

# STRAIGHT AHEAD



Don Hoy

They tooted  
their horns  
for years.  
Now we're  
honored to  
do the tooting.



Jim Oatts

Des Moines Community Jazz Center

## JAZZ HALL OF FAME



Sunday, October 19, 2008

6:00 p.m. (hors d'oeuvres & cash bar) • 7:00 p.m. (program)

Adventureland Inn, Altoona

Tickets: \$25.00/\$15.00 for students

Advance ticket sales: 276.0777

## Editor's Solo Spot

After the musicians, it's the fans that keep jazz alive in our community. This October/November is a case in point. Whether it's the fans who volunteer to coordinate CJC events or fans who bring great music to the area, there is plenty of music to enjoy in the coming months — and just about every style imaginable. So be sure to support these events. They are a labor of love for the volunteers and fans that make them happen. And chances are they'll make more of them happen if they hear from you!

Here's a rundown of many of the events noted in this issue of Straight Ahead:

### **Sunday, October 5: CJC Jam Session**

See the brightest and youngest players of Des Moines' jazz community hone their craft during our First-Sunday-of-the-Month jam session at Java Joe's, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### **Monday, October 6: Des Moines Big Band**

The Des Moines Big Band, under the direction of this year's CJC Hall of Fame winner Jim Oatts, begins its 2008/2009 season at Adventureland Inn.

### **Tuesday, October 7: The Winard Harper Sextet**

Iowa City jazz fan Allen Welsh is teaming up with Des Moines' Embassy Club to bring you an evening of New York City-style hard bop.

### **Saturday, October 18: Trio-X Returns To Caspe Terrace**

Back by popular demand (the audience and the performers), Trio-X presents an evening of inspired avant-garde jazz in the perfect setting of Caspe Terrace in Waukee.

### **Sunday, October 19: CJC Big Band**

The CJC Big Band takes to the stage at Java Joe's, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. with brand new charts and brand new members.

### **Sunday, October 19: CJC Hall Of Fame**

Join CJC at Adventureland Inn at 6:00 p.m. as we induct trumpeters Don Hoy and Jim Oatts into the CJC Hall of Fame. We'll also be recognizing the contributions of Wayne Page, Dave Kodderdahl, KFMG-Radio and this year's Bobby Dawson award winner, Dave Ferneau. Enjoy great music, food, ceremonies, and being in the company of jazz fans like you. All proceeds help fund future CJC projects and events.

### **Sunday, November 2: CJC Jam Session With Members Of The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra**

The First-Sunday-of-the-Month jam session moves to Ames where we'll be joined by members of the world-famous Vanguard Jazz Orchestra.

### **Sunday, November 2: The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra**

The Grammy-winning and hard-swinging Vanguard Jazz Orchestra takes to the stage at C.Y. Stephens Auditorium in Ames. It's the best of New York City players, including Iowa's own Dick Oatts.

### **Friday, November 21: 15th Annual Jazz Party**

Celebrate the best in mainstream jazz with jazz fan Harry Weiss. This year's featured performers include cornetist Warren Vache, trombonist John Allred, drummer Leroy Williams and others.

Phew! An incredible two months of music and the majority brought to you by CJC volunteers and other jazz fans. Don't forget the weekly list of local musicians appearing throughout the city continues to grow. To see who's playing where, check out the listings at our new CJC website at [dmcommunityjazzcenter.org](http://dmcommunityjazzcenter.org).

*Joel Poppen, editor*

## Italian Jazz Musicians Join CJC Jam Session

Members of the Luca Donini Quartet, who were visiting Des Moines this summer, stopped by Java Joe's for the First-Sunday-of-the-Month CJC jam session in August. They were impressed to see young musicians playing so well. "There is nothing like this in Italy," said saxophonist Luca Donini. "And to find two young musicians playing trombone, incredible!" he exclaimed. Members of the quartet even joined the CJC jam session players for a few tunes. It was truly a great experience that demonstrated the universality of the music — musicians from two cultures and of various ages speaking the common language of jazz.



*From left: Sbibu, Randy Hoepker, Mario Marcassa, David Cremonesi, Rich Mintz, John Kizilarmut, Luca Dononi, Nick Leo and David Ferneau*

PURE INSPIRATION. PURE IMPROVISATION. PURE SOUL. PURE JAZZ.

## TRIO-X RETURNS TO DES MOINES ON OCTOBER 18

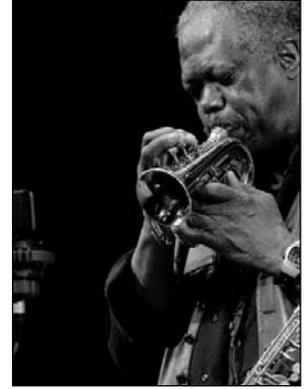
Two years ago, local jazz fan Abe Goldstien and his wife, Jackie, had the pleasure of bringing Trio-X to central Iowa. It was truly a magical night of music for those in attendance as well as those in the band. So much so that Trio-X wanted to make a return to our community. So on October 18, the internationally renowned avant-garde jazz group, Trio X, will return to the Bucksbaum Stage at Caspe Terrace in Waukee, Iowa.



*Dominic Duval*



*Jay Rosen*



*Joe McPhee*



Abe and Jackie would like to extend their personal invitation to you to experience the pure inspiration, pure improvisation, pure soul, and pure jazz of these world-class musicians.

- Make plans to attend the performance on October 18 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students.
- Celebrate the release of a new Trio-X box set which includes their 2006 performance at Caspe Terrace. (That and other Trio-X recordings on the CIMP label will be on sale.)
- Attend a FREE workshop featuring Trio-X on the afternoon of October 18. Call Abe at 515-279-6452 or email him at [abe@trilixgroup.com](mailto:abe@trilixgroup.com) for details.
- Meet the musicians at the after performance reception hosted by the Waukee Area Arts Council.

### Who is Trio-X?

Trio-X features bassist Dominic Duval, saxophonist and trumpeter Joe McPhee and drummer Jay Rosen. Together, they explore the possibility of collective improvisation, often

taking well-known jazz standards like My Funny Valentine, 'Round Midnight and Blue Monk into the far reaches of the avant-garde. According to McPhee, each Trio-X performance is like a one off painting, created in the moment. Themes may appear and reappear from time to time, extrapolated or referenced from a treasure trove of source material in full knowledge that familiarity can breed contempt.

### What is Caspe Terrace?

Music this unique and intimate requires a performance space of equal stature and Caspe Terrace provides Trio-X with a wonderful venue. Owned by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, this modern, 157-seat performance space is ideally

suited for the subtleties of improvised jazz. Caspe Terrace, which serves as the cultural and social center for Des Moines' Jewish community, is one-quarter mile south off the I-80 Waukee/Booneville exit (#117), just 15 minutes west of Des Moines.

### Order Your Tickets Today!

The last time Trio-X appeared at Caspe Terrace, it was a capacity crowd. So order your tickets early. Seating is limited. Tickets for the 8:00 p.m. performance are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students. For more details about the performance or workshop, contact Abe at 515-279-6452 or via e-mail at [abe@trilixgroup.com](mailto:abe@trilixgroup.com).

Who else is playing around town? Find out at  
[dmcommunityjazzcenter.org](http://dmcommunityjazzcenter.org)

### STRAIGHT AHEAD

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# Eighth Annual Jazz Hall of Fame Event Scheduled For October 19

**Des Moines may not be the jazz capital of the world, but that isn't stopping the Community Jazz Center (CJC) from recognizing the musical contributions of some of Des Moines' most influential jazz musicians. Billed as a Celebration of Des Moines Jazz, the CJC will host its eighth annual Des Moines Jazz Hall of Fame Reception & Concert on Sunday, October 19, 2008 at Adventureland Inn in Altoona. For ticket information, call 515-276-0777.**

"This is our opportunity to recognize Des Moines' own jazz heroes," comments John Krantz, head of the committee organizing the Hall of Fame event. "Whether by birth or by choice, these musicians are proud to call Des Moines home and have not only influenced future generations of musicians, but have provided the city's jazz fans with years of musical adventure and enjoyment."

This year, the Community Jazz Center will honor trumpeter/bandleaders **Don Hoy** and **Jim Oatts**. Other presentations scheduled for this year's Jazz Hall of Fame Reception and Concert include recognition for the following people/organizations for their contributions to the musical scene: trumpeter /educator and one of the original founders of CJC **Dave Kobberdahl** (this year marks the 20th anniversary of CJC), saxophonist/educator **Wayne Page**, and **KFMG-Radio**. Trombonist **Dave Ferneau**, a recent graduate of Urbandale High School and currently attending University of Kansas will receive the Bobby Dawson Award

for his participation in CJC-sponsored student jam sessions.

In addition to recognizing these Des Moines heroes with words and pictures, the event will feature musical tributes to this year's honorees presented by many local jazz artists, including many past Jazz Hall of Fame honorees.

The "Celebration of Des Moines Jazz" will be held at Adventureland Inn on Sunday, October 19. A performance by the CJC Youth Combo, a group made up

of high school students who are regulars at our Sunday jam sessions, will kick things off at 5:00 p.m. in the lounge. Then join CJC and your friends at 6:00 p.m. for a reception featuring music from local musicians, plus food and drinks. The awards presentation and concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Tickets are available for \$25.00 (\$15.00 for students) through the Community Jazz Center at 276-0777. Proceeds from the event will help fund CJC's educational opportunities for students.**



## Jazz Hall of Fame Ticket Order Form

Enclosed is my check for tickets to the Jazz Hall of Fame on October 19, 2008.

\_\_\_\_ Adults (\$25/ticket)      \_\_\_\_ Students (\$15/ticket)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form to Phyllis Leaverton c/o CJC, 2921 Patricia Drive, Urbandale, IA 50322.

Your tickets will be waiting for you at the door.

## *Congratulations to this year's Hall of Fame winners ...*



### **Don Hoy**

If you were a jazz musician working in Des Moines in the 1950's through 1980's, chances are you worked for Don Hoy. Born in 1922, in Brooklyn, IA, and educated at Drake University, Don always made room in his big bands and combos for jazz players in the area, including many past CJC Hall of Fame winners like Tom Lane, Toad Stewart, Don East, Bob Weast and Dale Convey.

Don led a series of big bands for more than 50 years, playing everything from society gigs to touring ballrooms throughout the Midwest. Numerous Don Hoy combos worked every weekend of the year, playing weddings and other "casuals" throughout Iowa. Many ballroom dancers have fond memories of listening and dancing to the classic arrangements of the Don Hoy Orchestra. Many jazz musicians are grateful for the income and playing opportunities those gigs afforded them.

Don passed away in 1994, but his musical memory is being kept alive by John Morgan, who currently has the "Don Hoy Book," and Don's son, Tim, who began drumming with Don Hoy combos as a teenager and is currently a working musician in Denver.

### **Jim Oatts**

With a background that includes gigs with Chase, Machito, Woody Herman, Stan Kenton and the Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Big Band, trumpeter Jim Oatts could earn a living as a jazz musician in just about any city of his choice. We are fortunate he chose Des Moines, where he shares his musical knowledge with students at Southeast Polk Schools and shares his talents in numerous musical settings throughout the area.

The son of Iowa's patron saint of high school jazz bands, Jack Oatts, Jim is the driving force behind the Des Moines Big Band, a group he began playing with in 1969, taking on leadership responsibilities in 1979. Eight years later, Jim helped get the band settled into its regular Monday night appearances, originally at Spaghetti Works and now at Adventureland Inn in Altoona. In addition to the big band, Jim is an active performer with the Tony Valdez Ensemble and numerous other local combos.

His performance with the rock band Chase lead to his 2005 induction into the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. However, its his dedication to keeping jazz alive in Des Moines, through performance and education, that has earned him a position in the CJC Jazz Hall of Fame.



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## **The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra Plays Ames**



On Sunday evening, November 2, central Iowans will have an opportunity to experience the creativity and precision of the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra when the band moves from its New York base of operation to the stage of C.Y. Stephens Auditorium in Ames. The band features some of the best players on the New York scene, including Iowa's own Dick Oatts. For ticket information, call the Iowa State Center at 515-294-3347.

**As a special treat for CJC students**, members of the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra have offered to participate in our monthly jam session. So we'll be moving the November 2 session from Java Joe's to the Celebrity Cafe at C.Y. Stephens to take advantage of their generosity. For more information, contact [abe@trilixgroup.com](mailto:abe@trilixgroup.com).



## Jazz Profile: Roxi Copland

Roxi Copland is a vocalist/pianist/composer who grew up near Seattle, WA, and came to Iowa to study at Grinnell College, where she received her B.A. with honors in music composition and performance in 2005. She moved to Des Moines following graduation and rapidly submerged herself into the local music scene.

Roxi is currently performing with the Roxi Copland Band, a jazz/pop/soul group that plays arrangements of standards in addition to Copland's original material. Her usual collaborators for this ensemble are John Kizilarmut, Jason Danielson, Dave Altemeier and Seth Hedquist.

When not with her band, Roxi plays with an all-female dueling pianos group known as the Ladyfingers, and additionally plays keys and does vocal work for a number of other groups, including the Max Wellman Quartet.

Roxi is currently working on an EP of all original material that is set to be released in November. It will also be available at her performances, at a number of stores in the area, on iTunes and her website ([www.myspace.com/roxivocals](http://www.myspace.com/roxivocals)).

# Celebrating Mainstream Jazz At 15th Annual Ames Jazz Party

The 15th Annual Ames Jazz Party, scheduled for Friday, November 21, is a tribute to the memory of Don Newbrough, co-founder and -sponsor of the Ames Jazz Parties. Don passed away last December.

As an appropriate tribute, co-founder Harry Weiss has put together a quintet of some of Don's favorite jazz musicians, most of whom have performed at previous Ames Jazz Parties. Co-headliners

**John Allred**, considered to be on the short list of current great trombonists and **Warren Vache**, one of today's best cornet players, will lead a band that also features drummer **Leroy**



Warren Vache



John Allred



Leroy Williams

**Williams**, bassist/vocalist **Nicki Parrott**, and **James Chirillo** on guitar.

Don't miss this celebration of mainstream jazz and tribute to Don Newbrough scheduled for Friday, November 21 at the Hotel at Gateway Center, US 30 & University Boulevard (formerly Elwood Drive) in Ames. Pre-concert activities will begin at 6:45 p.m., with the band scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person and available from Harry Weiss, PO Box 1536, Ames, IA 50014, or Donna Newbrough, 3122 Ross Rd., Ames, IA 50014. For additional information, contact Harry at 515-232-2145 or Donna at 515-292-3004.

## The Winard Harper Sextet Turns The Embassy Club Into A Swingin' Jazz Club On October 7

Iowa City jazz fan Alan Welsh has teamed up with Des Moines' Embassy Club to bring Central Iowans a night of "high intensity jazz." That's the way *Jazz Improv* magazine describes the music of the **Winard Harper Sextet**, who will transform the Embassy Club in a jazz club on the evening of October 7. The sextet features Winard on drums along with Josh Evans on trumpet, Dayna Stephens on tenor, Jon Notar on piano, Ameen Saleem on bass, and percussionist Marie Collatin.



If you are not familiar with Harper's work, his performing resume includes stints with jazz greats like Dexter Gordon, Johnny Griffin, Betty Carter, Carmen McRae, David "Fathead" Newman and many others.

Don't miss "jazz at its finest" when the Winard Harper Sextet brings New York hard bop to the Embassy Club on the 34th floor of the Ruan Center, 666 Grand in downtown Des Moines on October 7 at 8 p.m. Reservations are recommended. For details, call 515-244-2177.

# Notes & Tones

## From Des Moines Big Band: New Season Begins October 6

The Des Moines Big Band will start up the season at Adventureland Inn on Monday, October 6, 2008. The band plays every Monday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cover is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Watch for news about upcoming soloists and high school bands to be featured during the Monday night sessions.

## From Wayne Page: Monday Night Jazz At Vern's

Jazz Page, a group featuring Wayne Page on saxophones, Ed Kaiser on bass and Ron Roberts on guitar are playing every Monday night Monday night, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Vern's lounge and Restaurant at 15970 Hickman Road.

## From CJC Sunday Jam Session: Members Of The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra To Participate in November Jam Session

The First Sunday-of-the-Month CJC jam session will head to the Celebrity Lounge at C.Y. Stephens Auditorium in Ames on November 2. The reason is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our young "jammers." Members of the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, which features the cream-of-the-crop of New York players, including Iowa's own Dick Oatts, will be on hand to share some tips with jam session participants. As usual, the jam session will run from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Plan to attend the jam. Then take a break for dinner and stop back at C.Y. Stephens at 7:30 p.m. when the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra takes the stage. The evening will also feature a tribute to Jack Oatts, CJC Hall of Fame winner. For ticket information, call the Iowa State Center at 515-294-3347.

## From CJC: Jazz Up Your Sundays At Java Joe's

Head to Java Joe's the first Sunday of every month for CJC jam sessions, 2 to 4 p.m. Then stop back on the third Sunday of the month for the CJC Big Band performing 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

## From KFMG, 99.1: Sunday Is Jazz Day

Tune in to 99.1 FM or connect via the Internet at [kfmg991.org](http://kfmg991.org) and listen to some of the area's most knowledgeable fans play their favorite selections.

- Sundays 6:00 to 10:00 a.m. — "Sunday Morning Jazz" with Clarence Key, Jr.
- Sundays, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. — "Straight, No Chaser" with Abe Goldstien
- Sundays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. — "Jazz Gumbo" with Sam Salomone

## From CJC Hall Of Fame: Order Tickets Now And Get Free Poster

Call 276-0777 today to order your tickets for the 2008 CJC Hall of Fame Reception & Concert and we'll give you this limited edition 12" x 18" poster featuring all 30 members of the Des Moines Jazz Hall of Fame — a \$5.00 value FREE with your ticket purchase.



## From Rob Messer: Drum/Percussion Lessons Now Available

Rob Messer, featured in the summer edition of *Straight Ahead*, is currently taking new students for drum set and percussion lessons. Rob can be contacted at 515-279-2518 or [mmesserr@q.com](mailto:mmesserr@q.com). Resume and references available on request.

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# CJC Membership Form

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Volunteer Interests/Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to: CJC Membership Chair, 2921 Patricia Drive, Urbandale, Iowa 50322-6863**