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# Noteworthy

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## *Coastal Jazz Association December Concert*



# Jazz Yule Love

*CJA Presents*

## The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Concert

You can easily jazz-up the spirit of this holiday season in Savannah by attending *the 31st Annual CJA Christmas Concert and Jam Session*. Mark your calendar for Monday, December 25, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. and head down to the **Hyatt Regency Hotel** on Bay Street to listen to Teddy Adams and his All-Stars featuring Huxsie Scott on vocals and some of the best musicians in the Coastal Empire.

This is a major fundraiser for CJA and will benefit the student scholarship education fund. Cost \$12. Further information at [www.coastal-jazz.org](http://www.coastal-jazz.org) or by calling 912.661.2419. Purchase tickets at Portman's Music Superstore, Rody's Music & Annie's Guitars and Drums.



*Holiday 'Tidings in Jazz' at the Hyatt Regency Hotel*

H A P P Y H O L I D A Y S F R O M C J A

**King Oliver Memorial Plaque  
Soon To Be A Reality**

A plaque in memory of Joe "King" Oliver is in the works. Oliver, spent his last earthly days in Savannah working at "Wimberley's Recreational Hall" on West Broad Street (now MLK) and residing at a near-by boarding house which was located at 508 Montgomery Street. He came to Savannah in 1937, having been aided by local promoter and agent Frank Dilworth.

Oliver died penniless on April 10th 1938.

A first generation creator of the jazz art form, King Oliver is known for his great "Creole Jazz Band" and his mentoring of Louis Armstrong. An excellent ensemble leader and composer, he was also one of the first African -American artists to record for major labels and is known also for his creation of the trumpet mute and other timbre musical effects.

Dr. Boo Hornstein, a founder and former president of CJA, is working with Dr. Walter Evans and reports that the inscription is now at an engraver in Washington state and hopefully will be ready for unveiling during the Wynton Marsalis concert at the Savannah Music Festival on March 19th.

Stay tuned for further updates.

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**Ella Honored**

– Ella Fitzgerald will be immortalized near the end of January as the 30th honoree in the **Postal Service's Black Heritage series.**

Ms. Fitzgerald (1917-1996) was widely known as "The First Lady of Song." Her extraordinary vocal range and



flexibility, combined with her gift for pitch, rhythmic sense and flawless diction, made her one of America's most distinctive singers of jazz and popular tunes. The stamp image is a portrait based on a photograph taken circa 1956 that captures the joy and excitement that Fitzgerald brought to music.

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**Golf Streaming . . .**

*Golf Digest*, in its December issue, identifies a diverse group of golfmad musicians with its ranking of the "Top 100 in Music." **Kenny G**, with a plus- 0.6 Handicap Index (he not only matches but occasionally scores better than par), is the No. 1 musician in the ranking. A club champion at Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, Calif., he plays a lot of his golf with actor Craig T. Nelson.

During high school in Seattle, Kenny G made the golf team but not the jazz band when he first tried out. When his career as a saxophonist took off, he left the game for nearly 20 years but has since returned with a newfound passion. "With the sax, I learned technique well enough so that it feels like part of my body, and I just express myself. That's where I want to get in golf," he told *Golf Digest*. Also making the list is **Branford Marsalis** at No. 29. ([JazzWeek.com](http://JazzWeek.com))

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**Spit Valve**

The newly elected governor of Massachusetts is Deval Patrick the son of the late baritone saxophonist, Pat Patrick of the SUN RA Arkestra.

Pat Patrick's credentials also include, John Coltane, Thelonious Monk and Mongo Santamaria.

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# Upcoming

# Jazz

## Annual Musical Salute To MLK Features The Savannah Jazz Orchestra & Savannah Arts Academy Skyelite Band



The Jewish Educational Alliance will be host to the Ninth Annual, *A Musical Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at the Jewish

Educational Alliance (5111 Abercorn St). This year's event is being co-presented by the Jewish Educational Alliance, the Savannah Jewish Federation Community Relations Council, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Association, the Coastal Jazz Association, through a grant from the [City of Savannah Leisure Services' Department of Cultural Affairs](#) and the Southeast Georgia Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Portman's Music Superstore and MorningStar Cultural Arts are the event's sponsors. There will be a dessert reception at intermission.

This very powerful event, which will feature the **Savannah Jazz Orchestra**, co-led by Teddy Adams and Randall Reese, & The Savannah Arts Academy **Skyelite Jazz Band**, under the baton of Michael Hutchinson, is part of the official Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Celebration which pays tribute to the birth and life of one of America's great men of freedom, justice and equality. The Savannah Jazz Orchestra is comprised of the areas best musicians and has backed some of the biggest names in jazz, including: Benny Golson, Jimmy Heath, Diane Schuur, Clark Terry and Bobby Watson. They have performed at most of the Savannah Jazz Festivals and their annual Tribute to the Duke Ellington Concert is a favorite among local jazz fans. The Skyelite Jazz Band has traveled the globe representing Savannah and has won many awards and accolades.

It is free and open to the community This will be an event for the whole community to share. So grab the children and come hear some wonderful music as the JEA plays host to a concert honoring one of the great men of the twentieth century.

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## The Black Heritage Festival and the Jewish Educational Alliance present:

## The Spelman College Jazz Ensemble Monday, February 5, 2007 at the JEA

Since its inception, the Spelman College Jazz Ensemble has been establishing that jazz isn't a man's world after all.



From the women's college in Atlanta, Georgia, this unique combination of vocalists, wind instrumentalists and rhythm section has thrilled and excited audiences across the country with their innovative and soulful sound.

Organized in 1983, this talented, nationally-renowned, all female jazz ensemble has shared the stage with jazz greats such as Wynton Marsalis, Consuela Lee, Nancy Wilson, Leroy Jenkins, Valerie Capers, Straight Ahead Jazz Quartet, The Uptown Sting Quartet, Dee Dee Bridgewater, and Regina Carter.

The ensemble has performed at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and concert performances in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Newark, New York, the University of Eastern Tennessee, Baltimore and Columbia, Maryland, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, Western Illinois, Notre Dame, University of Mass., Smith, Wisconsin, Drexel University, Purdue, Tri Cities Festival, Cleveland, Ohio, National Black

Arts Festival, The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and The New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

The Ensemble has just released its fourth compact disc, "Feelin' Good," which includes a tribute to Nina Simone.

The Spelman College Jazz Ensemble will play at the Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn Street on February 5, 2007 at 7 p.m. The event is presented by the Black Heritage Festival and the Jewish Educational Alliance and sponsored by the [City of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs](#).

The Concert is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

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**Concert By Jazz Legend Ben Tucker to be 'Auctioned Off'**

Jazz legend Ben Tucker will be offering his services to benefit the American Diabetes Association in recognition of Diabetes Awareness Month this month.

The highest bidder in this fundraising auction will get a private two-and-a-half-hour concert by Tucker in a location of the donor's choice. The minimum bid is \$500 and bids increase in \$50 increments.

Tucker, who has diabetes, is the official spokesperson for the American Diabetes Association's fall campaign, "Walk on the Wild Side." Proceeds from the auction benefit the ADA.

The fall campaign works to raise awareness of diabetes which affects approximately 7 percent of the population - or 20.8 million people. Of those, 6 million do not even know they have the disease.

To place a bid in this auction, contact Suzanne Willis at 912-353-8110, extension 3093.

***Playing Around . . .***

*CJA December Concert*  
**Jazz Yule Love**  
**Monday, December 25 - 5 pm**  
**Hyatt Regency On Bay**

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**Parlor Ramblers**  
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**Annie Allman**  
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**225 W. River Street**

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**Kokopelli's**  
**Live Jazz**  
**Friday, Saturday**  
**107 W. Broughton**

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**Westin Sunday Brunch**  
**Ben Tucker**  
**Hutchinson Island**

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**514 West**  
**Friday Lunch and Dinner Jazz**  
**Saturday: Dinner Jazz**

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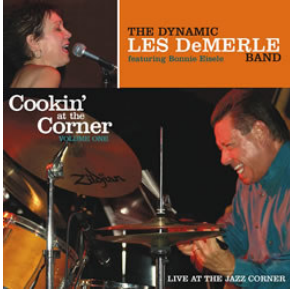
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Les DeMerle, "Cookin' At The Corner, Volume 1"

Origin 82471

Recorded live @ The Jazz Corner, HHI, SC

November 11 & 12, 2005



“DeMerle plays with such power and grace as to make his quartet sound like a band three times that size.” Les DeMerle's 4th recording for Origin is another swinging

affair that further cements his reputation as one of the most dynamic drummers in jazz. Recorded live in front of an enthusiastic audience, the band sizzles on 15 tunes including classics such as "Cute," "Jumpin' With Symphony Sid," and the soul hit "Compared to What." With vocalist Bonnie Eisele, they caress standards "The Shadow of Your Smile," "The More I See You," and "Stardust," and they define future standards including the title cut "Cookin' at the Corner" by pianist Mike Levine. *All About Jazz*

Tracks:

- 1 Cookin' At The Corner 3:57
- 2 It Might As Well Be Spring 4:52
- 3 Bennie's From Heaven 3:15
- 4 Cute 4:04
- 5 Satin Doll / Don't Get Around Much Anymore 5:32
- 6 Agua De Beber 3:57
- 7 Lullaby Of Birdland 3:50
- 8 Stardust 5:28
- 9 Smack Dab In The Middle 3:24
- 10 The Shadow of Your Smile 5:06
- 11 The More I See You 3:07
- 12 What A Difference A Day Made 3:27
- 13 Compared To What 6:44
- 14 Jumpin' With Symphony Sid 2:14
- 15 I Do Love You 5:00

Performers:

LES DeMERLE drums/vocals  
 BONNIE EISELE vocals/percussion  
 MIKE LEVINE piano  
 RICKY RAVELO bass

ALIVE AT THE VILLAGE VANGUARD

My Life In and Out of Jazz Time

“It's a very sexy game, jazz.”

By Lorraine Gordon as told to Barry Singer

Hardcover; \$27.95

Lorraine Gordon, proprietor of the Village Vanguard and one of the first ladies of jazz for more than 60 years, has just released her memoirs, *Alive at the Village Vanguard: My Life In and Out of Jazz Time*. Since the 1940s, Lorraine has personally known, worked with and booked at her club all the greats of the jazz world, and the story of her life is truly fascinating. *Alive at the Village Vanguard* includes Eartha Kitt, Lenny Bruce, Aretha Franklin, Miles Davis, Charles Mingus, Dizzy Gillespie, Max Roach, Thelonious Monk, Louis Armstrong, Henry Kissinger, Nina Simone, Oscar Peterson, Allen Ginsburg, Andy Warhol, Harry Belafonte, Nichols and May, Barbra Streisand, Carol Burnett, Pete Seeger, Adolph Green, Betty Comden, Leonard Bernstein, Woody Allen, Maya Angelou, Jonathan Winters, and many, many more.

Available now worldwide, in stores and online, from Hal Leonard Performing Arts Book Group. Publication date is December 20.

The Coastal Jazz January Concert

*A Jazz Odyssey with Chris Chandler*  
 January 29<sup>th</sup>

Take a trip down jazz memory lane with Chris Chandler (p/v), Johnny Kennedy (b), Billy Hoffman (d), and Claire Frazier (v) at the January Coastal Jazz concert. Look for further details by going to [www.coastal-jazz.org](http://www.coastal-jazz.org).

Remember to attend the Savannah Jazz Orchestra on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Two Free CJA Concerts in January!

## Give The Gift of Music

### This Holiday Season

*A Membership To The Coastal Jazz Association Is  
The Perfect Gift For Someone Who Loves Music.*

#### Why Coastal Jazz?

A gift membership to The Coastal Jazz Association is the gift that keeps on giving: For a whole year! For over 25 years, CJA has had the simple but important mission to promote “America’s Original Art Form” by promoting jazz musicians, jazz students and jazz audiences.

As a non-profit organization, CJA sponsors a monthly Jazz Series, the Savannah Jazz Festival and promotes the art form throughout the Coastal Empire in schools through community educational presentations.

CJA has helped many young musicians improve their skills by giving out scholarship to help defray the costs of music education. Noteworthy is Savannah’s monthly jazz magazine that keeps members in-the-know on who’s playing where and what is happening in the world of jazz. Subscription is free with your paid membership.

Ultimately, CJA is a fellowship of jazz lovers: the musicians and their partners in the art form—their audiences.

If you know a jazz lover, you need to consider a gift membership to CJA! They will have the opportunity to:

- Receive FREE admission to CJA sponsored events
- Receive their very own copy of the Noteworthy
- Support America’s original art form - JAZZ!
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- \$45 .....Couple
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- \$..... Donation

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# December 25<sup>th</sup> Concert @ Hyatt Regency

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