

Denver JAZZ Club NEWS

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To Our Loyal Denver Jazz Club Members,

Once again I want to assure our loyal members that The Denver Jazz Club is here to stay. The DJC Board is continuing to assess the current COVID-19 situation and how DJC can operate within the guidelines set forth by the Tri-County Health and Adams County Health. Adams County has recently gone from an Orange designation to a Yellow designation which will allow some restricted indoor gatherings. Denver Jazz Club is currently evaluating these relaxed restrictions. With that in mind, Denver Jazz Club will not be holding an event in March but is placing a "tentative event" designation for April. DJC will work closely with the Westminster Elks Club within Adams County health guidelines for that event. Your health and welfare, as well as our performing bands, will still be the most important concern of the Denver Jazz Club! Financially we are still OK -- unlike some organizations!

I want to assure you that the Denver Jazz Club is not going away. After 65 years, we are a strong organization with a Board of Directors who is strong and making sure we remain strong until the current situation is back to normal. So, as DJC's President, I ask you to be strong with us and renew your membership when requested.

Musically Yours,
Dan Simons,
President DJC



Remember this place? We hope to be back there soon!

From the editor:

My apologies for this newsletter arriving so late! All I can say is that your editor has had a case of Pandemic Lethargy, a relatively new disease -- not officially recognized by any health department, but probably not unfamiliar to some others of us. Interestingly, some jazz clubs similar to ours have not even bothered to issue a newsletter since the closure of their venues.

In any event, I plan to have the May-June newsletter completed in a more timely fashion!

Ed Danielson,
Editor



The Denver Jazz Club Youth-All Stars certainly haven't been inactive during the pandemic!

They have been rehearsing weekly. Our recent visiting clinicians have included: **Lance Acker** (reeds), **Mike McCullough** (guitar/vocals), **Todd Reid** (drums), **Charlie Smith** (trumpet), **Wende Harston** (vocals) and **Hank Troy** (piano). The band is planning to go on a concert tour to New Orleans this summer!

You can help support us by going to: <http://youthallstars.denverjazzclub.com/donate/> to make a single or recurring donation, or to purchase any of our 11 CDs! Our most recent CD, "Swingin' through the Pandemic," recorded at Mighty Fine Production Recording Studio, on June 3, 2020, is now available for just \$10 (Buy any 3 of our cd's and get one free)!!! You can also mail donations and purchases to: Denver Jazz Club Youth All-Stars, Ed Cannava, Director, 6388 S. Dexter St, Centennial, CO 80121. Venmo donations to: @DenverJazzClubYouthAll-Stars. PayPal donations to: <http://youthallstars.denverjazzclub.com/donate/>.



THE 2020-21 DJC YOUTH ALL-STARS:

Joanna Toy, Clarinet – sophomore, Golden High School
Ben Kaufman, Tenor Sax – senior, East High School
Tom Asiala, Trumpet - junior, Chatfield High School
Serra Claypool, Trombone - senior, Legacy High School
Andrew Kaiser, Banjo – junior, Horizon High School
Aidan Vogel, Piano – senior, East High School
Jacob Brown, Tuba - senior, Chatfield High School
Isaiah Kim, Drums – junior, Grandview High School

Upcoming Performances:

Most First Saturdays of the Month - 3/6, 4/17, 5/1 and 6/5: 6:30-8:30pm
Mercury Café Jungle Room, 2199 California St, Denver

Sunday, April 18: 2:50-4:15pm -- Denver Jazz Club, Westminster Elks Club 3850 Elk Dr., Westminster

GREAT PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS!

The Annual Denver Jazz Club Youth All-Star Auditions are taking place on March 14th and 21st for high school musicians who play Tenor Sax, Trombone, Piano, Tuba or Bass, and Drum Set.



DJC Youth All-Stars performing with Bob Draga in the 2019 Sacramento Hot Jazz Jubilee

THE AUDITION MUSIC AND RECORDING HAVE BEEN POSTED AT: <http://bandresourcesunlimited.com/downloads/>.

WHEN WILL AUDITIONS TAKE PLACE? Sundays, 3:00-5:30 PM, on March 14th and 21st, at Denver Percussion, 7399 S. Tucson Way, Centennial.

WHAT EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED? Some jazz experience is preferred, but not necessary.

MONTHLY CLINICIANS: Professional jazz musicians do clinics from time to time.

REHEARSALS: Weekly rehearsals take place at Denver Percussion (7399 S. Tucson Way, Centennial), from 2:45 until 5:30pm, each Sunday.

PERFORMANCE GIGS? We feature our band during each monthly Denver Jazz Club session, professional jazz festivals, and performance gigs throughout the area. Past performances have included concert tours to New York City, and international jazz festivals at Montreux, Switzerland; Umbria, Italy; and Kongsberg, Norway. The Youth All-Stars plan to perform on a summer 2021 concert tour to New Orleans.

SCHOOL CONFLICTS? No performances or rehearsals conflict with school activities.

COST: Each selected student will be required to become a member of the Denver Jazz Club (\$10 yearly fee). The monthly dues (4 weekly sessions) run \$165, and are payable at the start of each 4 week period.

WILL PAID GIGS REDUCE FUTURE TRIP COSTS? Any money the band is paid will go toward future trip expenses.

MORE INFORMATION & AUDITION SCHEDULING: ecan11@msn.com or 303-328-7277. Ed's complete resume, audition music, and audition recordings can be found at: www.bandresourcesunlimited.com. Please complete the Pre-Audition Contract and Audition Registration Form in advance. Additional information can be found at: <http://youthallstars.denverjazzclub.com/>.

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Hot Jazz, Pop Jazz, Hokum, Hilarity and History

By Ed Danielson

The club will not be meeting in March, but we hope for an April event. We can still celebrate the jazz that took place on our meeting dates.

In New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 21, trombonist **Santo Pecora** was born in 1902. His name at birth was Santo Pecoraro, but he shortened it because his cousin, who was a drummer, shared the longer name. He worked in New Orleans with bands led by Jonny De Droit and Leon Roppolo, toured with vocalist Bee Palmer in the 1920s, and joined the New Orleans Rhythm Kings around 1925. He played in Chicago, led a big band, worked with Sharkey Bonano, and ultimately settled in New Orleans, where he found work on riverboats and in nightclubs. Mr. Tailgate, as he was known, died at age 82 in 1984.



And, on April 18, **Sidney Bechet** recorded (through overdubs) a one-man band version of Sheik of Araby in 1941. Primarily a soprano saxophonist, he played the soprano, clarinet, tenor saxophone, piano and the bass and drum parts separately on top of one another, to create his "one-man-band."

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