

1/02/07 Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

It is Jon Pisanos guitar night this evening at Spazios in Sherman Oaks, and he is kicking off the first guitar night of 2007 with special guest Ron Eschte.

Al Viola, Sam Most and Richard Somin are teaming up for a gig at the 4 Points Sheraton LAX Hotel this evening. Al Viola is now 87-years-old and still going strong. The music begins at 7 pm.

And if you are in the mood for a little blues in the New Year, BB King is taking over the House of Blues at Downtown Disney. At 81-years-old his music hasn't slowed down a lick. The show begins at 7pm

1/2/07 Museum Update 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The California African American Museum in Exposition Park will feature scenes from South LA through March 7th. Intersections of South Central's people and places in historic and contemporary photography chronicles the last 70 years of the neighborhoods south of downtown. It depicts South LA as a place with a vibrant history and strong scene of community.

This week the Skirball Cultural Center presents Saul Bass' the Hollywood Connection. It's a collection of movie posters and album covers by the designer and will be at the center through April 1st.

1/3/07 Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Luther Hughes and his Cannonball Coltrane Project are playing the Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel tonight. The music begins at 7 pm.

Cathy Segal Garcia is presenting her weekly jazz jam over at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City. The jam gets started at 8:30 and goes till midnight.

The Jon Pattituchio Trio is kicking off the New Year with a week at the Jazz Bakery. They will be there doing two shows nightly through Sunday.

1/3/06 Chicago Jazz loss 7:22 am :30 Morning show

It's a blue new year for jazz fans in Chicago who are currently mourning the loss of the Jazz Showcase. Sixty years after the Joe Segal's club opened its doors to the jazz greats the club lost its lease, and is looking for a new home. Chicago is also mourning the loss of its jazz radio station WBEZ. Starting this year's the public radio station has changed format to talk radio, leaving many jazz and blues fans agitated. Jazz has been a vibrant part of life in the windy city since the 1920's, and if there is one thing we can say about this music its that jazz is resilient. Hopefully the jazz showcase will once again provide live jazz in the city of Chicago

1/4/07 Cultural Events 622 am :30 Morning show

Tonight is the first Laguna Beach Art Walk of the New Year. It's a free self-guided tour of more than 30 galleries in the Laguna Beach area.

Catalina Bar and Grill is featuring fusion jazz guitarist Stanely Jordon tonight through Sunday. Stanely is best known for his development of the touch technique for playing guitar and now you can see his "individioslistic" style for your self.

Vocalist Denise Donatelli and her quartet will be at the Crowne Plaza LAX Hotel tonight with music starting at 7 pm.

1/4/07 Panama Jazz Festival 7:22 am :30 Morning show

This festival was founded four years ago by Danilo Perez and he also serves as the artistic director. The three day event will run January 18th through the 20th and will feature a number of local Panama artist as well as Neena Freelon and the New England Conservatory Ensemble. There are free and ticketed concerts through out the city and the funds raised go towards the Perez Foundation which works to offer scholarship opportunities to people of limited resources.

1/4/07 Natural History Museum 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The Natural History Museum is inviting the public to continue partying amongst the dinosaurs in the New Year. Tomorrow night the museum will stay open till 10 for an event called "Your Place or Mine." Starting at 5:30 there will be a guided tour and presentation in the African Mammal Hall which will lead into an 8 o'clock performance by the soul group The Life Force Trio and the cosmic percussion ensemble Hu Vibrational in their west coast debut.

1/5/07 Weekend Jazz Events 6:22 am :30 Morning show

We have a living legend visiting the Jazz Bakery tonight through Sunday. Saxophonist and composer Benny Golson is turning 78 this year and hasn't slowed down yet. This March he will receive the Kennedy Center's "Living Jazz Legend" award, which he greatly deserves. Reservations are recommended, and you can log onto jazzbakery.org for all the details.

Catalina Bar and Grill presents jazz guitar virtuoso Stanley Jordon through Sunday. Jordan has created his own playing technique on the guitar that is pretty exciting to see live.

01/05/07 Hurricane Katrina Survivors Theatre 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Tomorrow and Sunday is the debut of a new play by Rick Mitchell called “Through The Roof, a Natural History.” It chronicles the adventures of two people who meet on the roof top in the Lower 9th Ward area of New Orleans while trying to escape rising flood waters from hurricane Katrina. The play is based on recent interviews with disaster survivors. The performances are free and take place tomorrow at Tia Chuchas Café Cultural in Sylmar at 7 and Sunday at Theatre of Note in Hollywood.

1/8/07 USC Photo Exhibit 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The USC Annenberg School for Communication is hosting an exhibition of 200 award-winning images from the World Press in 2006. It will be on display in the Annenberg schools east lobby through February 1st. The public is invited to attend a special opening reception tomorrow at 7 pm. World Press photo is the world’s largest and most prestigious press photography contest, and USC is the only venue in the state to host the international traveling exhibition.

1/9/07 Grammy Salute to Jazz 6:22 am :30 Morning show

This year’s Grammy Salute to Jazz pays tribute to jazz legends James Moody and Phil Woods. Moody has been playing the saxophone and flute for more than five decades, and Woods has made his mark as an alto saxophonist, clarinetist and composer working as a leader and sideman since the 1950’s. The salute to jazz presentation will take place February 6th at the music box theatre in Hollywood. It will feature performances by the honorees as well as the Gibson Baldwin Grammy Jazz Ensembles. Recording Academy president Neil Portnow will present the President’s Merit Award for outstanding achievement for their lasting contributions to jazz and the music community at large.

1/9/07 LA Cultural Calendar 7:22 am :30 Morning show

It’s a Chinese New Year celebration at the Kodak Theatre this evening. The Hollywood hotspot will feature traditional Chinese song dance and drama.

The Orange County Museum of Art is presenting a lecture series this evening titled “What Makes Music Beautiful?” Led by the philharmonic society’s executive director Dean Corey, the lecture will include wine tasting and an exploration as to why we care so much about music. That’s tonight at the Orange County Museum of Art in Newport Beach.

1/11/07 Cultural Events 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The Cannonball Coltrane Project will be in Huntington Beach tonight. Luther Hughes and the guys are playing Cavallino Restaurant.

Julie Day is taking the stage at Steamer's Jazz Club in Fullerton

Saxophonist and composer Kenny Garret and his quartet will be at Catalina Bar and Grill tonight through Sunday. His new release is his 11th recording as a leader, it's called "Beyond the Wall," and he will be bringing the music to life at Catalina's in Hollywood.

And of course Benny Golson's at the Jazz Bakery through Sunday

1/11/07 Ella Stamp 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The \$.39 Ella Fitzgerald stamp was officially released yesterday with a ceremony at Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York. It is now available across the county as part of the agency's Black Heritage series. Fitzgerald's son, Ray Brown Jr. says his mom would be very honored; he hopes people will see the stamp and be inspired to learn more about her music. Through out her career Ella won 13 Grammy Awards and the National Medal of Arts. Ella Fitzgerald passed away in 1996.

1/12/07 Weekend Jazz 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Tomorrow night pianist George Winston is hosting a hurricane Katrina benefit. It's called "Gulf Coast Blues and Impressions." The show is at Pepperdine University in the Smothers Theatre. And don't forget tonight at Pepperdine, Steve Morch Torme performs "Torme Sings Torme" at 8 pm

The Jazz Bakery has the legendary Benny Golson and his quartet all weekend. The composer and saxophonist is doing two shows nightly.

Catalina Bar and Grill in Hollywood has the Kenny Garret Quartet through Sunday.

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1/12/07 CA Arts Budget 7:40 am :30 Morning show

California already has the lowest funded state arts agency per capita in the nation, and now we are taking another hit. Under the proposed 2007 budget, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has submitted a 17 thousand dollar cut. The biggest chunk of the arts funding is once again expected to rely on motorist who pay extra for an arts supporter license plate.

1/15/07 NO Jazz and Heritage festival 6:22 am :30 Morning show

This year's Jazz Fest. runs the last weekend of April and the first weekend of May. The line up includes Harry Connik Jr, Rod Stewart, Steely Dan, Norah Jones, Dr. John, Van

Morrison, Irma Thomas, Allen Toussant, George Benson, Phorah Sanders, Branford Marsalis, Mose Allison, Toy Hargrove, Arturo Sandoval, of course all the local New Orleans brass bands and festival favorites, also Terence Blanchard, Nicholas Payton, Ellis Marsalis and many more. Tickets are currently on sale for the 2007 Jazz and Heritage Festival; you can learn more by logging onto nojazzfest.com.

1/17/07 Entertainment Update 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Catalina Bar and Grill in Hollywood is the place to be for the Jazz for Humanity Fundraiser concert featuring Earnie Andrews, Linda Hopkins and many other LA jazz greats.

Frank Capps Juggernaut Big Band will be at Charlie O's in Van Nuys this evening

Spazios in Sherman Oaks is featuring Karen Hernandez

And the Slide FX Trombone Tentet will take over the stage at Steamer's Jazz Club in Fullerton tonight only

1/18/07 Festival Productions 6:22 am :30 Morning show

George Wein is credited with bringing jazz to mass audiences. He founded the Newport Jazz Festival more than 50 years ago under his Festival Productions company. Festival Productions is also responsible for the Playboy Jazz Festival, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, and dozens of other events around the world. Wein has sold his company to a newly formed New York-based entertainment company called The Festival Network. Wein says the new ownership won't result in any major changes for the programming of the 15 major festivals his company produces. He also says his entire staff will remain on hand. Wein will also stay on as chairman of the new company. The deal does not include the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival which Wein will continue to run through a separate company

1/19/07 Live Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The Jazz Bakery is presenting Mose Allison tonight through Sunday. The singer, pianist and songwriter Mose Allison has had his songs recorded by The Who, Van Morrison, Bonnie Rait and many more. Mose Allison will be doing two shows nightly and reservations are recommended. Log onto jazzbakery.org.

It's Jon Pisano's guitar night at Spazios in Sherman Oaks, and this evening's special guest is guitarist and educator John Stowell.

Also drummer Willie Jones III will be hosting a CD release party at Catalina Bar and Grill in Hollywood.

1/20/07 Japan Jazz 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Café Chigusa is closing its doors after 73 years of presenting jazz to the country's music lovers. Chigusa is one of the oldest jazz coffee shops in Japan. The owners say there is not a big enough audience to keep the place open; young Japanese people turn to their Ipods for music now, and are not listening to jazz. Chigusa opened in 1937 and will soon be replaced by a building complex. The club's fans are hoping some one will be motivated to carry on the tradition of the Japanese jazz coffeehouses.

1/21/07 Online Music 7:22 am :30 Morning show

The world's biggest record label, Universal Music, has announced plans to open a download store devoted to jazz and classical music. They are hoping to tap into a booming market for digital sales, and Universal also hopes to make thousands of recordings available that have been sitting in their vaults for decades. According to Universal's sales of jazz music downloads have increased by nine hundred percent. The new site will offer classic jazz releases taken from nearly eight thousand CDs.

1/22/07 Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Mose Allison will be at the Jazz Bakery through Sunday night, presenting a collection of his work from the last five decades. Mose past gigs at the Bakery have resulted in standing-room only, so reservations are recommended.

Pianist Billy Mitchell is playing at Spagatani Italian Grill and Jazz Club in Seal Beach this evening.

The Roger Neumann Sextet is at the Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel tonight. The music begins at 6pm.

And Catalina Bar and Grill in Hollywood is presenting Tanya Varona with Tim Fagan.

1/23/07 Summer Arts Programs 7:22 am :30 Morning show

If you know a talented young person who could benefit from a little professional training, this is a great opportunity. The program is called "Inner Spark" and it's seeking teenaged writers, artists and performers for this year's California State Summer School for the Arts. The teenagers selected will be designated as California Arts Scholars. The deadline to apply for the program is February 28th and all the details can be found online at innerspark.us. Five hundred twenty students will be accepted to the program, and will work with professional artists, writers and performers. Those chosen will also receive college credit.

1/25/07 Cultural Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

For our KUOR listeners, the University of Redlands School Big Band is presenting their fall concert tonight in the Armacost Plaza. The music starts at 7:30, and the concert is free and open to the public.

Catalina Bar and Grill in Hollywood is featuring the Oz Noy Trio tonight only.

The Winston Byrd and Gary Herbig Quintet are plying the Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel tonight. The music starts at 6 pm

And the Jazz Bakery is home to Mary Foster Conklin tonight only.

1/26/07 Wynton Marsalis 7:22 am :30 Morning show

He is not only a trumpet player, but he is also artistic director for the world's largest performing arts center dedicated to jazz. Yes Wynton Marsalis has been named one of the countries top twenty leaders in a survey published by US News and World Report. Marsalis helped raise one hundred thirty-one million dollars for New York's Jazz at Lincoln Center. He is also an advocate for jazz education. Other leaders making the list of top of the list are Warren Buffet, former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Conner, and architect Frank Gehry.

1/28/07 Long Beach Symphony 7:22 am :30 Morning show

It's a very unusual way to premier new work. The Long Beach Symphony along with Hollywood film composer David Newman will premier Newman's six movement "Concerto for winds" movement by movement over the orchestra's nine month season. The interesting part is that Newman is still writing the movements, so no one knows how it will end. David Newman says he is making each movement personal to the musician featured, so it's about the players as much as it's about the instrument.

1/29/07 Theatre Update 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Tomorrow night is the 25th anniversary celebration and performance of "Rhapsody in Taps." The evening takes place at the Japan-American Theatre in San Pedro and will feature solo tap improvisations and live jazz. That's "Rhapsody in Taps" tomorrow at 7:30.

Tomorrow is the 5th Annual Carnival Venice Beach. They will have live music, costume contest, arts, food and more. The free event is tomorrow from noon to 10 and is at the Venice Beach Winward Plaza.

In Long Beach this weekend, the Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site is offering free living history tours from different eras through out California's history. It goes tomorrow and Sunday from one to 5.

2/1/07 Jazz Foundation of America 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The Jazz Foundation of America is still working to save New Orleans one musician at a time. Katrina left countless musicians unemployed and homeless, and since the hurricane hit the jazz foundation has helped more than one thousand of them. Right now they are asking for your help with housing, employment and instrument donations. Log onto jazzfoundation.org for more on how you can support the Jazz Foundation of America

2/2/07 Free Community Concert 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The Creative Chair for Jazz at the LA Philharmonic, bassist Christian McBride, is presenting a free community concert tomorrow afternoon. The music begins at 3 pm and it takes place in Watts at the Phoenix Hall on South Central Avenue. Christian will be joined by saxophonist Rickey Woodard and drummer Clayton Cameron. Once again, that's a free jazz concert tomorrow at 3 in Watts at Phoenix Hall.

2/5/07 Black History Month 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Over the past century African-Americans have made outstanding contributions to this community, and the city of Long Beach is hosting an exhibition that highlights those contributions made in the last one hundred years. The exhibit will feature historic information about many of Long Beach's first and most outstanding black professionals. It will be on display in the city hall lobby through out the month of February. Tomorrow the city is hosting an opening reception at 3 pm. Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster will attend, as well as members of the Black Managers Association and the National Council of Negro Women. The city hall lobby is located at 333 Ocean Blvd. and more information is available at longbeach.gov.

2/6/07 Grammy Salute to Jazz 7:22 am :30 Morning show

I will be bringing you coverage from the Grammy Salute to Jazz and interviewing this year's honorees. Each year the academy selects honorees that have made significant contributions in their field. This year's honorees are James Moody and Phil Woods. The Salute to Jazz will feature live performances by the honorees and the Gibson Baldwin Jazz Ensembles. President of the Grammys, Neil Portnow, will present the President's Merit Award, and it should be quite a special night.

2/7/07 Jazz Grammy Nominees 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The ceremony is this Sunday at Staples Center. It will be broadcast Sunday night on CBS. With almost a dozen categories containing jazz nominations, I can't go over all of them, but lets take a look at some of the nominees: for Best Jazz Vocal Album the nominees are Karrin Allison, Roberta Gamborini, Nancy King, Dianna Krall and Nancy Wilson; Best Jazz Instrumental Album has Ornette Coleman, Chick Corea, Kenny Garret and Sonny Rollins

2/8/07 Sonny Rollins Music Award 6:22 am :30 Morning show

This year The King of Sweden has selected jazz saxophonist Sonny Rollins to receive the one hundred forty-three thousand dollar Polar Music Prize. Rollins will receive the award at a ceremony in Stockholm on May 21st. The Polar Music Prize is Sweden's biggest music award and has typically been split between pop artists. Sweden's Royal Academy of Music says it selected Rollins because he has been one of the most powerful and personal voices for jazz for more than fifty years. The 76-year-old tenor saxophonist recently released his first live recording in nearly twenty years.

2/9/07 LA Opera Podcast 7:22 am :30 Morning show

The podcasts are called "Behind the Curtain at the LA Opera," and so far the programs have drawn five times as many listeners as there are seats in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. The Opera says it plans to produce fourteen more episodes through the rest of the 2007 season. The podcasts are fifteen minute interviews with the artist, and you can listen to them at laopera.com

2/10/07 Music Center Bravo Awards 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The Music Center of Los Angeles County has been honoring outstanding teachers and schools in the arts for twenty-five years now. This year's winners will be announced at ceremony on February 27th inside the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. This year the finalists for the Bravo Awards are teachers and schools from Alhambra, Burbank, Calabasas, Culver City, La Crescenta, Lakewood, Reseda, San Marino and Venice. All fifty-two nominees have been chosen for exemplary arts education programs. Producer and director Gary Marshall will emcee the evening with a cash award of ten thousand dollars going to the winning school.

2/11/07 Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Two nominees up against each other in the Best Vocal Jazz Album category will be sharing the stage tonight. Karrin Allison and Nancy King have both been nominated in the category. Karrin for her CD "Footprints" and King for her CD "Live at Jazz Standard." Tonight they are performing together at Steamer's Jazz Club and Café in Fullerton

Also nominated for a Grammy this year in the category for Best Latin Jazz Album, Ignacio Berroa is performing tonight and tomorrow at the Pasadena Jazz Institute. Straight from Cuba, Berroa rarely performs in the Southland. The drummer will do two shows nightly at the institute on Colorado Blvd.

2/14/07 Portland Jazz Festival 7:22 am :30 Morning show

The Portland Jazz Festival has expanded this year to include two full weeks of programming. The celebrations start this Friday with headliners Chick Corea and

Branford Marsalis. Through out the two week festival, dozens of jazz greats will be in the Portland area. Also on the line up are Kurt Elling, Patricia Barber, Charles Lloyd, Dave Douglas, Gonzalo Rubalcaba, and Roy Hargrove. Also many of Portland's local jazz ensembles will be participating. Along with concerts the festival will also present educational and outreach events in Portland neighborhoods and schools

2/15/07 Online Jazz Show 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Browstone Digital has just announced the launch of "Jazz It Up." It's an online jazz television program available at no charge. The bi-weekly show is co-produced by Greg Thomas who is affiliated with the Jazz Museum in Harlem. The segments will cover jazz history, artist features, music technology, music education and youth in jazz.

2/16/07 Newport Beach Jazz Party 6:22 am :30 Morning show

There is non-stop jazz in the Southland tonight and continuing all weekend. The 7th Annual Newport Beach Jazz Party kicks off tonight and will run through Sunday. It's four nights and three days of straight-ahead jazz at the Newport Beach Marriot. Tonight opens with Ken Peplowski and Houston Person, and through out the weekend dozens of jazz greats will make an appearance. Log onto newportbeachjazzparty.com for all the details.

2/17/07 North Carolina Jazz Fest 6:22 am :30 Morning show

NC Central University has teamed up with the African-American Jazz Caucus to plan a jazz festival and summit in Durham this summer. The goal is to develop a jazz research institute and jazz hall of fame on the North Carolina Central University campus. The festival is set to run June 20th thru 24th. The proposed jazz hall of fame would be web based and exclusive to North Carolinians who have contributed to the genre. The institute would be designed to show the cultural significance of jazz in the African-American community.

2/20/07 Dr. Martin Luther King Day 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Dr. Billy Taylor's three part suite dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is being featured on his website. The suite is called "Peaceful Warrior." On the website you can listen to all three movements which are called, "It's a Matter of Pride," "His Name Was Martin" and "Heritage, if you really are concerned, then show it." Also on billytaylorjazz.com is a thirteen minute video portrait of Dr. King that includes rare archival footage from the 50's and 60's.

2/21/07 Historic Jazz Landmark Closing 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The Mutual Musicians Foundation is the home of all night jam session that run into the morning. Jazz musicians have been gathering in the Old Union Hall since the days when Count Basie was a household name, and 18th and Vine was the Kansas City hotspot. The

Mutual Musician Foundation has never had a liquor license, but the booze has always flowed in the modern day “speakeasy” as jazz musicians jammed into the morning, that is until the city liquor inspectors found out and the alcohol flow came to a complete stop. Now audiences are diminishing and the club could soon be closing its doors for good. They are not eligible to apply for a liquor license because there is a church a block away. The 90-year-old foundation, which started as a segregated union for black musicians, hopes it will survive as one of the last remaining links to all the jazz greats that called Kansas City home.

2/22/07 New Orleans Mardi Gras 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The good news is that compared to last year crowds were a lot larger this year at New Orleans Mardi Gras. However, the celebrations were still considerably smaller than pre-hurricane Katrina. Mardi Gras is considered a key to reviving the tourist economy in New Orleans, and in the French Quarter the damage from the storm is almost non-existent. One thing that was definitely missing from this year’s celebrations was the number of musicians. One visitor noticed that there aren’t as many street musicians and jazz wasn’t ringing through the streets like it had in years past. Many of the jazz musicians who performed along the city streets have relocated since Katrina hit. Because of a lack of venues among other things, it’s hard for musicians to make a living within the city limits.

2/23/07 Queen Mary Carnival 6:22 am :30 Morning show

There is no need to travel all the way to Brazil for Carnival. The Queen Mary does great job of bringing the party to Long Beach. This Saturday night will be the annual Mardi Gras celebration Brazilian style, and the theme is “Peace in the World...Make Samba, not War.” Over three thousand people are expected to attend the largest Carnival party on the west coast. Almost a dozen Afro-Brazilian music groups are scheduled to play along with world-class Samba dancers. The party starts at 8 at the Long Beach Queen Mary.

2/26/07 Lionel Hampton Jazz Fest 7:22 am :30 Morning show

The small college town, Moscow, Idaho, which is surrounded by farmland, would seem a very unlikely venue for the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. This year the festival celebrated its 40th anniversary of bringing jazz greats to the University of Idaho campus. Management of the festival has been handed over to six time Grammy-nominated bassist and Los Angeles local John Clayton. Over the years the festival has attracted Ella Fitzgerald, Lionel Hampton, who performed every year until his death in 2002, Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Getz, Sarah Vaughn, Wynton Marsalis, Dianna Krall and many more. Clayton says his goal is to make the festival even bigger. Recently attendance has topped twenty-two thousand, which is a big deal considering the population of Moscow, Idaho is twenty thousand. This years line up included John Pizzarelli, Roy Hargrove, Jane Monheit, the Clayton Brother’s Quintet and dozens of college bands. Herb Ellis has said that this festival was the only one in the world where jazz greats had the chance to sit down with students and share knowledge.

2/27/07 Telluride Jazz Festival Line up 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The Telluride Jazz Society has announced the 31st edition of the of their Summer Jazz Celebration. It takes place in the Colorado Alpines, and this year, guitarist John Scofield has been named the guest of honor. He'll be playing with his trio "Beyond," and with John Mediski. The festival takes place the first weekend of August, and the main stage has been renamed the John Scofield Stage. Other artist scheduled to appear are Dr. Lonnie Smith, Trumpeters Roy Hargrove and Arturo Sandoval, trombone player Steve Turre and many more. The festival takes place in the San Juan Mountains in south west Colorado.

2/28/07 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Jazz Documentary 7:40 am :30 Morning show

There's no question that Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is one of the biggest icons in sports history. Since his childhood growing up in Harlem, jazz has played a major role in Abdul-Jabbar's life. Now he is exploring the relationship between jazz and the culture of basketball in American. Abdul-Jabbar says in the early days of pro-basketball, the sports were segregated. The Harlem team played at the Renaissance Ballroom and Casino which is also where prominent jazz musicians played. After the basketball game, artist like Duke Ellington would play into the morning. The Lakers legend says he wants to show how hip-hop is directly related to jazz, while today's players listen to hip-hop before a game, Abdul-Jabbar would prepare with Miles Davis and John Coltrane. The documentary is currently in the works, and we will keep you up to date with a release date.

03/01/07 Music Education Foundation 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Billy Mitchell is always looking for youngsters who exhibit talent and leadership. He's asked me to tell our listeners about the league of allied arts corporation scholarship. It's open to all students between the ages of 16 and 19 who have an interest in the arts and the scholarship applications are due March 24th. All the details are available on Billy Mitchell's website, sappa.net, and there are a few other scholarship and performance opportunities listed on the website as well. That's sappa.net

3/2/07 LA Marathon 7:22 am :30 Morning show

More than twenty-five thousand runners are expected to gather in Los Angeles Sunday for the 22nd Annual LA Marathon. This year's starting point will be in Universal City; it will weave through Hollywood and finish in the heart of Downtown LA on Flower and 5th Streets. So, if you are planning on commuting Sunday, make sure to avoid these areas. Through out the marathon, more than seventy-five entertainment stages will be set up will music of all genres performing. At the finish line, there will also be a festival with live entertainment. In all about forty-four thousand people are expected to participate.

3/6/07 Branford Marsalis 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Branford Marsalis created the series to draw attention to those musicians who may have been taken for granted over the years. Last year Michael Carvin and Jimmy Cobb were honored. This year clarinetist Alvin Batiste and drummer Bob French have been selected. The new releases will be available April 10th. This is the first recording in over a decade for Batiste, and both discs will feature original music that reflects the culture of the Crescent City. The two artists will also perform at this year's Jazz and Heritage Festival on May 6th.

3/7/07 Town Hall Discussion 7:22 am :30 Morning show

This isn't just any town hall. The two speakers are the chairman for the National Endowment for Arts, Dana Goia and actor Annette Benning. They will be discussing the importance of arts in our community. The latest NEA arts study demonstrates a clear link between arts participation and community health. Goia has served as NEA chairman for four years now and Annette Benning was recently appointed to serve as a member of the California Art Council. This is one of many events taking place in March which the city has deemed "Creative LA Month." The town hall series has promoted civic participation, pride and awareness in Los Angeles for seventy years. The talk is this evening at 7 pm at the Hammer Museum on the campus of UCLA.

3/8/07 Local Theatre Update 7:40 am :30 Morning show

This week the Ahmanson announced its "All Musical" season, with some of Broadway's most popular shows from the past and present on the bill. The season will open in September with the actor and puppet comedy "Avenue Q" followed by "The Color Purple." A touring production of 1976's "A Chorus Line" will wind up the season. Also on tap are "The Drowsy Chaperone," "Sweeney Todd" and "My Fair Lady."

In other theatre news, the musical "Wicked" has set a new Los Angeles theatre record. It took in more than 1.7 million dollars at the Pantages theatre last week, which is the biggest one week take in LA theatre history.

3/13/07 High School Jazz Fest 6:22 am :30 Morning show

This year's Next Generation Festival takes place the weekend of March 22nd through the 25th in Monterey. The town will be packed with high school big bands, combos, vocal ensembles, and young jazz musicians from ten states. They are all competing for a chance to perform at the Monterey Jazz Festival in September. The weekend will kick off with a special performance by Terrence Blanchard who is also this year's Monterey Jazz Festival's Artist-in-Residence. Blanchard will also lead clinics through out the weekend. Some of our local schools participating are Augora Hills High School, the LA County High School for the Arts, Mission Viejo High School, and Hamilton High School. Also the Long Beach State Jazz Big Band will be competing in the College Big Band category.

3/14/07 Smithsonian Week 7:22 am :30 Morning show

This year's theme is "Speakology, the Art of Words, Tales, Songs and Secrets." Every year the city teams up with the Smithsonian Institute to present free community events, workshops and lectures centered on a theme. Three Smithsonian scholars are visiting Long Beach this week to share their expertise in the various genres of the spoken word. Tonight's event is called "The Drum Speaks, Language of African-American Music and Story-telling." It starts at 7:30 at the Scottish Rite Event Center

03/15/07 Monk Institute 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The Monk Institute has brought out jazz recording artist Ingrid Jenson and Lisa Henry to take part in this week's Peer to Peer Program. Gifted jazz students from Texas are in town to take part in a week of jazz workshops and performances. The goal is for the Dallas and Los Angeles high school jazz students to play and learn alongside one another. The workshops will discuss why jazz is important to America, and how a jazz ensemble represents a perfect democracy. The week will conclude with a free performance open to the public at the LA Farmer's Market tomorrow night from 7 to 9 pm. Ingrid Jenson and Lisa Henry will be performing along side the young jazz lions.

03/16/07 Cultural Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Tonight through Sunday the Ahmad Jahmad Trio is performing at Catalina Bar and Grill in Hollywood. The renowned pianist will be doing two shows nightly.

Latin jazz flutist Dave Valentine will be at the Jazz Bakery tonight and tomorrow.

And tomorrow the Kenny Garret Quartet performs a benefit show at the Harvard Westlake School in North Hollywood. The Grammy-nominated saxophonist is taking part in the high school-organized Multi School Jazz Festival. The concert begins at 8pm and proceeds raised go towards inner city arts programming.

3/19/07 Orange County Performing Arts Center 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The Orange County Performing Arts Center is inviting all amateur singers to enter the "Rent: Ill Cover You" online video contest. Applications are being accepted now through April 10th. To be considered you must create a short video of you singing one of the songs from "Rent." The first-prize winner will appear onstage at the April 25th to give a performance of "Rent" along with the cast. The video entries must be uploaded to youtube.com and then emailed into contest@ocpac.org. All the information is available online at ocpac.org. The videos will be posted on the center's myspace page, and the public can vote on their favorite video. "Rent" opens at the Orange County Performing Arts Center March 18th.

3/20/07 Walt Disney Concert Hall 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Both consummate improvisers, guitarist Pat Metheny and pianist Brad Mehldau have teamed up for their first collaborative recording called "Metheny Meldouh." The album, which was released last September, has already sold more than thirty thousand copies. In the genre of instrumental mainstream jazz, that's a considerable amount. Last year the thirty-two jazz titles that sold over thirty thousand records were mainly from the contemporary jazz charts including Michael Buble, Dainna Ross and Gladys Night. The Pat Metheny / Brad Meldouh concert is this Saturday night at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Details are available online at laphil.org.

3/21/07 ASCAP 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The week begins Tuesday April 17th and events will run through the 21st. ASCAP is bringing together some of the industry's top composers, songwriters, lyricist and more from an array of different genres and musical perspectives. The week of events includes two award shows at the Kodak Theatre and a three day conference at the Hollywood Renaissance Hotel.

3/22/07 Starbucks Music Label 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Starbucks is definitely trying to bring some big name credibility to their new music venture. The newly formed Hear Music label has announced that their first release will be Paul McCartney's next studio album. It's the former Beatle's first release on a label other than EMI Records since 1962. EMI was the first label to release the Fab Four's records and McCartney has spent most of his career there. The album is set to be released early summer at Starbuck's locations.

3/23/07 College Internships 6:22 am :30 Morning show

This is a great opportunity for college students looking to get some hands on experience in the arts. The LA Arts Commission has one hundred thirty paid internships available with organizations that specialize in performing, literary, media and municipal arts through out LA County. The goal is for interns to gain a deeper understanding of the role of the arts in a community and the work involved in a non-profit organizations. All the details on the internships and how to apply can be found online at lacountyarts.org.

3/24/07 Jazz Art 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Artist Carolyn Maz-Loomi has always had a passion for jazz and quilts and has organized seven major quilting exhibitions. Recently she decided to bring jazz and quilts together for an exhibit called "Textural Rhythms Constructing the Jazz Tradition." It's a touring exhibition with sixty-four quilts. Maz-Loomi says that quilts and jazz are two gifts that African-Americans have given to the world. She encouraged the quilters to work with jazz musicians when creating and many of the quilts honor a particular artist or recording. The goal is for people to see, hear and feel jazz when they look at the quilts.