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The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

P R E S E N T S

The Mission Gold Jazz Band



Sunday, October 9, 2022

1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Reel & Brand, 401 Grove Street, Sonoma, CA 95442

Admission: Members-Music/Dance clubs, \$10 Public - \$12

The Mission Gold Jazz Band is a two-cornet, eight piece band of multi-talented musicians. Our music is inspired by the music of Turk Murphy, Louis Armstrong, Joe “King” Oliver, Lu Watters, Jelly Roll Morton and other composers and leaders of this style of music. We offer a variety of traditional styles, including marches, blues, ragtime, stomps, gospel, swing and standards. We’ve also been known to play a waltz (which were very common in New Orleans), and a polka, plus even Western and Latin tunes mainly in response to audience requests. We encourage audience participation, and emphasize cakewalks (with the winner “taking the cake”), parasol strutting and joining the band in song. Our goal is to engage the listeners and dancers to become part of this infectious music, which leads to joy, uplifted spirits, and lots of fun. **The Mission of our band, *The Mission Gold Jazz Band*, is to play the Golden music of traditional West Coast Jazz, while sharing the happy feelings with our audience.**

The band includes the following musicians: **Virginia Tichenor, Piano**. Since childhood, Virginia has been immersed with ragtime genre, plus she’s had advanced training as a concert pianist; **Joyce Taylor, Banjo**. Joyce is a strong banjo player who is also the President of the South Bay Jazz Club, Her vocals are always kickers, too; **Bob Sterling, Tuba**. Bob is the band Director at John F. Kennedy High School in Fremont; **Andy Parker, Drums**. Andy provides a solid beat with texture and imagination that encourages the rest of the section;

Noel Weidkamp, Cornet and an assortment of other wind instruments. Noel has been the lead cornet player for the Devil Mountain Jazz Band since the year 2000; **Mack Horton, Cornet**. Both cornets share the lead roll as they play off each other, creating their own style; **Roberto Alfaro, Reeds of all kinds and different shapes**. He is a multi-talented woodwind player, as well as trumpet; **John Soulis, Trombone, Euphonium, Leader and Vocals!** He reports he's learned, starting in elementary school, from Firehouse 5 plus 2, Turk Murphy, Lu Watters, Louis Armstrong, Joe Oliver, and Jelly Roll Morton. Couldn't be better!
So Join Us As These Good Times Roll!

The President's Message

By Co-Presidents Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen

We're on our way! We're all excited about our new special meeting place where we enjoyed the Fog City Stompers on Sunday, September 11, 1:00 to 4:00 pm at 401 Grove Street, Sonoma, CA, at the Reel & Brand. The approval by those in attendance was all positive. The place has a "festive" air, with an intimate feeling for the audience, a good dance floor and great acoustics. It includes a very good restaurant and a bar. You can plan on joining us on the following dates, always the second Sunday of the month, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, with our goal of good traditional jazz along with a fun time for all. The admission prices are \$10 for our members and members of other jazz/music/dance clubs, then \$12 per person for the public.

Come join us! Eat, drink, dance and enjoy the music of the following quality bands:

Sunday, October 9th- Mission Gold Jazz Band, Leader John Soulis

Sunday, November 13 -Barbary Coast Jazz Band, Leader, Bob Schulz, Cornet; with Scott Anthony, Banjo; Clint Baker, Trombone; Marty Eggers, Piano; Don Neely, Reeds; and Bill Reinhart, Tuba

Sunday, December 11 – Gold Coast Jazz Band, Leader, Bill Badstubner

Sunday, January 8 – Cell Block 7 Jazz Band, Leader, Bob Romans

We're Requesting You to Bring Parasols/Umbrellas, Old and/or New

By Co-Presidents Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen

Why would we request you to bring your parasols/umbrellas, both old & new, to our next session(s)? For many years, we've had a bucket full of parasols/umbrellas near the stage, so that when the bands played the cake-walking music, usually announced in advance, everybody was encouraged to participate. It's easier than any other dance, as you just find a way to "walk" around the dance floor, to the beat of the music, holding your umbrella/parasol. I can remember our bucket of parasols at our earlier venues, including Marlow's, the Napa Elks Club, Embassy Suites and Veteran's Hall. We haven't been able to visit Veteran's Hall since the onset of the Covid-19 virus, that is since March, 2020, so that is where we left our previous bucket full of parasols/umbrellas. Maybe they are still there, maybe not, but we decided it was time to collect a fresh supply. We're hoping the result will be more cake-walks to come, with increasing participation. And it so happens that the next band performing for us on Sunday, October 9th, that is the Mission Gold Jazz Band, really encourages cake walking and even chooses one of those doing the cake walk to receive an entire cake! Any parasol/umbrella contribution will be greatly appreciated, whether they are old and new, as well as your cakewalking participation

Fog City Stompers, September 11, 2022, Reel & Brand location



The Versatility of Jim Maihack.

By Hal Smith, The Syncopated Times September 2022, Excerpts

On April 30, 2022, we mourned the loss of Jim Maihack—one of the best traditional jazz performers of recent times...Jim played piano in the final edition of Turk (Murphy's) band (including the 1987 concert at Carnegie Hall). When Turk was too ill to continue playing with the band at the New Orleans Room of the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, Jim stepped in to play trombone until the group finally disbanded...He played with a rock-solid sense of time and a forward momentum. He also kept the atmosphere light with a very dry --but hilarious—sense of humor. In addition to his excellent musicianship and upbeat stage presence, I was knocked out by Jim's versatility. Throughout his long and distinguished musical career, Jim Maihack proved that he could play exactly the right instrument, the right way, with any musician, in any setting!

NVDJS Is Expressing Our Appreciation to the Veteran's Home in Yountville

By Linda Stevens and Marilee Jensen, Co-Presidents, NVDJS

We certainly appreciate our slightly more than five and one-half years with the Veteran's Home in which they served as our venue for our monthly jazz sessions. Their contact with us, Ian Merrill, kept reaching out to us to help make it work better. They continue to be not available as a result of the extensive spread of Covid-19, so we've moved on to a new location, the Reel & Brand, continuing on the second Sunday of each month.

Jazz Club Information

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society is a non-profit organization founded to encourage an appreciation and education in Traditional, Dixieland, Ragtime and Swing.

Officers: Co-Presidents, Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen; Treasurer, Marilee Jensen; Secretary, Lee Campbell.

Board of Directors: Linda Stevens, Marilee Jensen, Lee Campbell, Jack Harford, Don Robertson, Joy Waite.

Other Positions: Don Robertson, Membership and Newsletter Circulation Manager; Joy Waite, Publicist.

1st Sunday

Jazz Clubs

TRAD JASS of Santa Rosa meets at the Moose Lodge, 3559 Airway Drive, Santa Rosa, 1:00 -5:00 pm. Members, \$12; Other clubs, \$12; Public, \$15.

October 2: Gold Coast Jazz Band

December 4: Tom Barnebey's Hot Four + One

November 6: SF Feetwarmers

January 1st: Dark

2nd Sunday

The **Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society** meets at the **Reel and Brand**, 401 Grove St., Sonoma, CA . Admission fees will be: Members and Other Jazz and Dance clubs, \$10; Public, \$12; Youths 12-17 \$3; Under age 12, Free

October 9: Mission Gold Jazz Band

November 13: Barbary Coast Jazz Band

December 11: Gold Coast Jazz Band

January 8, 2023: Cell Block 7 Jazz Band

3rd Saturday

Friends of Jazz: Danville Grange Hall. 743 Diablo Road, Danville CA. 1:00 - 4:00 pm

October 15: Foggy Mountain Dew Boys

3rd Sunday

New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California meets at the Elk's Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante, 1:00-5:00 pm. Members, \$8; other clubs, \$10; public, \$12.

October 16: Flying Eagles

November 20: Devil Mountain Jazz Band

December 18: Thrown Together Jazz Band

4th Sunday

South Bay Trad Jazz Society meets at the Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale. 1:00-5:00 pm. Admission is free at this time but donations are encouraged.

October 23: The Hot Baked Goods

November 20: Bob Schulz Frisco Jazz Band

December 18: Clint Baker's New Orleans Jazz Band

Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

Membership

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Now that we've resumed operations, we will be contacting each member to begin the collection of our annual dues, being sure to deduct the 28 months in which we have been closed. You can expect to receive notice about your annual membership shortly. Meanwhile, continue to enjoy the traditional jazz music which now all of the Bay Area Traditional Jazz Clubs are once again providing!

Standard Membership: Single - \$40.00/year Couple - \$70/year Contributing Membership: Single - \$125/year Couple - \$200/year

Monthly Admission:

NVDJS Members, Members of other Jazz and Dance Clubs: \$10.00

Public: \$12.00 Youth (12 to 17 years): \$3.00, under age 12, *Free*

Contributing Members: *Free Admission*

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