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Pensacola-based pianist **Bobby van Deusen** shared his formidable musical talents at a September 12 CCJS membership recruitment/fundraising pre-season event at JD's Bistro in Port Charlotte. It drew a crowd of nearly 100. The afternoon included a bit of ragtime, jazz and Great American Songbook standards, some singalongs and a healthy dose of movie theme music. Van Deusen added some ragtime and reggae flavors to "Under the Sea" from the Disney movie "The Little Mermaid." He concluded the afternoon with his 10-minutes-plus medley of the music from "Phantom of the Opera."



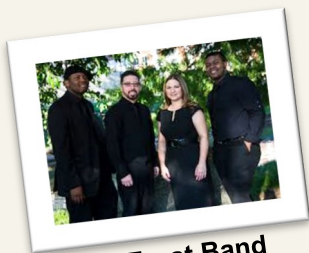
Lisa Kelly / JB Scott Sextet
October 8, 2018



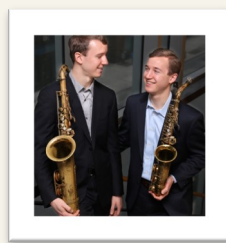
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Mike Parmelee LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP award



The first meeting of CCJS took place in July 1990, with 53 attending a meeting called by Len Butler. In August that year, the society became organized with 64 charter members and three goals: to make jazz music readily available to the community; to encourage appreciation of jazz; and to award college scholarships to deserving local high school seniors. Twenty-eight years later we have those same goals. Among the first charter members was current CCJS board member Mike Parmelee. Mike came to Port Charlotte in May 1990 following his music education at Florida State and North Texas State jazz studies, and following several years of touring with well-known bands including those of Les Elgart and Buddy Morrow.

He became a charter member of CCJS in 1990, a board director and chairman of the Musicians Committee in 1991. Later Mike served as president of our society, and for all of the intervening years has been responsible for arranging the concert series we have all come to enjoy. Further he is now coordinator of our jazz jams held on the first Sunday of the month at Kingsway Golf Club.

At the final concert of the season on April 9, 2018 in front of a large appreciative audience, the Charlotte County Jazz Society Board of Directors paid tribute to Mike Parmelee with its first-ever presentation of a lifetime membership certificate and card in recognition of his efforts in promoting jazz and his outstanding contributions to CCJS over a period of 28 years. Thanks, Mike!

Dave Nims, CCJS President
Charlotte County Jazz Society Board of Directors



Miles Davis

Check out “Jazz in the Key of Light”

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers will host an exhibit of CCJS volunteer photographer Ken Franckling’s jazz and blues photography from November 2-19. *Ken Franckling: Jazz in the Key of Light* is a career retrospective that features more than 50 select works, including classic images of Miles Davis, Stan Getz, Dizzy Gillespie, Oscar Peterson, Sarah Vaughan and other jazz luminaries

The exhibition’s opening night meet-the-artist reception on November 2 after 10 p.m., in conjunction with Fort Myers’ monthly Art Walk through the city’s River District. Pianist Joe Delaney will perform at the SBDAC reception. Pianist Danny Sinoff’s trio will perform Thursday, November 8 as part of SBDAC’s Noteworthy Concert Series. A new Sinoff image is included in Ken’s gallery show.

Ken has been documenting musicians in their on-stage and off-stage elements for more than 30 years. He covered the jazz scene throughout the Northeast with occasional journeys to other regions. He now focuses his lens on jazz here in southwest Florida, as well as annual return visits to the storied Newport Jazz Festival.

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First St., downtown Fort Myers. For more information, call (239) 333-1933.

April 9 Concert - Superb music and whimsy combine for a memorable CCJS season finale

Trombonist Herb Bruce's repeat visit to the Charlotte County Jazz Society's concert series with his Herbicide Jazz Band was a night of uncontrolled exuberance. Sometimes it was in the music. More often, it was the self-deprecating humor of Bruce and his merry music makers on Monday, April 9's Dixieland Jazz Night.



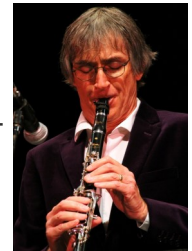
Herb Bruce



Davey Jones

Herbicide presented excellent music - not always in the traditional Dixieland style. There were some crowd-pleasing vintage set pieces, some new things - including a new face in the area, some borrowed things and some blue(s). And it all worked seamlessly.

Bruce was joined by trumpeter Davey Jones, clarinetist Jim Snyder, pianist Judi Glover, bassist Charlie Silva and drummer Eddie Metz Jr. Ken Salvo sat in on banjo and rhythm guitar in his first Port Charlotte gig. The recent Florida



Jim Snyder

transplant is a 10-year veteran of Vince Giordano's New York-based Nighthawks trad band.

Patricia Dean, joined the band for four vocal numbers. While Dean has taken a drum feature in past performances, she stuck to the microphone this night. Looking over at versatile all-star Metz, she quipped, "I don't play drums when he's in the county."



Patricia Dean

Together, the band underscored the notion that while jazz is a serious music on many levels, it also can be a lot of fun in the right hands.

The highlights included:

- The band's first-time performance of a Dick Hyman arrangement of "Old Man River," beautiful for its sections of horn riffs and counterpoint.
- Its versions of "Storyville Blues" and Terry Waddell arrangements of "I Never Knew" and "Royal Garden Blues."
- Bruce and Snyder doubling their reprise (on trombone and clarinet) of Alphonse Picou's classic clarinet solo on the New Orleans standard "High Society."
- Jones, subbing for regular trumpeter Don Johnson - who was home mending broken ribs after a fall, delivered exquisite solos all night long in the sometimes growling trad sound. He was featured beautifully on "Pete Kelly's Blues."
- The band's frenetic delivery of "Cake Walking Babies (From Home)." The 1925 recording by composer Clarence Williams' Blue Five featured a classic head-to-head solo battle between a young Louis Armstrong and soprano saxophonist Sidney Bechet.
- Dean's second-set vocals, which included "Yes Sir, That's My Baby," which became a tip of the hat to Bruce, her husband of nearly 16 years, and a stunning voice-and-bass duet with Silva on "Bye Bye Blackbird." In their hands, it was spare and sultry.



Judi Glover



Salvo, Silva

Herbicide's performance drew an audience nearing 300 to the Cultural Center of Charlotte County's William H. Wakeman III Theater in Port Charlotte. It was the largest of the seven concert 2017-18 CCJS season.



Herbicide Jazz Band



Eddie Metz Jr.

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The 2018 award winners are Danial Kukuk, Tyler Farnsworth and Sheighlin Hagerty from Charlotte High School; Jordan Schneider and Evan Weinfeld from Lemon Bay High School. Also pictured here is CCJS Scholarship Chairman Ennis Bisbano.

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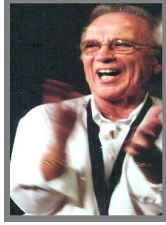
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