

Artist News

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Hot Club of Detroit



HCOD is the # 1 gypsy jazz style group in North America. Critics, audiences and presenters all agree, HCOD is nothing short of tremendous. They have three records out on the Mack Ave label, with ongoing publicity support from DL Media. Evan Perri on guitar and Julian Labro on accordion have been hailed as masters.

HCOD recently performed for 1,600 people in a sold-out concert at the University of Michigan to rave reviews. Several special guests are available with HCOD including Cyrille Aimée (read about below), Larry Coryell, vocalist Connie Evingson, and Anat Cohen. HCOD is currently working on their fourth album to be released in late 2011/early 2012.

Tony Monaco



Tony Monaco is ranked as one of the top three B3 organ players by Downbeat for a number of years. He is the most exciting and entertaining of the organ players, yet his playing is also sophisticated. Tony has released six albums on the Summit label which have all received excellent reviews.

Tony spent the last two years in Pat Martino's group. Pat Martino is heralded as one of the all-time great jazz guitarists.

Tony just returned from Jakarta, Indonesia where he performed at the Java Jazz Festival, conducted three clinics, and performed with Fareed Haque on guitar and Steve Smith on drums.

Chuchito Valdes



Chuchito Valdés, following in the footsteps of his famed father Chucho Valdés and grandfather Bebo Valdés, continues the legacy of great piano players from Cuba. With influences of Caribbean rhythms and jazz, Chuchito creates an exciting and energetic blend of spicy music that drives audiences wild.

Chuchito just received in 2010 his second Latin Grammy Nomination for Best Latin Jazz Album.

Sony released in 2010 a three CD package and booklet in tribute to the Valdes family of pianists titled "Dinastia Valdes". The CD alternates tracks between grandfather Bebo, father Chucho, and son Chuchito. It can be purchased at Amazon, iTunes, and all major retail and online sites.

Robin McKelle



After being one of the finalists in the Thelonious Monk Jazz Vocal Competition in 2004, Robin's first two albums were smash hits, hitting the top of the Jazz Billboard charts at # 6 and # 24 respectively. Her 2010 release "Mess Around" on E1/Koch in North America and Sony in Europe, showed her bluesier side and enjoyed excellent

airplay on radio.

Robin is currently composing for her new album that will be recorded this summer for a release in mid-2012. She just finished a major club tour of Germany supporting the Sony release of "Mess Around". She continues to work shows in the U.S. and Europe with her trio this spring and getting geared up to go on tour this summer with the horn section doing a series of big jazz and blues festivals including Tanglewood.

Jim Cullum Jazz Band



The Jim Cullum Jazz Band has appeared in such major venues as Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap, major worldwide jazz festivals, and stars in its own public radio series, Riverwalk Jazz, broadcasting since 1987, heard on over 150 Public Radio stations nationwide and on the internet.

The Jim Cullum Jazz Band plays jazz in the classic manner, that is, in the style of small, hot ensembles prior to WWII. The

band's repertoire covers a lot of ground--from 19th-century cakewalks to the small pre-war Benny Goodman ensembles.

Four Freshmen



The longest continuously performing vocal group around with 2011 marking their 63rd year. Their stellar vocal harmonies are the best. Their recent tour schedule included sold out shows for a 43 city tour of the Midwest as well as standing room only for their shows in Japan..

Their 2010 release, "The Four Freshmen & Live Trombones", brings a new take on the timeless arrangements including "September Song", "Angel Eyes" and "Somebody Loves Me". The live recording includes jazz greats Butch Miles on drums, Chuck Berghoffer on bass, Llew Matthews on piano, with five All-Star trombonists Scott Whitfield, Ira Nepus, Andy Martin, Dan Barrett, & Rich Bullock.

The original recording, "The Four Freshmen and Five Trombones", was the inspiration for this new recording. Brian Wilson of The Beach Boys, in a recent interview with Goldmine magazine recounts "The Four Freshmen and Five Trombones" was the first album he ever purchased, "And man did it ever turn me onto harmony."

Sammy Figueroa & The Latin Jazz Explosion

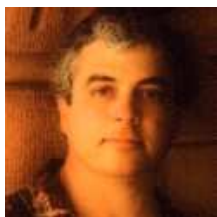


Sammy Figueroa is the most recorded conga player ever, having recorded on over 500 albums. His first two albums of his own were released in 2005 and 2007 on the High Note label, and they both received Grammy Nominations. His group is one of the most exciting latin jazz groups on the scene. Sammy has phenomenal stage presence and is very

entertaining.

Sammy's third album will be released in May of 2011. Publicity will be handled by DL Media with radio promotion from Michael Hurzon. When not touring with his own group, Sammy performs in Sonny Rollins group.

Jovino Santos Neto



Jovino is one of the world's finest Brazilian pianists. He has released seven albums, the last four on the internationally distributed Adventure Music label. Jovino spent fifteen years as the pianist and music director for the eclectic and world-renown Hermeto Pascoal. Jovino currently resides and teaches in Seattle, WA.

Freddy Cole



Freddy Cole, youngest brother of Nat King Cole, has carved out his own prolific career and style. He has released seventeen albums over the last twenty years on the Fantasy, Telarc and High Note labels. Freddy will quite often perform a medley of his brother's famous songs, and one can totally

recognize the family resemblance in his voice.

Freddy's 2010 album, "Freddy Cole Sings Mr. B", a tribute to Billy Eckstine, was nominated for a Grammy for Best Jazz Vocal Album.

Kevin Mahogany



Kevin is the leading baritone jazz singer. Often likened to Joe Williams, his voice is like butter and very romantic. Kevin has recorded eight albums for Warner Brothers, Telarc, and Enja.

Dominick Farinacci



Dominick Farinacci is a hot new rising star on trumpet. Winner of the Carmine Caruso International Trumpet Competition and a graduate from Julliard's inaugural Jazz Studies program, Dominick has traveled the world and is winning fans all over. His six albums in Japan were a huge success with the most recent one hitting #6 on the pop charts. His first international release on the E1/Koch label in 2009 won wide critical acclaim and featured jazz greats Joe Lovano, Lewis Nash, and Kenny Barron.

Dominick's second release on E1 (previously Koch) will be released the end of July 2011. The record will have full publicity support and radio promotion.

Jackie Ryan



Jackie Ryan has been a west coast phenomina for several years and is now turning heads throughout North America. Her six records to date have garnered tremendous radio airplay throughout the jazz world as the DJ's are all in love with her. Now she finally can be heard live. This stunning beauty is equally adept in her live performances.

Jackie just performed a series of three dates in Winnipeg and Manitoba with Cyrus Chestnut on piano. Her recent performance at the Broward Center for the Arts in Ft. Lauderdale garnered this great quote from Pam Dearden, Executive Director of the Gold Coast Jazz Society.

"Jackie Ryan is an incredibly talented jazz vocalist. Our audience loved her! She provided us with a wonderfully entertaining evening of jazz. A dream to work with."

Jackie is working on a new CD this summer for release in early 2012.

Brian Auger's Oblivion Express



The legendary Brian Auger's Oblivion Express has created a distinct voice that combines jazz, rock, soul and funk, that is clearly recognizable to their millions of fans. With over 20 recordings to his name and lengthy stints on the RCA and Warner Bros. labels, Brian Auger has accumulated a Grammy Nomination and

11 albums charting in Billboards Hot 100. The new incarnation of the Oblivion Express is a family affair featuring Karma Auger

on drums and Savannah Auger on vocals, who live up to the Oblivion Express name and make the Oblivion Express smoke.

Cyrille Aimée



Runner-up in the 2010 Thelonious Monk International Vocal Competition and winner of the Montreux International Vocal Competition, this delightful French chanteuse is mesmerizing audiences. Cyrille (pronounced surreal) sings in both English and French. She grew up in Samois-sur Seine, the same town that Django Rinehardt lived in, and she spent a number of years traveling and performing with gypsy groups.

Cyrille's third record was released in late 2010 in Japan on the Venus label and was produced by Jazz at the Lincoln Center producer Todd Barkan. The record was a gorgeous duet with the brilliant Brazilian guitarist Diego Figueiredo. Cyrille's newest album is titled Cyrille Aimee + Friends, Live at Small's and features Roy Hargrove on trumpet and Joel Frahm on tenor sax. It was released on March 1, 2011. Cyrille is touring in support of this album.

Cyrille is available as a special guest with the Hot Club of Detroit, and together with Anat Cohen.

Joe McBride



Soul and contemporary jazz star Joe McBride hits a huge homerun every time he sings. He gets the audience rocking and singing along. His eight records on Heads Up Records (div of Concord) have been a staple on contemporary jazz and urban radio stations throughout the world. Becoming blind as a teenager has never held back this vocalist/pianist.

Joe's 2009 recording "Lookin for a Change" was a seminal recording for him that enjoyed tremendous airplay.

Allan Harris



Amidst a serious shortage of great male jazz singers, Allan Harris is a blessing. With a rich velvety voice and a dynamic stage manner, Harris' voice and demeanor project the warmth of Tony Bennett, the bite and rhythmic sense of Sinatra, and the sly elegance of Nat 'King' Cole." Delivering a repertoire of familiar and beloved standards, Harris'

romantically appealing voice reaches out with the heartbreaking depth that caresses a song, giving each it's fullest respect by combining the best of the past with his unique gifts to create something fresh and distinctive.

Allan's in the studio right now recording a new CD. His recent concert at the Kennedy Center just aired on NPR's "Jazz Set with Dee Dee Bridgewater" on March 24th.

Larry Coryell



Larry Coryell has been described by Whitney Balliett as "the most innovative and original guitarist since Charlie Christian." Beginning with his first recordings with Chico Hamilton and his tenure with the Gary Burton Quartet,

Larry has remained in the pantheon of great jazz guitarists for more than forty years. His personal philosophy of music has kept his playing fresh and exciting and makes each of his personal appearances or recordings a special event.

Mose Allison



Mose Allison is one of the great American songwriters. By his own estimate, he's written over 150 songs, several of which have been covered by such pop artists as Bonnie Raitt, Van Morrison, Tracy Nelson, the Who, the Yardbirds, and Elvis Costello.

Mose's 2010 album, "The Way of the World" on the very hip label Anti, was a smash hit garnering a Washington Post full article and an extremely busy performing schedule for Mose. This was his first album of new material since 1998 so it was very welcome by Mose fans around the world.