We applaud and thank each of them, their mentors and their families.

SJO's Jazz Showcase is free with Fair admission. The three hour presentation exposes, entertains and educates all ages as they are treated to performances by some of South Florida's best musicians while gaining awareness of Jazz music and it's cultural significance.

*The Sunshine Jazz Concert Series*, Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday monthly from 6pm-9pm at Miami Shores Country Club. February 28: Nicole Yarling, March 20: Wendy Pedersen, April 24: Joe Donato, May 22: Othello Molineaux!



**Music in the Park!** Presented bi-annually on the first Friday in May and in December, we are pleased to announce a very special presentation planned for Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. South Florida's First Lady of Jazz, *Ms. Alice Day*, will be joined by the incomparable saxophonist *Jesse Jones, Jr.* along with South Florida's First Family of Jazz, *The Mustafa's – Melton Mustafa Sr.* on trumpet, *Melton Jr.* on sax, *Yamin* on trumpet, and a special surprise guest!

Music in the Park is a free community event co-sponsored by the SJO with Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and City of Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver G. Gilbert III. The whole family is invited to enjoy an evening of live music and culture where you can listen and dance to some of South Florida's finest Jazz and Blues musicians at no cost and under the stars.

Join us on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-9pm at Betty T. Ferguson Recreation Complex Amphitheater, 3000 NW 199<sup>th</sup> St., Miami Gardens, FL 33056. There's a snack bar, ample seating or you can bring a lawn chair, and plenty of free parking.



For info call 305-474-3011.

Paris and Washington, D.C. – UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Director General Irina Bokova & Goodwill Ambassador Herbie Hancock announce the 5th annual International Jazz Day, which will be celebrated around the world on April 30, 2016. President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama will host an All-Star Global Concert at the White House on April 29th to be broadcast on International Jazz Day as a one-hour primetime ABC television special, “Jazz at the White House,” on Saturday evening, April 30 and also streamed on the UNESCO, U.S. State Dept. and White House websites.



The UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Herbie Hancock said, “We are thrilled that President Obama and Michelle Obama are hosting the International Jazz Day All-Star Global Concert at the White House, and are truly grateful for their commitment to jazz and its role in building bridges and

uniting people around the world. Over the past five years, the innovation and creativity of Jazz Day has been a beacon of light to millions of people who find common ground and communicate through the values inherent in jazz. On April 30th, people of all ages in all corners of the globe will participate in International Jazz Day. A wide range of momentous events will take place in thousands of neighborhoods and the streets will be alive with the sounds of peace and freedom.”

The concert will feature artists from around the world paying tribute to the truly American art form of jazz. Each year on April 30th in partnership with the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, International Jazz Day highlights the power of jazz as a force for freedom and creativity, promotes intercultural dialogue through respect and understanding, and unites people from all corners of the globe. It is recognized on the official calendars of both UNESCO and the United Nations.

As part of the International Jazz Day worldwide celebration, the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz will launch *Math, Science & Music*, a groundbreaking education platform with free, engaging curricula, games, apps and other online elements that use music as a tool to teach math and science to K-12 and college students. The program will address the growing need for students to gain skills and knowledge in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects and learn to think creatively.

Visit [www.jazzday.com](http://www.jazzday.com) or [www.unesco.org/jazzday](http://www.unesco.org/jazzday).

The White House All-Star Global Concert will feature Joey Alexander, Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock, Aretha Franklin, Dianne Reeves, Hugh Masekela, Terence Blanchard, DeeDee Bridgewater, Chick Corea, Christian McBride, Terri Lyne Carrington, Buddy Guy, Kurt Elling, Diana Krall, Al Jarreau, Bobby Watson, Lionel Loueke, John McLaughlin, Pat Metheny, Marcus Miller, Danilo Pérez, Esperanza Spalding, Rebirth Brass Band, Lee Ritenour, David Sánchez, Sting, Trombone Shorty, Paquito D’Rivera, Chucho Valdés and others. <http://jazzday.com/>

**SOUTH FLORIDA International Jazz Day 2016 Events:**

4/28-29: Evenin’ Jazz w/ Tracy Fields, 91.3FM and WLRN.org, 9:30pm-12:30am - Tracy Fields and Mike Factor celebrate Jazz and the birthdays of Ella Fitzgerald (4/25/1918) and Duke Ellington (4/29/1899) with a music marathon.

4/28-30: Miami International Jazz Fest  
[www.miamiinternationaljazzfest.org/](http://www.miamiinternationaljazzfest.org/)

4/29 & 4/30: Miami Jazz Coop (MJC): The Open Stage Club  
2325 Galiano St, Coral Gables, FL 33134 [www.miamijazz.org/](http://www.miamijazz.org/)

4/30: Le Chat Noir Jazz Cellar, Live Jazz All Day and Night  
2 South Miami Ave., Downtown Miami 33138 (305) 377-8899.  
[www.lechatnoirdesalis.com/](http://www.lechatnoirdesalis.com/)

4/30: WDNA Radio Studio, the JECC Bootcamp Jazz Ensemble jazz party! 1pm-4pm. Free! PLUS Café Brasil 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary featuring Antonio Adolfo w/ Federico Britos & Jamie Ousley, 8:30pm, \$20 WDNA Members/\$15 Students/\$30 General Adm. 2921 Coral Way, Miami 33145 (305)662-8889 [www.wdna.org](http://www.wdna.org)

MORE at <https://southfloridajazzlist.com/>



**BIRTHDAYS ~**

**January** 1: Milt Jackson; 1/9 Kenny Clark; 1/10 Max Roach; 1/15 Gene Krupa; 1/25 Etta James; 1/30 Roy Eldridge. **February** 2 Sonny Stitt, Stan Getz; 2/7 Eubie Blake; 2/10 Chick Webb; 2/19 Stan Kenton; 2/20 Nancy Wilson; 2/23 Dexter Gordon; 2/26 James Moody; 2/27 Ben Webster. **March** 1 Glenn Miller; 3/2 Eddie Lockjaw Davis; 3/9 Ornette Coleman; 3/10 Bix Beiderbecke; 3/11 Mercer Ellington; 3/12 Al Jarreau; 3/13 Blue Mitchell, Roy Haynes; 3/14 Les Brown; 3/15 Harry James; 3/17 Nat "King" Cole; 3/20 Marian McPartland; 3/22 Charlie Christian; 3/27 Sarah Vaughn; 3/28 Thad Jones; 3/29 Pearl Bailey.



**Liberty City's "7th Avenue Transit Village Project"** will dedicate the new Black Box Theater in the name of the late **Sandrell Rivers** with a ceremony on April 29th. Ms. Rivers was a treasured friend, and a member and consultant of the Sunshine Jazz Organization. She was a multi-faceted artist, community and world activist, dedicated promoter of the arts and committed to her family. The Theater dedication is certainly well deserved.



**April** 7 Billie Holiday; 4/8 Carmen McRea; 4/9 Toots Thielemans; 4/12: Lionel Hampton; 4/15: Bessie Smith; 4/16 Henry Mancini, Herbie Mann; 4/21 Slide Hampton; 4/22 Charles Mingus; 4/25 Ella Fitzgerald; 4/29 Duke Ellington; 4/30 Percy Heath.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> Happy Birthday Wishes – To SJO's Dear Friend MELVIN "MEL" DANCY** South Florida Jazz Hall of Fame Inductee, Proud Veteran and Lifelong Musician and Entertainer. Mel is a beloved figure who has entertained us for decades with his cool, cabaret style, amazing voice and witty, raucous charm. \*Please support our jazz musicians. An online fundraising site has [www.gofundme.com/meldancy](http://www.gofundme.com/meldancy)



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 JAZZ FACTS, QUOTES, PHOTOS  
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## SOUTH FLORIDA JAZZ SPOTS

### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**Jazz Roots @ The Adrienne Arsht PAC** 1300 Biscayne Blvd, Miami 33132. [www.arshtcenter.org](http://www.arshtcenter.org)  
**Le Chat Noir Jazz & Wine Cellar** 2 South Miami Ave., Downtown Miami 33130 [www.lechatnoirdesalis.com](http://www.lechatnoirdesalis.com).  
**WDNA Jazz Encounters and Jazz Gallery Events** 2921 Coral Way, Miami 33145 [www.wdna.org](http://www.wdna.org)  
**Olympia Theater Lobby Jazz** Wednesdays monthly, 174 E. Flagler St, Miami 33130 [www.miamijazzsociety.com](http://www.miamijazzsociety.com)  
**Miami Jazz Coop Monday Rent Parties** Open Stage Club 8pm, Coral Gables 33134 [www.miamijazz.org/](http://www.miamijazz.org/)  
**Ventana al Jazz**, Mary Brickell Village, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday monthly 7pm-10pm. 900 South Miami Ave. FREE  
**South Miami-Dade CAC** [www.smdcac.com](http://www.smdcac.com)

### Miami-Dade continued...

**Books & Books Café** Friday-Saturday 7:30pm. 265 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables (305)442- 4408.  
**The Fish House** 10000 SW 56<sup>th</sup> St., Miami, FL 33165 (305)595-8453. [www.thefishhouse.com/](http://www.thefishhouse.com/)  
**Ball & Chain** 1513 SW 8th St, Little Havana Miami 33135 (305)643-7820 [www.ballandchainmiami.com](http://www.ballandchainmiami.com)  
**Maxine's Bistro** 1732 Collins Ave., Miami Beach 33139  
**Blue Martini** 8405 Mills Drive #205, Miami, 33183.  
**Lagniappe House** , 3425 NE 2nd Ave., Miami, 33137.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Fridays JAZZ at MOCA** 8pm. [mocanomi.org](http://mocanomi.org)  
**Soyka Restaurant Lounge** Fri-Sat 9pm 5556 NE 4th Ct, Miami (305)759-3117 [www.soykarestaurant.com](http://www.soykarestaurant.com)  
**Olliviers** 777 NE 79<sup>th</sup> St. Miami [www.ollivierjazz.com](http://www.ollivierjazz.com)  
**Lotz Concert Series** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami <http://uumia.org/>

### BROWARD COUNTY

**Blue Jean Blues – 7 days** 3320 NE 33rd St, Ft. Laud. 33308. [www.bjblive.com](http://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 North Federal Hwy, Ft. Lauderdale 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](http://www.tavolinorestaurant.com)

### PALM BEACH COUNTY

**Arts Garage Delray Beach** [www.artsgarage.org](http://www.artsgarage.org)  
**Heidi's Jazz Club Cocoa Bch** [www.Heidisjazzclub.com](http://www.Heidisjazzclub.com) \_

## LOCAL JAZZ ORGANIZATIONS

**Women In Jazz South Florida** [www.wijsf.com](http://www.wijsf.com)

**Swing & Jazz Preservation Society**  
[www.swingandjazzpreservationsociety.org](http://www.swingandjazzpreservationsociety.org).

**South Florida Jazz** [www.southfloridajazz.org/](http://www.southfloridajazz.org/)

**All About Jazz** [www.allaboutjazz.com/](http://www.allaboutjazz.com/)

**Gold Coast Jazz Society** [www.goldcoastjazz.org](http://www.goldcoastjazz.org)

**Jazz & Blues Florida** [www.Jazzbluesflorida.com](http://www.Jazzbluesflorida.com)

**South Florida Jazz Hall of Fame**  
<http://southfloridajazzhalloffame.blogspot.com/>

**Miami Jazz Coop** [www.miamijazz.org/](http://www.miamijazz.org/)

**JAMS** [www.jamsociety.org/](http://www.jamsociety.org/)

**Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues** [www.jazzsociety.org](http://www.jazzsociety.org)

**Miami Jazz & Film Society** [www.miamijazzsociety.com](http://www.miamijazzsociety.com)

**JAZZIZ Magazine** [www.jazziz.com](http://www.jazziz.com)

**Jazzonion** [www.jazzonian.org/](http://www.jazzonian.org/)

## JAZZ RESOURCES!

Musicians/Venues input gigs to Jeanette Piña [heyjcp@gmail.com](mailto:heyjcp@gmail.com) Weekly e-listing "South Florida (and beyond) Jazz Events" <http://southfloridajazzlist.com/>; [www.facebook.com/southfloridajazzlist](http://www.facebook.com/southfloridajazzlist); and "All About Jazz" [www.jazznearyou.com](http://www.jazznearyou.com); and Jazz Blues Florida at [www.JazzBluesFlorida.com](http://www.JazzBluesFlorida.com)



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 MON-FRI 9:30pm-1am: "Evenin' Jazz" [Facebook.com/TheRealTracyFields](https://www.facebook.com/TheRealTracyFields)  
 SAT 8pm-12am: "Jazz Works", SUN 8pm-12am: "Night Train" w/ host  
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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... 2<sup>nd</sup> 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...29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Dr. Lonnie Smith... Art Deco Fests 2013-16 featuring JECC Youth Jazz Ensemble, 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 EVENTS ARE ADA COMPLIANT\*

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