

Sunset Jazz at Newport

11 AMAZING WEDNESDAY SUMMER NIGHTS!



Wednesday, July 10 | Grand Opening Night

THE JAZZ CRUISE ALL-STARS with SHELLY BERG, KEN PEPLOWSKI, JOE LABARBERA,

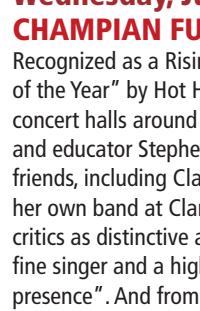
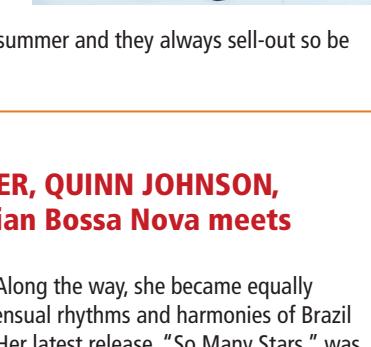
RICKEY WOODARD, GRANT GEISSMAN and MIKE GURROLA

This amazing band of jazz All-Stars returns for its 3rd season to give jazz lovers a sampling of The Jazz Cruise, the world's only full ship charter cruise dedicated to "straight ahead" jazz. We are honored to have with us pianist Shelly Berg, Musical Director of The Jazz Cruise, along with Jazz Cruise veterans Ken Pepłowski, Joe LaBarbera, Rickey Woodard plus Grant Geissman and Mike Gurrola. In addition to this swinging Grand Opening Night, various other Wednesdays will provide opportunities to experience artists who will also be on 20th Anniversary of The Jazz Cruise.

Wednesday, July 17

THE FOUR FRESHMEN – In Concert

Since their inception in 1948, The Four Freshmen have continued to tour worldwide. The group was heavily influenced by Stan Kenton and his orchestra as well as the sound of Mel Torme's Mel Tones. They scored their first hit in 1952 with "It's a Blue World", followed by "Mood Indigo," "Day by Day" and "How Can I Tell Her." The Four Freshmen became influencers in their own right with their four-part harmonies guiding the musical stylings of The Manhattan Transfer and The Beach Boys. Bob Ferreira is currently the longest member of the Freshmen, having joined the group in 1992 and sings the bass vocal part and plays drums. Jonathan Gaines is the most recent member joining the Freshmen in 2017 and sings the 3rd part and plays trumpet. Singing the 2nd part and playing guitar, Stein Malvey joined the group in 2013 and Tommy Boynton joined the group in 2015, singing lead vocal and playing bass. This Freshmen appearance will be their only show in Orange County this summer and they always sell-out so be sure to reserve your seats early.



Wednesday, July 24

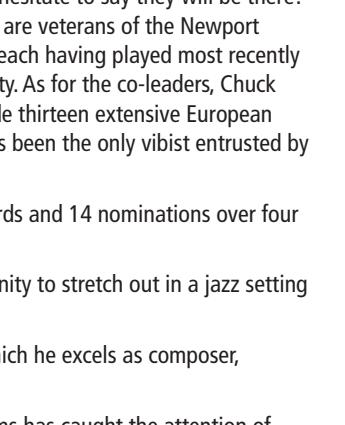
TÉKA & HER NEWBOSSA QUINTET featuring DOUG WEBB, KYE PALMER, QUINN JOHNSON, HUSSAIN JIFFRY and KEVIN WINARD – An Exciting Evening of Brazilian Bossa Nova meets Classic American Jazz!

A native of Londrina, Paraná, Brazil, Téka mastered the traditions of Brazilian music at an early age. Along the way, she became equally entranced by American jazz. As her artistry grew, her talented singing and guitar playing fused the sensual rhythms and harmonies of Brazil with the sophistication and improvisation of jazz – a fascinating musical blend she calls NewBossa. Her latest release, "So Many Stars," was described by the International Review of Music as "a definitive statement that she has matured into a gifted, world-class musical artist. Téka has a summer evening breeze quality to her voice always." Joining Téka will be her long time rhythm section of Quinn Johnson (Steve Tyrell), Hussain Jiffry (Herb Alpert & Lani Hall) and Kevin Winard (Steve Tyrell) plus saxophonist Doug Webb and trumpet/flugelhornist – Kye Palmer.

Wednesday, July 31

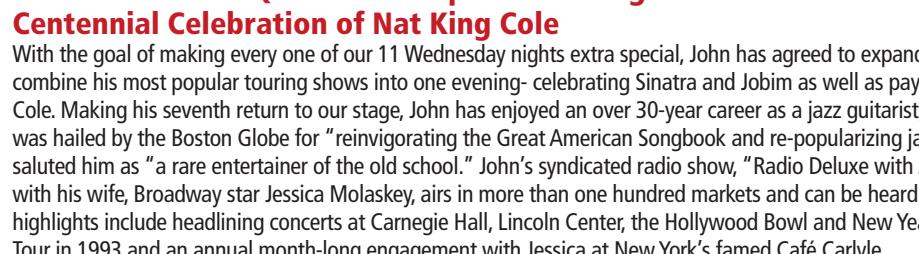
CHAMPION FULTON TRIO featuring KEVIN KANNER, MIKE GURROLA and special guest ANDY MARTIN

Recognized as a Rising Jazz Star by Downbeat Magazine's Critic's Poll, as well as receiving the 2017 "Female Jazz Vocalist of the Year" by Hot House Jazz Magazine, Champian continues to captivate audiences in New York's finest jazz rooms and in concert halls around the world. Born in Oklahoma, she grew up with music in the home; her mother and father (Jazz trumpeter and educator Stephen Fulton) recognized her fascination with music at an early age. The presence of her father's musician friends, including Clark Terry and Major Holley, inspired her focus on jazz piano & vocals. At age 10, her first paid gig was with her own band at Clark Terry's 75th Birthday Party. Since then, her piano and voice skills have been recognized by peers and critics as distinctive and sophisticated. Writes Tom Reney of New England Public Radio... "Champion Fulton swings! She's a fine singer and a highly skilled pianist with impeccable taste in tunes, in addition to a refreshingly warm and gracious stage presence". And from Mark Stryker of the Detroit Free Press... "Champion is the most gifted pure jazz singer of her generation." Joining Champian's trio will be drummer Kevin Kanner, bassist Mike Gurrola plus special guest Andy Martin on trombone. Her most recent European tour featured Scott Hamilton. Sunset Jazz wishes to thank jazz club impresario Terence Love for bringing Champian to our attention!



Wednesday, August 7

CHUCK REDD-TOM SCOTT QUINTET featuring TOM RANIER, JOHN CLAYTON and MATT WITEK



When vibist & drummer Chuck Redd put out the call to his friends for this special anniversary year date for the Sunset Jazz series – Tom Scott, Tom Ranier, John Clayton and Matt Witek didn't hesitate to say they will be there! All of these gentlemen are veterans of the Newport Beach Jazz Party, with each having played most recently at the 19th Annual party. As for the co-leaders, Chuck

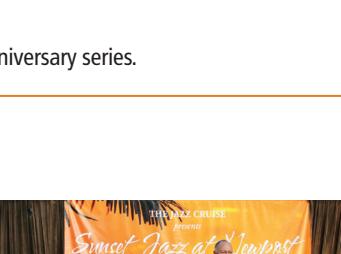
Redd began performing and recording internationally when he joined the Charlie Byrd Trio in 1980 at the age of 21. He has made thirteen extensive European tours and five tours of Japan with the Barney Kessel Trio, Ken Peplowski, Terry Gibbs and Conte Candoli. To Chuck's credit, he has been the only vibist entrusted by Gibbs to use the famed Dream Band library.

Co-leader Tom Scott is a veteran composer, arranger, producer, musical director and saxophonist, having earned 3 Grammy Awards and 14 nominations over four decades!

Pianist/clarinetist/composer/arranger Tom Ranier is one of the busiest studio musicians in LA but always appreciates an opportunity to stretch out in a jazz setting with his colleagues; that is when he is not touring with Tony Bennett or Seth MacFarlane.

With a Grammy on his shelf and eight nominations, John Clayton is a natural born multitasker based on the multiple roles in which he excels as composer, arranger, conductor, producer, educator, and yes, extraordinary bassist!

Rounding out this truly All-Star band is young drummer Matt Witek, a protégé of Jeff Hamilton. Matt's musical approach to drums has caught the attention of today's most prolific musicians.



Wednesday, August 14

JOHN PIZZARELLI QUARTET – A Special Evening of Sinatra & Jobim @ 50 plus a

Centennial Celebration of Nat King Cole

With the goal of making every one of our 11 Wednesday nights extra special, John has agreed to expand his trio to a quartet and combine his most popular touring shows into one evening – celebrating Sinatra and Jobim as well as paying tribute to Nat King Cole. Making his seventh return to our stage, John has enjoyed an over 30-year career as a jazz guitarist, vocalist and songwriter. He was hailed by the Boston Globe for "reinvigorating the Great American Songbook and re-popularizing jazz." And the Seattle Times saluted him as "a rare entertainer of the old school." John's syndicated radio show, "Radio Deluxe with John Pizzarelli," cohosted with his wife, Broadway star Jessica Molaskey, airs in more than one hundred markets and can be heard locally on KKJZ at 6am on Sunday mornings. His performance highlights include headlining concerts at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Hollywood Bowl and New Year's Eve at the Kennedy Center plus opening for Frank Sinatra's World Tour in 1993 and an annual month-long engagement with Jessica at New York's famed Café Carlyle.

John's quartet will include Konrad Paszkudzki on piano, Mike Karn on bass and drummer Kevin Kanner.

Wednesday, Aug. 21

JACKIE RYAN sings The Bergmans & more with the BILL CUNLIFFE QUARTET featuring CHRIS COLANGELO, DEAN KOBA and KYE PALMER



Jackie Ryan has been described by noted jazz reviewer Don Heckman "Extraordinary is the word! A world class talent...jazz singing at its very best. She has a three-and-a-half octave range and an amazing stage presence. Simply put...Jackie has a style that is uniquely her own." Jackie will be singing a special program of tunes by Marilyn & Alan Bergman, some Duke Ellington and Michel Legrand, plus other notable composers and all with world class accompaniment by Grammy Award winning pianist Bill Cunliffe, Jack Jones' bassist Chris Colangelo and her long time drummer – Dean Koba. Also featured in the quartet will be trumpet/flugelhorn player and member of the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra – Kye Palmer. If this description of the evening is not convincing enough, take note of what the following jazz greats have said about Jackie:

"I had the pleasure of working with Jackie Ryan and she really knocked me out every time she sang. If you want to hear somebody with good pipes, good time, good feeling, good sound, good intonation and can swing - listen to Jackie Ryan." ~ Terry Gibbs

"It's Jackie!...which means: it's sparklin' and swingin' – like good jazz singin." ~ Jon Hendricks

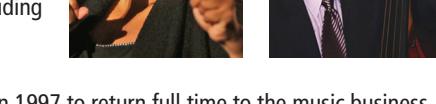
"When you have a chance to catch Jackie in person – do it!" ~ Clark Terry

We are always delighted to welcome Jackie Ryan back to Newport Beach for Sunset Jazz at Newport and especially for our 10th Anniversary series.

Wednesday, August 28

BYRON STRIPLING-BOBBY FLOYD QUARTET- with JOE LABARBERA and BRUCE FORMAN

A spectacular trumpeter with a very wide range, a beautiful tone, and the ability to blend together many influences into his own style, Byron Stripling is the Artistic Director of the Columbus Jazz Orchestra, leader of his own quartet, and constantly in demand to play with pops orchestras around the world. The happiness that exudes through his trumpet and his vocals is reminiscent of Louis Armstrong yet very much his own. It is not surprising that Byron was selected to play the lead in the touring musical "Satchmo: America's Musical Legend." Joining Byron in a ninth SJC appearance will be jazz organist Bobby Floyd, who happens to be a featured player with the Columbus Jazz Orchestra, having shared the stage with Dionne Warwick, Doc Severinson, and many others. Also featured in the quartet will be acclaimed guitarist Bruce Forman, who performed on Clint Eastwood's Oscar-winning film *Million Dollar Baby* and the highly respected drummer – Joe LaBarbera, who is regarded by his peers as a musical drummer and supportive accompanist. Joe is best known for his recordings and live performances with the trio of pianist Bill Evans, as well as having worked in the quartet of Chuck Mangione. And for those fans who happen to own Byron's newest CD "Have Trumpet, Will Swing," you will be treated to a number of his swingin' tune selections such as "You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To," "Love For Sale," "Sometimes I'm Happy" and "Honeysuckle Rose." And for those who have never seen the Byron Stripling-Bobby Floyd Quartet – this is the time to catch them up close and personal!



Wednesday, September 4

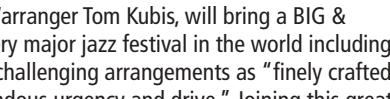
EMMET COHEN TRIO and "The Wonder From Down Under" – JAMES MORRISON



Sunset Jazz is proud to bring together this amazing piano trio with one of the world's truly great trumpet/trombone players. The American Pianists Association recently awarded its 2019 Cole Porter Fellowship (also known as the Grand Prize) to Emmet Cohen, who competed against four other finalists. Congratulations to Emmet from Sunset Jazz and his many OC fans!

With the Emmet Cohen Trio (featuring the prodigious drummer Kyle Poole and Grammy and Emmy nominated bassist/singer Russell Hall) having created a real buzz with the Newport Beach Jazz Party, The Jazz Cruise and Sunset Jazz patrons, there was no question about extending a return invite, however, the Trio's availability was the challenge. Just as tricky was securing the right date for James Morrison but fortunately, Sept. 4 is the Wednesday bringing our "double bill" artists together!

James Morrison is a multi-instrumental Australian jazz musician & composer, known primarily for his trumpet playing but continues to dazzle fans, students and fellow musicians by having mastered nearly every instrument but drums (he claims he doesn't want to compete with Jeff Hamilton). His wide-ranging career has included composing and performing the opening fanfare for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney and appearing with Dave Brubeck, Ray Brown, Phil Collins and Chaka Khan. James spends much of his time in education, doing master classes & workshops around the world, with the James Morrison Academy of Music as his home base, where he transforms young musician's lives with inspiration and a love of jazz.

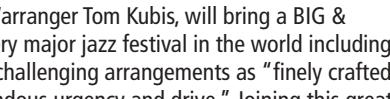


Wednesday, September 11

BARBARA MORRISON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION with THE PEAK EXPERIENCE featuring RICKEY WOODARD, RON KOBAYASHI, KENDALL KAY and MIKE PEAK

Celebrating Barbara's Birthday has become a fun Sunset Jazz tradition. Barbara continues to dazzle music lovers worldwide as she delivers rich, unique, soulful and highly spirited interpretations of Jazz, Blues, Gospel and Pop songs. Always an advocate for others, Barbara opened the Barbara Morrison Performing Arts Center in the historic Leimert Park district of LA in 2010, followed by the California Jazz & Blues Museum, the first such facility in the state which showcases photos of jazz & blues artists, inspired art plus offering lectures and performances by many prominent musicians, including Barbara herself! She continues to be an inspiration to so many, as she overcomes her battle with diabetes with great courage and determination.

Mike Peak- bassist, educator and founder of The Peak Experience, retired from the engineering construction business in 1997 to return full time to the music business and his love for straight ahead jazz. In addition to making his band available to perform for fund raising events, Mike and his wife Lucy produce six to eight charitable events a year in their home to raise funds for school music education programs and for such worthwhile organizations such as WISEPlace, a community of housing and hope for women in crisis in Orange County. With Mike's band having appeared numerous times at the Newport Beach Jazz Party and more recently with Barbara Morrison at the Barclay Theatre in Irvine, Barbara's annual Birthday Celebration was the ideal occasion to present them together, along with everyone's favorite saxophonist – Rickey Woodard!



Wednesday, September 18 / A Big Sunset Jazz Series Closing Night!

THE TOM KUBIS BIG BAND – Returning Live & Unleashed – with vocalist NICOLE KUBIS

Back by popular demand for their 3rd year, 17 of LA's best jazz musicians, conducted by composer/arranger Tom Kubis, will bring a BIG & SWINGING close to the 10th Anniversary series! Tom's works have been performed at virtually every major jazz festival in the world including the Playboy Jazz Festival and the Montreaux Jazz Festival. The Los Angeles Times describes Kubis' challenging arrangements as "finely crafted. His charts are crisp and swinging. Written from a horn players point of view, they flow with tremendous urgency and drive." Joining this great band will be vocalist and lead singer for The Swing Kittens – Nicole Kubis.

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