

04/3/06 Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The Mark Towns Quartet is performing this evening at Spazio's in Sherman Oaks. The Pepperdine Jazz Ensemble will be showcasing their talents tonight at Pepperdine University. The show is in the Rait Recital Hall and starts at 7:30. And for those in the San Diego area, Pat Martino and his quartet are playing at the Neurosciences Institute tonight, then the group heads over to the Jazz Bakery tomorrow. Martino's latest c.d. pays homage to Wes Montgomery. It's called *Remember* and will hit stores tomorrow.

04/03/06 KKJZ High School Jazz Festival 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Where else would we get an opportunity to see high school jazz musicians play with jazz leaders like Poncho Sanchez, Justo Almario, Francisco Aguabella, Nedra Wheeler, Rickey Woodard and many more esteemed music makers? I think if all these professional musicians can pass up paying Saturday night gigs—to volunteer their time—for young jazz artists, I can too...and for that matter I hope all of us listeners can. We need all of you to come out and show your support for the next generation of jazz masters. You'll be amazed at how advanced these high school players are, and your ticket price will go right into scholarship money for the kids. Plus, it's all the newly remodeled Luckman Fine Arts Center, a venue you should really make a point to see. The festival is Saturday, April 15th at 7 pm.

Jazz Appreciation Month 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Virginia Congressman Jim Moran says the Smithsonian Institution needs to start charging so it can pay for much-needed repairs. The art institution hasn't charged anyone to visit its museums for 160 years, but Moran says that charging a fee of even one dollar would help. A Smithsonian official says the idea of a fee has been rejected several times because it may keep families from visiting. Four of the Smithsonian's museums are legally forbidden from charging entrance fees.

04/05/06 high school jazz students are offering a series of jazz concerts 6:22 am :30 Morning show

High school jazz students are offering a series of jazz concerts at Steamer's Café in Fullerton each Saturday afternoon until May 20th. Nine southland high schools will be taking part. The series is sponsored by Orange County's non-profit educational jazz organization, Friends of Jazz. Each school performing will receive a \$400 stipend and one student from each school will receive a \$500 scholarship. Steamer's and Friends of Jazz are inviting the public to come out and support these young musicians. The concerts are every Saturday at 4 pm. More information about Friends of Jazz is available online at friendsofjazz.com.

04/05/06 Jazz Calendar 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Micheal Konik and His Tasty Band are continuing with the Tuesday Night Jazz party at Catalina Bar & Grill in Hollywood. Taking the stage this evening is star of *The Young And The Restless*, Jerry Douglas. Doors open at 7.

The Four Points Sheraton LAX is presenting another night of the L.A. Jazz Masters Series. Tonight guitarist Al Viola will play with bassist Chris Colangelo and Sam Most on flute. The music starts at 7 and there is no cover.

The Pat Martino Quartet opens a week-long gig at the Jazz Bakery tonight. They'll be doing two shows nightly, celebrating the release of a new c.d.

Monterey Jazz Festival 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The Monterey Jazz is welcoming a few jazz luminaries to its stages this September. The line-up includes Dave Brubeck, Dianne Reeves, Bonnie Raitt, McCoy Tyner, Charles Lloyd, Chris Botti and the first visit by the legendary pianist Oscar Peterson in 16 years. The festival runs September 15th through the 17th. More information is available online at montereyjazzfestival.org.

4/6/06 Roy Haynes Concert 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Legendary jazz man, Mr. Suave on the drums, the 80-year-old Roy Haynes is at Catalina's Bar and Grill tonight through Sunday. Haynes has been performing jazz for more than 60 years. He's played with Louis Armstrong, Lester Young, John Coltrane, Charlie Parker, Herbie Hancock, and many more. Haynes and his quartet will do two shows nightly at Catalina Bar & Grill. Reservations are available at catalinajazzclub.com

Local Art Walk 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Tonight is another edition of the Laguna Beach Art Walk. It's a self-guided tour of more than thirty art galleries. The free event is offered on the first Thursday of every month. The best place to start the tour is at the Laguna Beach Art Museum.

4/7/06 Long Beach Gran Prix 6:22 am :30 Morning show

I'm planning to head out there today and interview some of the race car drivers, and, of course, the race fans will who will fill the downtown Long Beach area today through Sunday. Concerts and special celebrity appearances are also planned for each day. More information is available at longbeachgp.com.

In other Long Beach events, the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach is hosting a Bolivia celebration this Sunday. It will feature music, art, and dance from Bolivia. The party goes from noon to four o'clock in the newly opened Molla Gardens.

4/7/06 Jazz Appreciation Month Programming 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Tune into KJazz Monday evening for a special hour with Helen Borgers. From 6 to 7 pm she will present a High School Jazz Festival pre-show. This is your chance to hear the stars of tomorrow, as she spotlights the music of the schools that will participate in the first annual KJazz High School Jazz Fest. Then be sure to join us next Saturday night, April 15th at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex. L.A.'s top jazz artists will be sharing the stage with our high school jazz musicians in an evening not to be missed. Log onto jazzandblues.org for all the details on the High School Jazz Fest and all of the KJazz Jazz Appreciation Month special celebrations.

04/10/06 Jazz Community 6:22 am :30 Morning show

A full representation of the L.A. jazz community will be performing at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex on April 15th. Taking the stage will be Fransisco Torrees, Nedra Wheeler, Poncho Sanchez, Ricky Woodard, and Justo Almario. Not only will all these L.A. greats be playing in one night, but it's all part of the first annual KJazz High School Jazz Festival. Our local jazz greats will play with the stars of tomorrow as they are joined by seven talented local high school jazz bands. 100 percent of the ticket sales for this evening go right back into the high school jazz programs and the Sam Fields Scholarship. Please come out and celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month at the KJazz High School Jazz Festival. It's going to be one incredible jam session that you won't want to miss.

04/10/06 BET Jazz Programming 7:22 am :30 Morning show

BET J channel is looking to reflect the powerful cultural roots of jazz throughout the month of April. Airing today will be the *2005 ASCAP Jazz Wall of Fame*. Last year seven musicians were inducted to the wall of fame during a ceremony including Shirley Horn, Thad Jones, Mary Lou Williams, and Bucky and John Pizzarelli. The broadcast of the ceremony features a duet by the two Pizzarellis performing a tribute to Mary Lou Williams. Also airing on BET J today is a performance by one of Canada's leading jazz vocalists, Sophie Milman. It's a half-hour special about the twenty-two year old's jazz journey.

04/10/06 Jazz at Lincoln Center News 7:40 am :30 Morning show

After holding the position for about a year, the president and CEO of Jazz at Lincoln Center is stepping down. Derek Gordon will become an adviser to the Center's board of directors. Before joining Jazz at Lincoln Center, Gordon served as a senior executive at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Jazz at Lincoln Center Chairwoman Lisa Schiff says she's unsure of who will succeed Gordon. For now his duties will be shared by artistic director Wynton Marsalis and Katherine Brown.

04/12/06 Jazz Scholarship 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The Dolo Coker Jazz Scholarship Benefit Concert will be held this Sunday. Now in its 23rd year, the foundation is dedicated to inspiring young jazz musicians and sponsoring their music education. This weekend's concert is their only jazz-scholarship fundraiser. Taking the stage on Sunday will be Ernie Andrews, the Art Hillery All Stars, Herman Riley and many other jazz greats. It takes place Sunday from 3 to 6:30, at Founder's Church in Los Angeles. All the details are available by calling 323-935-1374.

04/12/06 Grammy Foundation Schools 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Forty-two schools nation-wide have been selected to take part in the Grammy Signature Schools Program. The program was created eight years ago to recognize top public high schools that make an outstanding commitment to music education. Each of the forty-two winning schools will receive a custom award and a Monterey grant to benefit the schools' music programs. KJazz would like to congratulate our local Los Angeles County High School for the Arts for being selected as one of this year's Grammy Signature Schools.

04/13/06 LA County Summer Internships 7:22 am :30 Morning show

This summer, the L.A. Arts Commission is looking for college undergraduates to work as interns in various arts organizations throughout the county. The interns will be paid to take part in the ten-week program and, of course, they will get the chance to do priceless networking with arts organizations. The goal is for interns to gain a deeper understating of the work involved in nonprofit organizations and to develop skills that can be put to use in their future careers. All the information is available online at lacountyarts.org.

04/13/06 Tribute to American Music 7:40 am :30 Morning show

You, your family, friends, and music lovers are invited to celebrate with the Department of Music at the L.A. County High School for the Arts this Saturday night. The 9th Annual Music Gala takes place at the Luckman Theatre at Cal State LA. The art school is a breeding ground for young jazz and classical musicians and it is encouraging more people to audition for positions this year. This past year, all five members of their Jazz Combo B were offered full scholarships to a summer program at Berklee College of Music. The 9th Annual Los Angeles County High School for the Arts Department of Music Gala is this Saturday at the Luckman Theatre. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or at the Luckman box office.

04/14/06-04/26/06 Morning Show Coverage of New Orleans Jazz And Heritage Festival 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Day-to-day coverage of New Orleans Jazz Festival.

04/27/06 Local Jazz Update 6:22 am :30 Morning show

For those looking to get a final jazz appreciation month event under their belts, the place to be this weekend is the KJazz free concert at Hollywood & Highland. It's this Sunday April 30th at 1 pm. The Jazz on the Latin Side All Stars will perform along with Ron Eschte and the Cal State Long Beach Jazz Ensemble directed by Dr. Ray Briggs. The entire concert is free and that's at Hollywood & Highland.

05/15/06 Inland Empire Auditions 6:22 am :30 Morning show

For all our inland empire listeners—the Southern California Music School is sponsoring the vocal competition at this year's Orange Blossom Festival in Riverside. Coming up this Saturday and Sunday, singers may audition on a first-come first-serve basis, starting at 10 am. Finalist will be invited to come back the following day. Winners take home a package that will include a studio recording and more. Details are available online at socalmusic.school.com.

05/17/06 Tony Nominations 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Julia Roberts didn't get any more love from the Tonys than she did from critics for her Broadway debut. Roberts wasn't on the list when Tony nominations were announced. Oprah Winfrey did much better. Her musical version of *The Color Purple* picked up eleven nominations. It wasn't the only movie-put-to-song that's up for best musical. Also nominated is *The Wedding Singer*, based on the Adam Sandler movie. They'll compete with *Jersey Boys*, the show about the Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, and *The Drowsy Chaperone*, which leads with 13 nominations. Other acting nominees include Stephen Lynch, Harry Connick Junior, Cynthia Nixon and Ian McDiarmid (mikh-DIHR'-mihd). Winners will be announced June eleventh.

05/17/06 New Jazz Release 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Christian Scott could be the latest in a long line of New Orleans greats. He plays the trumpet and his debut release is called *Rewind That*. The 23 year old graduated from Berklee School of Music two years ago and has already been making quite a name for himself. Scott began playing the trumpet when he was 12. He made his first c.d. while he was a student at Berklee, sent a copy to Concord Records, and within days was offered his first contract. Gotta love success stories like that.

05/18/06 Digital Music Update 7:22 am :30 Morning show

The largest record labels are suing X-M Satellite Radio because its new handheld device can record and store music. The federal lawsuit seeks 150-thousand dollars in damages for every song copied by X-M customers who use the recording devices. The recording industry argues that the devices are legally indistinguishable from iPods and other portable music players that work with downloading services such as iTunes and Napster. Those music downloading services pay the recording industry for licenses, but X-M has balked at doing so. X-M says songs from its broadcasts can't be copied and can only be played for as long as a customer subscribes to its service.

05/18/06 Legendary Violin Up for Auction 7:40 am :30 Morning show

A 300-year-old Stradivarius violin is shattering records. The instrument was sold for more than three and one-half million dollars at Christie's auction house in New York. That's the highest amount ever paid for a musical instrument at auction. The violin went to an anonymous bidder after fewer than five minutes of bidding. The head of the auction house's musical instruments department describes the new owner as a patron of the arts who loves classical music. The instrument was made in 1707 by Italian violinmaker Antonio Stradivari. Christie's says its previous owner loaned it to violinists who performed with many of the world's top orchestras.

05/19/06 Cultural Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

In live jazz this weekend—tonight Catalina Bar & Grill in Hollywood is presenting Cary Hoffman's "My Sinatra." This is a big band backed show in memory of old blue eyes. It's tonight and tomorrow, with shows at 8:30 and 10:30. Tomorrow night at Steamers in Fullerton, Fransisco Aguabella and his Latin Jazz Band will take the stage. The maestro and his conga drums are always a good musical combination. On Sunday morning, Catalina Bar & Grill and the L.A. Jazz Society are hosting a memorial brunch and concert for David Abell. It starts at 11:30 Sunday morning. Then Sunday night Barbara Morrison is playing at Catalina's.

05/19/06 United Negro College Fund Walk 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Tomorrow is the United Negro College Fund walk. It's the annual 5k walk that raises money for the fund. After the walk there will be entertainment and activities. Registration begins at 7:30 at Exposition Park and Recreation Center.

05/22/06 Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Tonight the Jazz Bakery is hosting a fundraiser to support the nonprofit jazz venue. It's an evening of comedy and music featuring the musical direction of Mike Melvion. The show starts at 8 and all the details are available at jazzbakery.org. Its Latin jazz night at Spazios in Sherman oaks featuring the music of Luis Conte. And for almost two years now the Cross Hart Jazz Experience has been creating fresh new jazz sounds every Monday night at the Ten-Twenty Piano Bar inside the Belage hotel in West Hollywood.

05/22/06 Pasadena Summer Fest 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Thanks Joni, if you haven't heard the line up yet....well now's a good time. It is three days of non-stop live-jazz for free. The music goes from 11 to 9 Saturday through Monday at the Rose Bowl. Here are a few of the artists scheduled to appear on Saturday:

Saturday, May 27

Grant Geissman Quintet (Contemporary Jazz)

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B-Side Players (Latin/Street Band)

Angela Carole Brown (Vocalist)

Sunday, May 28

Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band (Latin)

Dave Pell Octet (Straight Ahead)

"Imaginacion" featuring Bill Cunliffe (Latin Jazz)

Cross/Hart Jazz Experience (Straight Ahead)

Michael Haggins Group (Smooth Funk)

All Star Spotlight Band with Ismael Cuevas, Danny Janklow, Jonathan Richards, Jordan Seigel, Max Wrightson

Monday, May 29

Michael Lington (Smooth Jazz)

The Dwight Tribble Ensemble (Vocalist/Straight Ahead)

The Hour Trio with Austin Peralta, Jake Bloch,

Tigran Nersissian (Straight Ahead)

David Garfield and the Cats (Smooth Pop/Funk)

AC Timbre Jazz (Latin)

Pasadena City College Studio Jazz Ensemble

05/23/06 Hurricane Katrina Rescue 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Twenty-one penguins and otters that were rescued from New Orleans in Hurricane Katrina's aftermath boarded a cargo plane and are on their way home today. The nineteen African black-footed penguins and two sea otters had been living at the Monterey Bay Aquarium since September. The animal evacuees were expected to arrive in New Orleans later today, where they're scheduled to be welcomed on a red carpet by a jazz marching band. The animals were evacuated from the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, which was shut down after Hurricane Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast in September.

05/23/06 Jazz and Baseball 7:22 am :30 Morning show

This isn't just any baseball uniform; it's the uniform worn by Joe DiMaggio in his final World Series. An anonymous buyer will pay \$195,500 for the uniform. The Yankee Clipper wore the pinstriped flannel home jersey during the 1951 World Series, when the Yankees defeated the New York Giants. The bid comes on the second day of the auction of DiMaggio memorabilia. According to Hunt Auctions, the matching pants were worn during the 1951 season but couldn't be verified as being used in the World Series. DiMaggio retired after winning the championship, turning his spot in center field over to Mickey Mantle. In all, more than one-thousand DiMaggio items went on the auction block. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Florida.

05/24/06 Cultural Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Coming up at the Jazz Bakery, tonight through Sunday, is the Mulgrew Miller Trio. The bop pianist will be working with bassist Ivan Taylor and drummer Rodney Green at the Jazz Bakery. The Flying Pisanos are playing at Vibratos Jazz Club in Bel Air. This evening Los Angeles great Bob Shepard will take the stage at Spazios in Sherman Oaks. And the great Jack Sheldon and his California Cool Quartet will be at Charlie O's in Van Nuys. Also, the Skirball Cultural Center is opening a new exhibition today called *Rwanda*. It features black and white photographs taken during travels through Rwanda. The exhibit will run at Skirball through September 30th.

05/25/06 CD Release Party 7:22 am :30 Morning show

If you look up Los Angeles jazz legend in the dictionary, Buddy Collette would be at the top of the list. This Sunday at Catalina Bar & Grill in Hollywood Buddy Collette and his Big Band are hosting a Sunday brunch c.d. release party. The live c.d. was recorded at El Camino College in Torrance in 1990 by Buddy Collette's all-star 30-piece jazz orchestra. Buddy Collette will be on hand this Sunday to sign c.d.'s. During his 60-year career, Collette was one of the first black musicians to break into the Hollywood studio scene. He played with a who's who of jazz greats and worked tirelessly to pass this music on to the next generation of jazz artists and fans.

05/25/06 Free Performances 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Tonight the LA Philharmonic is putting on a free concert as part of its neighborhood concert series. This evening's performance takes place at Alhambra High School. It starts at 7 pm. The UCLA Fowler Museum is featuring a free performance this evening featuring the Near Eastern Ensemble. This group will bring the Near East a little closer during this evening performance. It is free and begins at 6 pm.

Every Thursday evening the non-profit organization Juice holds a free open arts space for people of all ages. The group seeks to encourage artistic expression in inner city Los Angeles. The open art space runs from 4 to 9 pm and will offer dancing, visual art, and music recording sessions. Juice is held in downtown LA on West 8th street. All the details are available on line at rampartjuice.com

05/30/06 Free Community Concert Series 6:22 am :30 Morning show

There is nothing better than looking out into the Rosebowl and seeing more than twenty-thousand people of ages gathering to enjoy the American art form we call jazz. It was a blast. Thanks to everyone who came out and I hope to see every one again in a few weeks for the Playboy Jazz Festival.

If you haven't had your share of live jazz yet, there's plenty of ways to take part. Tonight the Monk Institute of Jazz Performance ensemble will be performing at the 1020 Café inside the Belage hotel in West Hollywood. It's free and the music starts at 8 pm.

The Banda Brothers are closing out this month's After Work Jazz Cooldown at the Hollywood Park Casino. It takes place in the Finish Line Lounge and the music starts at 7:30

05/30/06 LA City Council Cultural Heritage 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The L.A. City Council has decided to approve the Cultural Heritage Commission's decision to make the famed Brown Derby nightclub an official historic monument. The Derby opened in 1929 and was one of the famous Brown Derbys until 1960.

05/31/06 Live Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The Dave Weckl Band is at Catalina Bar & Grill tonight through Saturday. The acclaimed jazz drummer will be doing two shows nightly. In celebration of bassist Ryan Cross's birthday, the Cross Hart Jazz Experience is hosting a special birthday bash this evening at Charlie O's in Van Nuys. And rumor has it that many special guest artists are expected to stop by for this party. Pianist Billy Mitchell is playing at Speghettini's jazz club tonight in Seal Beach. Billy plays a big role in music education and is a mentor for so many of our young jazz greats.

05/31/06 Summer Arts Camp 7:22 am :30 Morning show

For the 15th year now, the Orange County Performing Arts Center is offering a musical theatre program for at risk high school students. Starting on July 15th the program will help high school students build life skills through the performing arts. It's designed to empower students to overcome adversity in their lives while introducing them to the joys of music and theatre. Sessions include singing, dancing, and acting lessons. Participants are chosen through an interview process which is coming up: June 14th through 16th.

05/31/06 Memorial Day Tribute 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Memorial Day in New Orleans, the city gathered to mourn the more than one thousand victims of hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. In the New Orleans jazz funeral tradition, a joyous brass band marched through the lower ninth ward, as residents read of the names of more than 1000 victims killed by Katrina and its aftermath. The jazz funeral parade was organized by the Lower 9th Ward Neighborhood Empowerment Network Association. It was formed by residents who aim to make sure their community gets rebuilt. It's a community that is predominantly poor and I can tell you after visiting the lower 9th ward about a month ago...it basically looks like a big open field with debris and overturned vehicles reaching as far as the eye can see. Most of the area still has no running water or electricity.

06/1/06 Live Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Tonight, under the stars at the Ford Amphitheatre, the music of Harold Arlen will be filling the air. It's a Harold Arlen tribute featuring classics like Over the Rainbow, That Old Black Magic, I've Got the World on a String and many more. The music will be performed by Barbara Morrison and others. The show is tonight at 8 pm. The Larry

Goldings Trio is performing at the Vic in Santa Monica this evening. The Hammond B-3 organist will be working with Anthony Wilson on guitar and Karriem Riggings on drums. Over at the original Los Angeles Farmers Market on 3rd Street, the CJS Quintet will take the stage. And Interplay is tonight's featured performers at the LAX Crowne Plaza Hotel. The music starts at 6 pm

06/01/06 Historical Auction 7:22 am :30 Morning show

It's believed to be one of the highest prices ever paid for handwritten letters from the 18th century. Sotheby's says twenty-six letters from French philosopher Voltaire to Russian Empress Catherine the Great were auctioned off to a European collector who paid three-quarters of a million dollars. The Voltaire letters date from 1768 to 1777. Catherine the Great ruled Russia from 1762 to 1796. An original edition of James Joyce's "Ulysses" fetched about \$145,000.

06/01/06 Tony Awards 7:40 am :30 Morning show

In a major departure from recent years, this year's 60th annual Tony Awards will be presented by about 60 celebrities. Among them are Oprah Winfrey, Julia Roberts, Bernadette Peters and Parting Short. The Tony Awards will be broadcast from Radio City Music Hall on CBS, June 11th.

06/02/06 KUOR Events 7:40 am :30 Morning show

For our KUOR listeners, the Temecula Valley Balloon and Wine Festival is today through Sunday. There is wine tasting balloon rides and more. It's at the Lake Skinner Recreation Area.

The Watts Labor Community Action Center is hosting a Vision and Vibes Festival tomorrow. It's a concert and art fest that will celebrate cultural diversity with live music, art and more. Log onto wlcac.org for all the details.

The Getty Center is hosting a family festival this Sunday. And performing at the Skirball Center tomorrow is the Cross Hart Jazz Experience. You can log onto skirball.org for all the information.

06/06/06 Jazz News 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Jazz vocalist Cassandra Wilson will be touring in support of her album in August through November of this year. Cassandra is back in a big way. Her seventh album on Blue Note Records is called *Thunderbird*. Produced by T-Bbone Burnett, the album has been in the top five on the Billboard charts for 7 consecutive weeks now.

In other news New Orleans has unveiled plans for a \$700 million jazz district and park. The 20 acre national jazz center and park will house a performance center, a museum complex and a park. It's designed to provide a cultural anchor for the city devastated by hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. The 6-block-long park will long the Hyatt Regency and the superdome. Construction is set to begin in about a year.

06/06/06 Hollywood and Highland Free Concert Series 6:22 am :30 Morning show

It's not every day you get an opportunity to see Joey DeFrancesco for free. The reigning king of the Hammond B-3 will take the stage at 7 pm and the music goes till 9. Joni and I will be there and we hope to see you there as well. Legendary saxophonist Plas Johnson is performing tonight at the Hollywood Park Casino. It takes place in the Finish Line Lounge at 7:30. And it's guitar night with Jon Pisano at Spazios in Sherman Oaks.

06/06/06 Broadway Theatre 7:22 am :30 Morning show

New Yorkers and tourists were lured to the theatres this year and filled the seats in record numbers. Big name celebrities like Julia Roberts may have added some of the appeal. The increase in attendance took place despite the 7-percent increase in theatre prices. According to recent information, revenue increased 12 percent, and the average ticket price was about 72 dollars.

06/07/06 Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Tonight's live jazz calendar features jazz and blues vocalist Linda Hopkins at the Bel Air Hotel in the Ten-Twenty Bar. The Tony Award winning singer always gives you a show to remember. The music starts at 6 pm.

Sherri Roberts is tonight's featured performer at Catalina Bar and Grill

And the Jazz Bakery is featuring Kurt Rosenwinkel with Mark Turner tonight through Sunday.

06/07/06 Gold Crown Award 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Last Sunday the Pasadena arts council presented pianist Billy Mitchell with the Gold Crown Award. The award celebrates those who have enhanced the cultural life in the area. Billy Mithcell is the founder of SAPPA. It's a music workshop and audition program that targets underserved areas in the Southland. SAPPA focuses on helping students develop a talent and desire towards entering into music and arts competitions.

06/08/06 Live Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Today through Sunday Dee Dee Bridgwater is at Catalina Bar and Grill. The Tony and Grammy award winning vocalist will be showcasing some of the best music she has recorded over the past two decades. Log onto catalinajazzclub.com for more information.

Steamers Jazz Club in Fullerton is presenting the Jeff Hamilton Trio. Jeff will be working with pianist Tamir Hendelson and bassist Christoph Luty. They will play tonight and tomorrow at Steamers

Over at the Jazz Bakery guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel is on the line up through Sunday.

And the Susie Hansen Latin Band will be doing their annual summer Friday night performance at the Radison Hotel in Whittier at 6:30

In other events tonight is the downtown Art Walk. It's a free self-guided tour of some of Los Angeles best art outlets. Log onto downtownartwalk.com. The tour goes from noon to 9 p.m.

06/08/06 Art News 7:22 am :30 Morning show

A record has been set for the highest price paid for Latin American art work. A painting by Mexican artist Frida Kahlo sold for 5.6 million dollars. Roots is a full length self portrait. It was sold to an anonymous bidder. The 1943 oil on metal piece has never before appeared on public market.

In other art news, the Smithsonian Institution has signed an exclusive television contract with Showtime networks. The Smithsonian is locked into the contract for three decades and is guaranteed \$500,000 a year for the television venture.

06/08/06 Hilton Ruiz Remembered 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Hilton Ruiz mastered a wide array of musical styles from Afro-Cuban rhythms to the blues. He passed away early Tuesday morning. Ruiz was in a coma for 17 days before passing away, never regaining consciousness after a fall in front of a bar in New Orleans's French Quarter. Ruiz was in New Orleans to take part in a Hurricane Katrina Benefit project. Ruiz had worked with Tito Puente, Dizzy Gillespie, and Charles Mingus. Currently, Hilton Ruiz is being transported to New York. There will be a viewing Monday June 13th at the Barrett Funeral Home in New York City.

06/09/06 Cultural Calendar 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The Macy Gray Music Academy is hosting a music recital on Sunday. The non-profit school offers a wide range of music education for kids 5 to 18 years old. The recital is at 3 pm. More information is available at mgraymusicacademy.com

A new jazz musical has just opened up. It's called "Play It Cool" by Mark Winler and Larry Dean Harris. The show runs tonight through July 16 at the Celebration Theatre in Santa Monica. Log onto celebrationtheatre.com for more information.

Los Angeles singer Ernie Andrews is performing at the legendary Light House Café as part of their Sunday Brunch Series. The Lighthouse Café is in Hermosa Beach and begins at 11 a.m.

06/12/06 Live Jazz 6:22 am :30 Morning show

It's Big Band Night around town. Steamers Jazz Club in Fullerton is featuring The Big Band 2000

Gordon Goodwin and His Big Phat band are playing at the Jazz Bakery this evening. The Grammy Award Winning arranger and his Big Phat Band will take the stage in Culver City tonight only.

And every Monday night you can find the Cross Hart Jazz Experience bringing their fresh jazz sounds to the Bel Age Hotel in West Hollywood.

06/12/06 LA Arts Commission 7:22 am :30 Morning show

The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded \$680,000 into Los Angeles County Arts Programs. The funds will be used to bring the arts to school-aged children. It's all part of a large attempt to establish arts education as a fundamental part of the County's curriculum.

06/13/06 Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Tonight at Hollywood and Highland KJAZZ is presenting The Midnight Jazz Band with your host Mr. Chuck Southcott. The music starts at 7. It's free and we hope you will join us. Also if you haven't been to the KJAZZ website lately log onto jazzandblues.org and we have pictures posted from last week so you can see for yourself what a great time is had by all.

And the young and talented Gerald Clayton is performing at Catalina Bar and Grill tonight only with his trio...everyone should be Gerald Clayton experts after listening to the KJAZZ "Ones to Watch" program. We got to learn all about the up and coming jazz star.

06/13/06 Live Jazz Calendar 7:22 am :30 Morning show

The Banda Brothers Latin Jazz Band is playing at Steamers tonight in Fullerton.

Steve Carr and His Trio will be at the Four Points Sheraton LAX Hotel. The music starts at 7 pm

Pianist Jon Mayer will be at the Hollywood Park Casino this evening as part of their After Work Jazz Cool Down.

And it's Jon Pisanos guitar night with Mike Anthony at Spazios in Sherman Oaks.

06/13/06 Oscar Peterson Honored 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Oscar Peterson was honored at the 2006 African Canadian Achievement Awards which were held at the St. Lawrence Centre For the Arts. The 80-year-old Peterson was one of 16 recipients recognized for excellence. Peterson says being recognized for the award is very special and exciting to him. Oscar Peterson has played with Louis Armstrong, Ella

Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington and countless others. He was also the recipient of this year's Grammy Jazz Lifetime Achievement Awards.

06/14/06 Grammy Foundation School Award 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The Grammy Foundation is honoring the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts with Grammy signature school gold status. The Grammy Foundation is giving LA County High School for the Arts \$50,000 and naming them one of the top seven U.S. public high schools in the United States. The school was chosen for their outstanding commitment to music education. A ceremony and concert will take place tonight at Warner Brothers Studios. LA County High School for the Arts was the only school in California to be awarded gold status by the Grammy Foundation. The Los Angeles County High School for the Arts was also the winner of the KJAZZ High School Jazz competition.

06/14/06 Les Paul Birthday 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Remember back in February Les Paul was supposed to be in town for the Grammy Awards but he was unable to make it due to illness? Well, the Grammy's were brought to him. Les Paul has played at the Iridium Jazz Club in New York City every Monday night for the past 12 years. Last Monday was his 91st birthday and many surprise guests showed up including Jose Fliciano. During the second set Les was presented with the two Grammy's he was unable to pick up in February.

6/15/06 Cultural Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

It's all about the big bands at Steamers tonight with Gerry Gibbs and his Thrasher Big Band. That's at Steamers in Fullerton.

The Skirball Cultural Center is presenting the music of Rhiannon tonight. It starts at 8 p.m.

Catalina Bar and Grill is welcoming Gonzalo Rubalcaba tonight through Sunday. The Grammy Award winning pianist, composer and arranger will be doing two shows nightly. Reservations are available at [Catalina jazz club.com](http://Catalinajazzclub.com)

And Judy Wexler will be at the Holly Street Bar and Grill this evening over in Pasadena.

06/15/06 Django Reinhart Tribute 7:22 am :30 Morning show

It's happening at Mr. T's Bowl on North Figueroa Street in Highland Park. The evening is called Django Night. It's a free concert that begins at 8:30 p.m. The concert will cover a wide view of Djangos music showcasing his skills as a composer and spotlighting the influence Django Reinhart has on today's music.

06/15/06 Jazz High School Fundraiser 7:40 am :30 Morning show

It's happening at the Jazz Bakery this Sunday. The George Kahn Quintet is performing a fundraiser for the Santa Monica High School Jazz Band. It goes from 4 to 6 p.m. this Sunday. The all ages event will feature George along with 4 other Los Angeles power players. Opening the show will be the 17 piece Santa Monica High School Band. This is a great way to spend Father's Day and support our young jazz musicians who don't get to play in venue settings very often.

06/16/06 Playboy Jazz Festival 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The theme of this years Playboy Jazz Festival is New Orleans. And some of this weekend's most anticipated players hail from the Crescent City. Among them is the 22 year old trumpeter Christian Scott. He'll be playing at 2 on Sunday. Also on Sunday, The Preservation Hall Jazz Band. The hall was closed for 8 months after Katrina hit, now it's back in business. This band has been keeping the 20's style of New Orleans music alive. New Orleans great Branford Marsalis is making an appearance tomorrow and the most talked about collaboration is Elvis Costello and Allen Toussaint. They are showcasing a new album which was set in motion by Katrina.

06/20/06 Hollywood Free Summer Concert series 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Taking the stage tonight is Tolu, which is made up of some of the Southlands top Latin Jazz Players including Alex Acuna and Justo Almario. Plus the KJAZZ's official Latin Jazz diplomat Jose Rizo will be the evenings emcee. The fun starts at 7 p.m., it's free at Hollywood and highland.

In other live jazz, Tamir Hendelman is playing the Hollywood park casino tonight as part of their Tuesday Afternoon Jazz Cooldown.

06/20/06 Eric Dolphy Day 7:22 am :30 Morning show

There are official city and County of Los Angeles and State of California resolutions designating today June 20th as Eric Dolphy Day. Dolphy was born in Los Angeles on this day in 1928 and he became an international jazz legend. Eric Dolphy has now been designated as a rare and valuable California cultural treasure. His working class roots are important to the cultural heritage of this state and Eric Dolphy was named to promote recognition of his accomplishments.

06/21/06 Live Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

I was reminded how lucky we are to have such talented musicians right here in our backyard. The band Tolu filled all of Hollywood with their Latin rhythms. The crowd was wonderful thanks to every one who came out and danced a long with me and we hope to see all of you again next Tuesday.

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In tonight's live jazz calendar Lou Cruz Beltran and his Latin Jazz Band will be at Catalina Bar and Grill in Hollywood.

Grammy nominated pianist and arranger Bill Cunliffe is performing a solo gig at the Pasadena Museum of Art this evening.

The Dave Pell Octet is doing their monthly gig at Charlie O's in Van Nye's. Dave is not only extremely talented as a musician, but he's also a really funny guy who believes in entertaining the audiences.

06/21/06 ASCAP Wall of Fame 7:22 am :30 Morning show

The new group of inductees includes three jazz giants of the past. They are guitarist Freddie Green, pianist and bandleader Fletcher Henderson and vocalist Sarah Vaughn. They will also be honoring three living jazz legends. Saxophonist and band leader Frank Foster, pianist and composer Horace Silver, and trumpeter Clark Terry. At today's ceremony Ken Hatfield will perform and he will also be receiving the ASCAP Foundation Vanguard Award. The invitation only event is being held at the ASCAP Gallery.

06/21/06 Jazz Journalist Awards 7:40 am :30 Morning show

The biggest awards of the evening went to Sonny Rollins for the Musician of the Year Award, and Roy Haynes who was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. In all, more than 500 musicians, journalist, photographers and industry executives were in attendance. Votes were cast by more than 400 JJA members and awards were presented in 41 categories. The winner for Jazz album of the year was Thelonius Monk Quartet with John Coltrane at Carnegie Hall.

06/22/06 Cultural Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

This is an event all of us at KJAZZ have been looking forward to for a while. Thanks to all of our supporters who will be joining us this evening.

In other events tonight the Shakespeare Company is showcasing "As You Like It". It's a free performance outdoors at The Barnsdall Art Park in Hollywood. The show begins at 7:30 and it runs through August 13.

The same outdoor Shakespeare celebrations are happening in Dana Point with "Much Ado About Nothing". It's free and at Heritage Park. The show begins at 6 p.m.

06/22/06 New Jazz Colaboration 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Bob Cranshaw has been Sonny Rollins bassist since 1959. A new video on Sonny Rollins website gives a look at their 47 year collaboration. It's called Bob Cranshaw and

Sonny Rollins the first gig. Created by Bret Primack, it features interviews and performance footage. It's also available as an mp3 download.

06/23/06 New Name for Jazz @ Lincoln Center 7:40 am :30 Morning show

Jazz at Lincoln Center has announced that the non-profit organizations resident big band used to be called the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis. Now it's called the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis. The big band now bears the organizations name. The orchestra is comprised of 15 soloist and ensemble players. It's been around for more than 18 years and along with performances the orchestra also takes part in many music education programs.

06/27/06 Cultural Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Another edition of Hollywood and Highland this evening. The free music will begin at 7pm and taking the stage tonight is the multiple Grammy Award Winning jazz pianist Alan Broadbent and Scott Willis will be the host. That's tonight at 7pm.

Also this evening the Thelonius Monk Institute of Jazz Performance Ensemble is performing a free show at the Ten20 Café inside Belage Hotel in West Hollywood. The music begins at 8 pm. By the way these are our young musicians who performed at the 3rd Annual Chuck Niles celebration at the Playboy Mansion.

06/27/06 Cultural Calendar 7:22 am :30 Morning show

The Cal State Long Beach Art Museum is opening a new exhibition today called "Implacable Witness Katie Kollwitz Graphic Works". It features etchings, lithographs, and prints by the German artist. The exhibit here on the CSULB campus will highlight themes of social injustice, rebellion, poverty and family relationships. It runs now through August 6th at the Cal State Long Beach Art Museum.

06/28/06 Jazz Scholarships 6:22 am :30 Morning show

I want to get the word out to tall young jazz piano players about the search for the best high school jazz piano player in the state of California. Time is running out to apply for the Guido Adler jazz piano scholarship. It is a 5 thousand dollar scholarship and audition cd's must be mailed in by July 15th. Applications and information are available by emailing guidojazz@cox.net

06/28/06 LA County Arts Commission 7:22 am :45 Morning show

Its great news for our publicly funded arts programs. The Los Angeles county arts commission has just announced that their grants budget doubled. The commission is now the largest public funder of the arts in LA county. The la county board of supervisors approved an almost 4 and a half million dollars for the arts commissions grant program. The amount is double that of previous years. What this means for the county is more free festivals and events for underserved families, more artist instructors in public school classrooms, and better compensation for artists and art administrators. La county supervisor don Knabe says the entire community will benefit from the increase. He says children with opportunities in the arts have a lifelong benefit.

06/29/06 Orange County Museum of Art 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The orange county museum of art is featuring a free summer film program every Thursday night. The screenings include independent films that were released at the 2006 Newport Beach film festival. The film will begin at 8:30 and are totally free to the public. While you are there check out the museums newest exhibition Catherine Opie in and around home. All the details are available at ocma.net

If you are still locking in your Friday night plans the museum of Latin American art in long beach is hosting an evening of flamenco in their out door garden area. It begins at 8 pm tomorrow and dinner will be available.

06/29/06 Dr. Bobby Rodriguez 7:22 am :30 Morning show

Grammy nominated trumpeter and educator Bobby Rodriguez has now earned the title of doctor bobby Rodriguez. Dr. Rodriguez just completed his doctorate degree in music from UCLA. He says he will use the degree to continue to perform and lecture about the importance of education to maintain a career. The newly named doctor of music has built himself as a role model who came from humble beginnings. Born and raised in east los angeles he never let anything stand in the way of reaching his dreams. Currently Dr. Rodriguez is the director of Latin jazz ensembles and jazz trumpet at ucla and uc irvine.

06/30/06 Holiday Weekend 6:22 am :30 Morning show

The weekend's live jazz calendar features jazz singer Dianne Schurr at Catalina bar and grill tonight through Sunday. Schurr will showcase her new cd live in London which was released this month. Schurr has been nominated for a grammy 5 times and has won 2 of them. For reservations log onto catalinajazzclub.com

Tomorrow night poncho Sanchez and his Latin jazz big band are playing at the jazz bakery. The Grammy winning percussionist will help the bakery kick off the month of July with his big band. Then he will be at steamers on Sunday to close out the weekend.

Also on Sunday the Hollywood bowl is featuring the 4th of July fireworks spectacular with the Hollywood bowl orchestra. The show starts at 7:30

07/05/06 Live Jazz Calendar 6:22 am :30 Morning show

Jazz is the perfect soundtrack for the holiday and there is plenty of live jazz around town tonight. The Jennifer hall quintet with tom Kubis is performing at the Westin Los Angeles airport hotel/ the baritone saxophonist will be joined by some of the best local players. The music starts at 6pm

I'm going to check out the Billy mitchell group tonight over at Cavallino jazz bar in Huntington beach. The pianist does so much towards music education in our schools, so if you ever run into him, ask how you can help him in his mission to further jazz in the schools.