

JazzErie notes



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JAZZERIE ANNOUNCES 2008-09 CONCERT SEASON

By Bob Protzman

Hey, jazz fans. If you're feeling a little worn down this summer with all the twanging country and tiresome over-the-hill rock dominating the Erie music scene, take heart.

JazzErie is coming to the rescue with a promising season of great jazz from internationally known and outstanding local/regional musicians and bands.

Leading off (this is baseball season) is the exciting tenor saxophonist Eric Alexander, aka "Alexander the Great" (the title of one of his two dozen albums as a leader). Alexander will lead a quartet in the season's opening concert on Sept. 6, in Waldron Hall, Gannon University. Alexander regularly appears among the top players selected in both the critics and readers annual polls in Down Beat magazine. For further info: www.ericalexanderjazz.com.

On Nov. 21, One of the most adventurous and prolific musicians in all of jazz, David Liebman will appear with his quartet at the East Erie Turners Club. A multiple Grammy nominee and distinguished educator, Liebman has played with a Who's Who in Jazz during his long, illustrious career: Miles Davis, Elvin Jones, Chick Corea, John McLaughlin, McCoy Tyner, and



many others. For further info: www.davidliebman.com.

Many Erie jazz fans and music lovers generally have adopted the Hammond B3 organ as their favorite instrument. Pulling out all the stops this year on organ is



Tony Monaco, whose quartet includes tenor saxophonist/composer Pete Mills and guitarist Pete McCann. Mills and McCann have appeared in Erie with local stars Joe Dorris, Tony Stefanelli and Frank Singer. A protégé of organ greats Jimmy Smith and Joey DeFrancesco, Monaco is a consistently high finisher in Down Beat's critics and readers polls. For further info: www.tonymonacojazz.com.

As in the past, JazzErie will join forces with Mercyhurst College and Michael Fuhrman, director of the school's D'Angelo Performing Arts Center, for a special Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) performance by fast-rising vocalist Robin McKelle and band.

The local-regional portion of JazzErie's new season will include: March 14: Singers Night, at the East Erie Turners Club, featuring the General McLane High School Vocal Jazz Ensemble, directed by Bruce Yates, plus local vocalists Joe Dorris, Marty O'Conner and Paula Grack Holmes.

April: Bassist Harry Jacobson will lead an ensemble in a musical look at the history in jazz of his instrument, the bass, from Oscar Pettiford to Christian McBride. The concert is tentatively booked for Walker Recital Hall, Mercyhurst.



May: The Next Generation: Student musicians and ensembles perform under the direction of band directors Charles Lute (Collegiate Academy), John Marszalek (General McLane) and David Hetrick (McDowell).

JazzErie Advance Ticket Outlets:

- Lynch Music Inc., Rte. 98 and 20, Fairview 814/474-2047 or 2970
- East Erie Turners, 829 Parade St. 814/452-2546
- Mercyhurst College, Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center Boxoffice, 501 E. 38th St. 814/824-2000
- World of Music, 1355 W. 26th St. 814/459-2585
- Glass Growers Gallery, 20 E. 5th St., 814/453-3758
- Erie Art Museum, 411 State St. 814/459-5477
- Grasshopper, 2518 Peach St. 814/454-9545
- Latino's Restaurant, 1313 Parade St. 814/452-1966

For More Information: www.jazzerie.com

JAZZERIE 2008-09 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

Sept. 6, Eric Alexander Quartet, 8 p.m., Club LaRiccia, Waldron Center, 145 W. 7th St., Gannon University; \$20, \$15 for members; \$5, students.

Nov. 21, Dave Liebman Quartet, 8 p.m., East Erie Turners, 829 Parade St.; \$25, \$20 for members; \$5, students.

Dec. 27: Tony Monaco Quartet, 8 p.m., Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center, 7792 Peach St.; \$25, \$20 for members; \$5, students.

March 14: Singers Night, 8 p.m., East Erie Turners, 829 Parade St.; \$15, \$10 for members; \$5, students.

April TBA: Local bassist Harry Jacobson and ensemble explore the history of the bass in jazz, 8 p.m., Walker Recital, Mercyhurst; \$15, \$10 for members; \$5, students.

May TBA: The Next Generation, 7:30 p.m., location TBA; \$5.

For further information as the season develops: www.jazzerie.com and JazzErie News Notes, Erie Times-News Showcase.

SEASON TICKETS For the JazzErie Concert Season

Season Tickets, at discounted rates, will be available for the 2008-09 Concert Season. The tickets will cover six of the seven concerts sponsored by JazzErie at a 15+% saving for purchasers. Members, who would ordinarily pay \$80 for the six concerts, can purchase Season Tickets for only \$65. Non-members, who would ordinarily pay \$105, can purchase the Season Tickets for \$90.

Concerts covered by Season Tickets are: Sept. 6, Eric Alexander; Nov. 11, David Liebman; Dec. 27, Tony Monaco; March 14, Singers Night; April, Harry Jacobson; May, Next Generation.

Tickets are transferable. Someone else may use your ticket, whether or not they are a JazzErie member. Season Tickets can be purchased at JazzErie Advance Ticket Outlets, at the Sept. 6 concert, or by mail (JazzErie, PO Box 8833, Erie, PA 16505) before August 15th. Be sure to include name and address with your check.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR JAZZERIE MEMBERSHIP

Gas prices are up, groceries are up, housing values and stocks are dropping, but your JazzErie membership gives you the same great value at an outstanding price!

Last month's Jazz & Blues Walk, one of our primary events, offered a cornucopia of truly exceptional regional talent. The 2008-09 concert season brings a range of national/international stars, plus outstanding local musicians. JazzErie will continue to expand its educational activities with young musicians and adults. Members will continue to receive a monthly newsletter covering local/regional events and artists.

Please fill out the application form below and return it with your check to JazzErie, PO Box 8833, Erie, PA 16505-0833, or stop by the JazzErie booth at any concert.



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Register Me As A: (check one)	Cost
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<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Family (One member is 65 or older)	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate/Business	\$100

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