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## GREAT JAZZ RETURNS TO CHARLOTTE COUNTY THIS FALL

The CCJS Board of Directors is pleased to announce exceptional jazz performances will begin on Wednesday, September 22, at **The Grill at 1951** with a 2 PM matinee concert featuring acoustic jazz guitarist **Nate Najar** and Brazilian-born singer **Daniela Soledade**. More on this special event will be announced in a separate note.

**ABOUT OUR CONCERT SEASON.** On October 11, 2021, we will open our seven-concert season with **La Lucha**, a Tampa-based trio consisting of three best friends from different parts of the world. Pianist John O'Leary (Mexico), drummer Mark Feinman (United States), and bassist Alejandro Arenas (Colombia), augmented by James Suggs, trumpet, and vocalist Ona Kirei (born in Spain) venture into a wide variety of styles offering an appealing and fun mix of genres under the jazz umbrella. The combination of their music versatility and varied musical influences make for compelling performances. Through an engaging stage presence and high level of interaction, **La Lucha** brings the audience into their world.

And look what follows!

November 8, **Jim Roberts Saxtet**

December 13, virtuoso alto saxophonist **Greg Abate and trio**

January 10, **Dan Miller & Lew Del Gatto** return to our stage with an evening of **Ellington and Gershwin**

February 7, (**note switch to 1<sup>st</sup> Monday**) **International Trio** featuring **Eddie Metz Jr., Nicki Parrott** and **Rossano Sportiello**

March 14, **Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra's American Swing Experience** directed by **David Pruyn**

April 11, the classic jazz band of **Herbicide**, led by **Herb Bruce**, closes our 2021-2022 season.

The directors feel this season's lineup offers new faces, old favorites, a variety of singers and different jazz styles. Our board has been aided by the efforts of North Port-based trombonist Herb Bruce, who has joined our board as a consultant. Herb is a major national and local influence, regularly performing in several groups, in addition to leading his own group **Herbicide**. Herb has built a strong concert season, helping CCJS continue the high standard of jazz entertainment achieved by the former concert coordinator for decades, Mike Parmelee, who passed away in March. **We Look Forward To Seeing You At Our Concerts!**

Board of Directors

Charlotte County Jazz Society



Concerts begin at 7 pm, at the William H Wakeman III Theater  
Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Admission is **FREE** for CCJS members; \$25 for non-members.

Tickets are available at the box office starting at 6:30 pm on concert night or in advance through the box office at (941) 625-4175 X 221. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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**OUR JAZZ JAMS.** Here is an update on our 2021-2022 jazz jam season. Board directors Buz Bisbano and Fred Capitelli have combined to produce the following: jams will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, October through April, at the American Legion Post 110, 3152 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte, a smoke-free building. First jam will be held Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 4 PM. All area jazz musicians are welcome to participate, joining Buz, Fred, and rhythm section Dick Hamilton, Vince Evans and Johnny Moore as we honor deceased former jam coordinator Mike Parmelee that day. Admission to the jam is free to CCJS members. Guests are asked to make a minimum donation of \$5, more if they choose, to help us to defray expenses. Food and beverage selections will be available. For questions, please contact Buz Bisbano at 941-623-0619, or Fred Capitelli at 941-743-2157. **SEE YOU THERE.**

**OUR MEMBERSHIP FEES.** As you know, CCJS has been inactive for the last 17 months as a result of COVID-19. During that time, we have suspended any effort to collect dues, even with expenses of insurances, storage facility, state registrations, tax preparation, and compensation for our administrative assistant among others. The Board of Directors, in an effort to retain as many of our nearly four hundred members as possible, voted to begin collection of dues in October of 2022. CCJS finds it necessary to move from a rolling membership to a concert year membership, October 1 to September 30. If you have last year's CCJS membership card, please bring that with you for admission to our October 11 and subsequent concerts this season. If you do not have a current card but you are a member, please bring the coupon provided below and on page 4 of this newsletter. Check your name on the membership list for admission as you enter the concert or jam.

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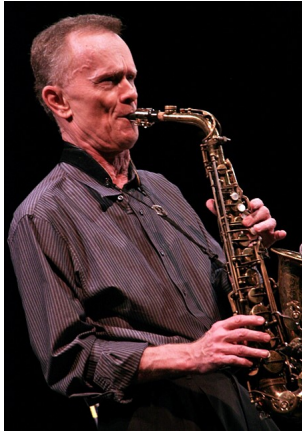
Charlotte County Jazz Society is deeply grateful to former members Marjorie Jean Biermann, Helen Langdon, Donatella and Ken Neumann and Roberta Gasparri. Their generous bequests now play a major role in helping fund the outstanding jazz artists brought to our community by CCJS. They have also been instrumental in supporting our commitment to pass on our love of jazz with the awarding of annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors. We invite you to join us in our mission to preserve, promote and present live jazz by including CCJS in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy, or with a donation to CCJS in honor or memory of a fellow jazz lover. For more detailed information, please contact any CCJS officer or director as listed on the last page.

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**OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

THE CCJS CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR MIKE PARMELEE



Gathering at **The Grill at 1951** on August 9<sup>th</sup>, family and friends celebrated the life of Mike Parmelee with stories, music and expressions of appreciation for his contributions to the local jazz music scene. Mike was a founding member of the Charlotte County Jazz society, served on the Board of Directors for over 30 years, coordinated countless concerts and jam session, shared his talent and love for music as an instructor with the Hope Academy of Music, and was a welcomed performer in many venues throughout the area. An accomplished musician and composer/arranger, Mike played saxophone, flute and keyboard with equal talent and passion. His brother, Doug, along with Doug's wife, Janet, traveled from Louisiana to share their remembrances of Mike. CCJS has announced that it will dedicate the first jazz jam of the season, and the 2021-22 concert season to Mike in recognition of his love and promotion of jazz in all its forms.

**In Tune** is published **four** times a year (Oct., Dec., Feb., and April). We welcome pertinent articles, letters and news items space permitting. Opinions expressed are those of the writers and not necessarily those of the CCJS.

Don't forget to take advantage of our CCJS email list. We try to send out reminders for events by email. Please send your name and email address to Connie at

in-tunejazz@gmail.com



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**Tuesday: Tony Boffa Quartet**

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**Friday: Bill Fredericks**

**Saturdays: Tony Boffa guitar & vocals**



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