

NEWS RELEASE

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JAZZ IN JULY SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAMS PERFORMANCE SERIES

Celebrating the Power of American Music

Jazz in July (July 12 – July 23) has been the place where age and experience meets youth and expectation for over two decades. Once again, the program held at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst will offer its innovative series of performances, lecture / demonstrations and special events.

ARTIST FACULTY PERFORMANCES

Back by popular demand, the ***Jazz in July All Stars Concert*** will be held in Bowker Auditorium, Thursday, July 22 at 7:30p.m. We are fortunate to have the area's legendary jazz talent back for a great evening of jazz. Led by celebrated pianist Billy Taylor and his Trio, the distinguished group of musicians includes Amherst's own Fred Tillis on sax, bass greats Chip Jackson (New York) and Dave Shapiro (Vermont), and acclaimed trumpeters Charles Ellison (Quebec) and Jeff Holmes (Amherst). The very fine talents of drummers Winard Harper (New Jersey) and Mark Holovnia (Shrewsbury, MA) round out the group. If you are new to jazz or an aficionado, this is the show you don't want to miss. Tickets: \$15 general public, \$8 students and seniors.

New to the program is a special night of vocal music. On Thursday, July 15 at 7:30p.m. ***Vocal Jazz at the 1794 Meeting House*** will feature Jazz in July vocal students and the Con Alma Trio with special guest, the renowned Sheila Jordan. This historic setting is a perfect place to enjoy individual and group vocal performances. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 children and seniors. For tickets and directions visit www.1794meetinghouse.org, by phone at 978-544-5200.

STUDENT PERFORMANCES

Club Jazz in July is back at the Campus Center on Wednesdays July 14 and 21 from 7p.m. to 10p.m. at the Murray D. Lincoln Campus Center on the UMASS Campus. Club Jazz in July offers an informal atmosphere of music and dining. Order a tasty item off the Summer Grill menu and sip a cold beverage while taking in the instrumental and vocal talents of this year's program participants. Cover Charge \$5, cash bar.

Jamsations!, featuring performances by the Jazz in July students will rock Bowker Auditorium on Fridays, July 16 and July 23 from 10a.m. – 3p.m.. These performances are free and open to the public and gives the audience a chance to support these budding performers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to the public performances, Jazz in July invites the community to attend any of our **Faculty Lecture / Performance & Demonstration Series** events held Monday through Thursday July 12 – 15 and July 19 – 22 from 10:45a.m. – 12p.m. held in the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall. Tickets: \$5 per lecture, \$25 for all eight. You can find a list of lecture topics and descriptions on www.jazzinjuly.com.

JAZZ IN JULY

Jazz in July summer music programs is an intensive performance-based jazz education program held each year at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. For over 20 years, Jazz in July has educated hundreds of musicians from around the world. Many have gone on to great things in the music world. Jazz in July's unique approach gives participants from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to join with other musicians and educators in combined lectures, clinics, conversations, film & video screenings, performances and jam sessions. It is this holistic design that gives Jazz in July a respected place in the world of music education.

For more information on any of the programs / events offered at Jazz in July or to arrange an interview with the director or participating faculty, contact Mark Baszak at 413-545-3530 or mbaszak@admin.umass.edu.

Jazz in July Summer Music Programs

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 12

Faculty Lecture / Performance & Demonstration Series

JAZZ IN JULY FACULTY SHOWCASE: PERSONAL APPROACHES TO IMPROVISATION

Fine Arts Center Concert Hall – 10:45a.m. – 12p.m.

Tickets: \$5 per lecture, \$25 for all eight

Tickets available at the door

Tuesday, July 13

Faculty Lecture / Performance & Demonstration Series

MOTIVIC IMPROVISATION with Adam Kolker

Fine Arts Center Concert Hall – 10:45a.m. – 12p.m.

Tickets: \$5 per lecture, \$25 for all eight

Tickets available at the door

Wednesday, July 14

Faculty Lecture / Performance & Demonstration Series

MUSIC CONVERSATION WITH THE BILLY TAYLOR TRIO

Fine Arts Center Concert Hall – 10:45a.m. – 12p.m.

Tickets: \$5 per lecture, \$25 for all eight

Tickets available at the door

Wednesday, July 14

Performance Series

CLUB JAZZ IN JULY

Murray D. Lincoln Campus Center – 7p.m. – 10p.m.

Tickets: \$5 Cover charge, Cash bar

Thursday, July 15

Faculty Lecture / Performance & Demonstration Series

FUSION: AT THE CROSSROADS OF JAZZ AND HIP HOP with Mark Baszak

Fine Arts Center Concert Hall – 10:45a.m. – 12p.m.

Tickets: \$5 per lecture, \$25 for all eight

Tickets available at the door

Thursday, July 15

Performance Series

VOCAL JAZZ AT THE 1794 MEETING HOUSE

1794 Meeting House, New Salem, MA – 7:30p.m.

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 children and seniors

www.1794meetinghouse.org or 978-544-5200

Friday, July 16

Performance Series

JAMSATIONS!

Bowker Auditorium, 10a.m. – 3p.m.

Tickets: Free

Monday, July 19

Faculty Lecture / Performance & Demonstration Series

THE FOUR B's: BACH, BALLADS, BEBOP AND BLUES with the Tillis–Holmes Duo

Fine Arts Center Room 44 – 10:45a.m. – 12p.m.

Tickets: \$5 per lecture, \$25 for all eight

Tickets available at the door

Tuesday, July 20

Faculty Lecture / Performance & Demonstration Series

TOWARDS SAYING SOMETHING: COMMUNICATION IN IMPROVISATION with Charles Ellison

Fine Arts Center Room 44 – 10:45a.m. – 12p.m.

Tickets: \$5 per lecture, \$25 for all eight

Tickets available at the door

Wednesday, July 21

Faculty Lecture / Performance & Demonstration Series

THE VOCALIST MEETS THE RHYTHM SECTION with Sheila Jordan and the Bezanson Trio

Fine Arts Center Room 44 – 10:45a.m. – 12p.m.

Tickets: \$5 per lecture, \$25 for all eight

Tickets available at the door

Wednesday, July 21

Performance Series

CLUB JAZZ IN JULY

Murray D. Lincoln Campus Center – 7p.m. – 10p.m.

Tickets: \$5 Cover charge, Cash bar

Thursday, July 22

Faculty Lecture / Performance & Demonstration Series

MAKING A LIVING IN MUSIC with John Blake

Fine Arts Center Room 44 – 10:45a.m. – 12p.m.

Tickets: \$5 per lecture, \$25 for all eight

Tickets available at the door

Thursday, July 22

Performance Series

JAZZ IN JULY ALL STAR CONCERT

Bowker Auditorium – 7:30p.m.

Tickets: \$15 general public, \$8 students and seniors

Box Office: 413-545-2511 or 800-999-UMAS

Friday, July 23

Performance Series

JAMSATIONS!

Bowker Auditorium, 10a.m. – 3p.m.

Tickets: Free