

# *Chronicle of the Sacramento Trad Jazz Community*

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## CHOICES, CHOICES! TWO Events on August 11

The 2019 Jazz Camp will end with a Camp Concert on August 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Boulevard. This is a free event, although donations are warmly accepted.

In addition to ten youth bands from week two of the Camp, the Counselors and Professors will perform. The 2019 week two Professors are Rusty Stiers, Jeff Kreis, Greg Varlotta, Anita Thomas, Jason Fabus, Curtis Brengle, Jason Wanner, Sam Rocha, Eddie Metz and Shelley Burns. (Bria Skonberg and Nate Ketner were week one only.)

To quote the sponsor, Sacramento Jazz Education Foundation (SacJEF), the “post-Camp concerts are fun, entertaining, and provide a glimpse of the outstanding results of this program.” “Prepare to be wowed, amazed, impressed and astonished at the talents of these wonderful young musicians.” This is always a heartwarming highlight of the Jazz Calendar.

Come early for the Elks’ all-in brunch, worth every penny of the \$10 charge. Brunch ends at 11:00 so we can all focus on the student bands.

## OR, YOU MAY PREFER ...

At the same time, Sac Jam will carry on at C Street on August 11 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Address is 3301 Street, Suite 1000, the Cannery complex. Lots of parking available. This also is a free event, but a donation “hat” will be passed – we need to pay for the air conditioning!

Set One will feature Ken Meyers, Paula Dula and Alan Ginter. From there on, it will be all jam all day. Instrumentalists AND vocalists: Carl Kaiser has family duties, so everyone should email Paula Dula at [www.songbird419@yahoo.com](mailto:www.songbird419@yahoo.com) to secure a place on the program. AND/OR check in as soon as you arrive. We try to be sure that any musician who signs in has an opportunity to play or sing.

There's a small dance floor. We are family friendly. Bring your own snacks and beverages, or go across the street to Roxie's Deli for a fantastic sandwich. Yes, alcohol is allowed - don't get so rowdy you drown out the music! In-house, we have bottled water for sale.

Further out, September 8 feature band will be Seldom Herd, and October 13 will feature Todd Morgan!

Share this Sac Jam link with your friends on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2414533755497733/>

Motto for the day – the only wrong choice is not choosing one or the other event! Musicians and audiences thrive with each other!

## And After That

... sign up for the Race for the Arts on Saturday, August 24. Dave Becker is gathering a team to represent SacJEF in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Race. This is a 5K event and you can run, walk, skip, just get in there and go!

Registration is \$30 (age 15 and under is \$15), BUT there is a 20% discount for teams of 10 or more (\$24) and that includes a Race t-shirt. Free water and food. All pledges raised by our participants are returned 100% to SacJEF!

The Race takes place at William Land Park. Registration check-in begins at 7:00 a.m., Kids' Runs begin at 8:10 a.m. and the 5K run/walk begins



at 8:35 a.m. We will have an information table (volunteers needed) and it is possible TNT will play at the Amphitheater that morning.

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**ASAP** BECAUSE FEE GOES UP ON AUGUST 13.

And begin immediately soliciting pledges from (suggestions from the Race flyer) social media, websites, newsletters, board meetings, incentives, teams, families, friends, co-workers, and challenges. SacJEF office will also be directing folks to its website. Instruct your pledgers to make their checks payable to Sacramento Jazz Education Foundation or SacJEF. Donors can designate which of the SacJEF programs they want their donation to benefit.

As soon as you notify Dave you're in, fill out the attached Entry Form and send to him c/o the SacJEF office, P.O. Box 661763, Sacramento, CA 95866 with check for \$24. [Becker1945@yahoo.com](mailto:Becker1945@yahoo.com) or [www.sacjef.org](http://www.sacjef.org).

## ON-GOING AND UPCOMING EVENTS

“Our Kind of Music,” [OKOM] continues. Check out the events below and SHOW UP!

### **GIGS**

TNT (The New Traditionalists) – 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Round Table Pizza, 9138 Kiefer Boulevard.

Jazz at Straw Hat, Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Don Luthringer features a different band or combo every week. Straw Hat Pizza, 2929 Mather Field Road, Rancho Cordova. Next dates: August 14, 21, 28. (Also see Editor's Remarks below.)  
[donluth29@yahoo.com](mailto:donluth29@yahoo.com)

Moonlight Swing Big Band, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, Carmichael Elks, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Next: August 18. Also at Hot Jazz Jubilee. [www.moonlightswing.org](http://www.moonlightswing.org)

Swingmasters Big Band. <http://swingmasters.org>.

Crescent Katz, 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays at Shady Lady Saloon, 9:00 p.m. to midnight. 1409 R Street, Sacramento. Never a cover charge. Good pub grub. Also at Hot Jazz Jubilee. [www.crescentkatz.com](http://www.crescentkatz.com).

Also at Shady Lady: August 15 – Harley White Jr. Orchestra; August 22 – Hot City; August 23 – Dirty Chops; August 25 – Peter Petty. [www.shadyladybar.com](http://www.shadyladybar.com).

Jimmy Spero – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mints Euro-Asian Cuisine, 11088 Olson Drive, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. [jimmyspero1@gmail.com](mailto:jimmyspero1@gmail.com).

Todd Morgan – August 22, 5:30 to 7:00, Oakmont of Carmichael Alzheimer Benefit. Admission includes buffet; August 24, 6:30 to 9:30, Carmichael Park; September 6-8 as guest with Bob Draga and Friends at Pentastic Jazz Festival in Pentictin, British Columbia. September 14, 8 to 11, Railhead Saloon in Colfax. Also at Hot Jazz Jubilee. These are some highlights - check website for additional dates and details. [www.toddmorganmusic.com](http://www.toddmorganmusic.com)

Fred Pepper has started a new series at Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge, 11440 Elks Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Anchor band will be his Red Hot Peppers Jazz Band, with different bands occasionally mixed in. Lounge opens at 5, band plays 6 to 8, with a jam session from 8 to 9. Bring your axe and an appetite for pub grub.

“Cocktail piano” at Biba’s, 2801 Capitol Avenue. Wednesdays, 5:30 to 8:30 with Rich O’Day. Thursdays, 6:00 to 9:00 – Claudette Stone. Fridays and Saturdays, 6:00 to 9:00 – Reggie Graham. Happy hour every day 5:00 to 7:00. Food’s pretty good, too!

Auctet (condensed Auchestra) – advance notice: September 22 at Midtown Vanguard Jazz Series. The Vanguard Jazz Series tries “to keep within firing range of TRAD but we can be a little flexible.” The September 22 event is A Tribute to Dave Pell Octet.

Sacramento Banjo Band – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Straw Hat Pizza, Mather Field Road, address above. Plus robust schedule of nursing home appearances: August 17, 3:00 to 4:00 at Arcade Creek Manor Ice Cream Social; September 4, 3:00 to 4:00 at Sierra Pointe in Roseville; September 6, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at Merryhill School on Calvine Road for the Annual Grandparents Celebration. See website. [www.sacramentobanjoband.com](http://www.sacramentobanjoband.com)



Ray Skjelbred & Marty Eggers at Chez Jennings House Concert, September 14, from 1:30 p.m. Duets and Solos. Advance reservation required. \$25 includes refreshments at intermission, and afterglow with open pianos. Students or children under 18 are \$15 with a paying adult. All proceeds go to the artists. For more information and to make reservations online using PayPal or credit card, or by check, go to [www.chez-jennings.com](http://www.chez-jennings.com) or call 916.900.4351.

Cell Block 7 – Third Thursdays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 217 E. Lockeford Street, Lodi, CA. [www.cellblock7.net](http://www.cellblock7.net)

Natural Gas Jazz Band – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Ghiringhelli's Pizzeria, 1535 S. Novato Boulevard, Novato. August 11, September 8. 415.453.7014. [www.ngjb.com](http://www.ngjb.com).

Pier 23 on the Embarcadero, S.F. – Third Mondays, 4 to 8 p.m. August 19 – Frederick Hodges, Virginia Tichenor and Marty Eggers, in solo performances and also as Crown Syncopators.. [www.pier23cafe.com](http://www.pier23cafe.com). 415.362.5125

## **SOCIETIES**

San Joaquin Dixieland Jazz Society – First Sunday of the month, noon to 5 p.m. BPO Elks Lodge, 8900 Thornton Road, Stockton, CA: September 1: Jam-A-Roo Jammers; October 6: Hot City with Zack Sapunor, Brandon and Justin Au. [www.stocktondixielandjazz.org](http://www.stocktondixielandjazz.org)

Modesto Traditional Jazz Society – Third Sunday of the month, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Clarion Inn, 1612 Sisk Road, Modesto, CA. August 18 – Almost Blue. [www.modestojazz.com](http://www.modestojazz.com)

Sacramento Ragtime Society – Last Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m., Straw Hat Pizza, Mather Field Road, address as above. Next: August 25. [www.sacramentoragtime.com](http://www.sacramentoragtime.com)

New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California – Third Sundays at Richmond Elks Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante. August 18 – Flying Eagles. [www.nojcnc.org](http://www.nojcnc.org)

South Bay Traditional Jazz Society – Fourth Sunday at Sunnyvale Elks Lodge, 375 North Pastoria Avenue, Sunnyvale, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. August 25 – Toot Sweet. [www.southbaytradjazz.org](http://www.southbaytradjazz.org).

Monterey Hot Jazz Society – Second Sundays, Monterey Elks Lodge, 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. August 11 – Annual August Potluck, with Jammers. [www.montereyhotjazzsociety.org](http://www.montereyhotjazzsociety.org).

Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society – Second Sunday, Grant Hall, Veterans Home of California, Yountville, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. August 11 – Beyond Salvation. [www.napatradjazz.org](http://www.napatradjazz.org).

Western Swing Society – First Sunday at Machinist’s Hall, 2749 Sunrise Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, 1 to 6 p.m., with dance instruction at 12:30. September 1 – Janice Allen & Friends. [www.westernswingsociety.net](http://www.westernswingsociety.net).

Sacramento Jazz Cooperative - Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Dante Club. August 26 – Delbert Bump; Sunday, Sept. 8 – SJC 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Fundraiser Celebration - \$75, with Aaron Gayden Band, Darius Babazadeh Quintet, Joe Gilman Quartet, and the Carlos McCoy High Octane Latin Jazz Ensemble. A worthy celebration after 104 shows to its credit. [www.sacramentojazzcoop.org](http://www.sacramentojazzcoop.org).

Sacramento Jazz Education Foundation. [www.sacjef.org](http://www.sacjef.org)

JEN (Jazz Education Network) Traditional Jazz Society. [www.jazzednet.org](http://www.jazzednet.org)

## FESTIVALS

Hot Jazz Jubilee, August 30 to September 2, Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento. Bob Draga, Tom Rigney, Katie Cavera, Claudette Stone, Todd Morgan ... but wait! No need for me to list them all – the schedule is UP on the website already – <https://hotjazzjubilee.com>. Plus everything else you want to know about HJJ.. Like – they’re raffling off a Gretsch Streamline G2622T – somebody’s going to have a NICE Christmas. SacJEF is sponsoring TNT, River City Swingers and Syncopating Sea Monkeys. Play list is available and questions answered at [Vecchio.susan@gmail.com](mailto:Vecchio.susan@gmail.com). Further details and tickets at [www.hotjazzjubilee.com](http://www.hotjazzjubilee.com).

Jazz Jubilee by the Sea in Pismo Beach, October 24-27. This year’s theme is A Salute to the 90’s – a tribute to Basin Street Regulars who participated in or served on the home front of World War II. Those members will be wearing buttons that say “I’m a Nonagenarian. Ask Me About My Life.” Band lineup to follow. See [www.pismojazz.com](http://www.pismojazz.com).



Up Close and Personal, December 6, 2019, Sacramento Yacht Club, featuring Dave Bennett. Tickets on sale in September. [www.sacJEF.org](http://www.sacJEF.org).

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## Sick Call

Jim Maihack (Mr. “Never Mind, I’ll Do It Myself”) had his chest cracked open to repair a mitral valve problem, had more problems, had a pacemaker installed and – WHEW! – is doing better. Wendy reports that he is alert, oriented, eating real food – his TUBA LUNGS helped! He’ll be at Sutter General a few days longer though, so cards, calls and short visits should work wonders.

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## In Loving Memory

Chuck Whitaker, Jubilee bartender for many years, July 15, 2019.

Willis “Punky” Towne, long-time Jubilee bartender, July 22, 2019.

Bob Wilber, reed player, member of The World’s Greatest Jazz Band and Soprano Summit, August 4, 2019.

Ted Shafer, leader of Jelly Roll Jazz Band and head of Merry Makers Records, August 7, 2019.

Mary Jane Richardson, long time STJS and Jubilee supporter.

Note: Please notify the Editor at [realjazzjudy2trad@yahoo.com](mailto:realjazzjudy2trad@yahoo.com) if I miss an obituary for one of our jazz supporters.

## Editor's Remarks

Congratulations to Don Luthringer for producing a spectacularly successful tribute to Charlie Gehlbach, Jay Paulus and Charlie Hull. Bob Williams made a great m.c. and Lois McNulty was charming as she presented plaques to the honorees. Dr. Bach was notable for his thank you speech, naming every musician who ever worked with his band – quite a few of them in attendance! Don's cake was a success, too.

Linda Phelps surprised her Dad, Norm Echols, with a little pot luck picnic for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He knew there would be family and a few friends, but she managed to get her hands on his old band address list! Rebuilding Together and Sound Crewe friends turned out, too. Norm's son-in-law, Boyd Phelps, known to many in the music community, also attended.

Marty Eggers and Virginia Tichenor are throwing a NOT surprise birthday party for Marty's Mom, Bev Eggers, on August 11. All our love, Bev!

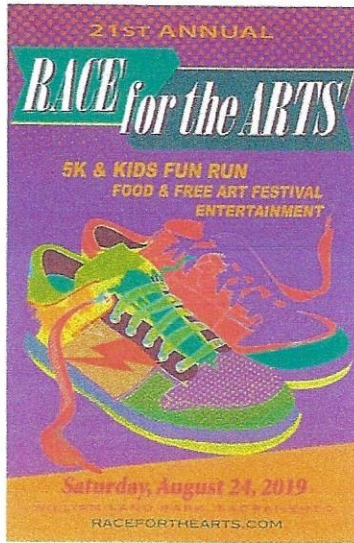
Bill Cook reports that Gold Card drummer Tony Bellacera, now 99, still has his trap set (in storage) in case he gets a call to play. Really great to hear from you, Tony.

The Estate of my dear friend, Uptown Lowdown drummer Stephen Joseph, has donated his Friday Harbor Jazz Festival papers to the University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections, where they are accessible at [speccoll@uw.edu](mailto:speccoll@uw.edu).

Nice surprise to see the smiling face of ragtimer Adam Swanson on the cover of the August 9 *The Syncopated Times*. [www.syncopatedtimes.com](http://www.syncopatedtimes.com).

Jazz is alive and doing exceptionally well in Sacramento!





# Entry Form

Office Use Only

**Registration: Complete form, sign waiver, enclose check and make payable to:**

**Race For The Arts  
P.O. Box 799, Folsom, CA 95763**

**5km Run/Walk**

- \$30 postmarked through August 13
- \$35 after August 13 and on race day

**Kids Fun Run** (must be 15 and under to enter)

- \$15 postmarked through August 13
- \$15 after August 13 and on race day
- Only one person per entry; copies of entry form are acceptable

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**READ AND SIGN BELOW. ENTRIES WITHOUT SIGNED WAIVER AND RELEASE ARE NOT ACCEPTED**

**Waiver:**

Liability and Publicity Release: I know that running/walking a road race is a potentially dangerous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run/walk. I assume all risks associated with participating in this event including, but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and or humidity, traffic, and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the City of Sacramento, Capital Road Race Management, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, and all sponsors, their representatives and successors, from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I grant permission to all foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose. I understand that bicycles, skateboards, roller skates or blades, and animals, are not allowed in this race and I will abide by this and all other race rules.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND IT IS A CONTRACT AND A RELEASE OF LIABILITY.**

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