

# Denver JAZZ Club NEWS

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November-December 2022 Denver Jazz Club in operation for 67 continuous years Established 1954

## Your Father's Mustache

Sunday, November 20



From 1965 to 1976, there was a chain of night clubs known as Your Father's Mustache. The clubs were famous for their sing-along bands, crazy waiters and bartenders, Schlitz Beer, and antique fire trucks.

In 1965, Denver's Your Father's Mustache night club opened in Larimer Square, and a band was formed. The Denver club closed its doors in 1975, but the band was re-organized and began playing in Colorado. They continue to perform today. Band members have come, gone and come back again, and when bandleader **Joe Petrucelli's** sons joined the band, their music had transcended the generations. Current band members include the **Petrucellis** -- **Joe**

on banjo, **Jason** on trombone, and **Nick** on drums (alternating with **Jim Moore**). The other band members are **Charlie Smith**, trumpet; **Andrew Vogt**, reeds; **Ray Leake**, piano; **Roger Johns** bass; and **Mike Johnson**, washboard.

Where, when, how much:

- Denver Jazz Club, 2:00-5:00 PM Sunday, November 20, 2022
- Westminster Elks Club, 3850 Elk Drive
- Admission is \$10 for members of any jazz club, \$12 for anyone who isn't a jazz club member, free for age 12 and younger.

Amenities:

- Cabaret-style seating, dance floor, cash bar.
- Denver Jazz Club Youth All-Stars perform between sets.
- UCD Claim Jumpers open the afternoon at 1:00 PM.

## Holiday Potluck with the Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra

Sunday, December 18



This is the club's annual holiday potluck, so everyone is invited to provide a dish: an entrée, salad, appetizer or dessert to share while we all enjoy the music of the Hot Tomatoes Dance

Orchestra. Formed in 1982 by the late pianist Ron Cope, it's a nine piece band that specializes in swing and dance music, playing music for dancers and listeners, including everything from R&B to Sinatra.

*There are plenty of good cooks in the Denver Jazz Club, so please bring an entrée, salad, appetizer or dessert to share –along with your appetite!*

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**Congratulations to the Denver Jazz Club Youth All-Stars for being selected to perform at the Sounds of Mardi Gras Jazz Festival in Fresno, California, February 10-12, 2023!  
After Fresno, our next tour will be to New York City in July of 2023!**



*DJC Youth All-Stars performing at the October 16th Denver Jazz Club session*

***WE CONTINUE TO NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!***

Please go to: <http://youthallstars.denverjazzclub.com/donate/> to make a donation or purchase any of our 13 CDs!



***Venmo donations to: @DenverJazzClubYouthAll-Stars.***

***PayPal donations to: <http://youthallstars.denverjazzclub.com/donate/>.***



A special thanks to all of you in the Denver Jazz Club for your unending support! Thanks to all of you who participate in the King Soopers fundraiser – this program continuously helps our youth all-stars!

***You can also mail donations to: Denver Jazz Club Youth All-Stars, Ed Cannava, Director, 6388 S. Dexter St, Centennial, CO 80121.***

***We also accept donations through Square - email [ecan11@me.com](mailto:ecan11@me.com); Cc: [cash@square.com](mailto:cash@square.com); Subject: \$ [amount]; Send!***

The Denver Jazz Club Youth All-Stars are currently looking for high school musicians who play trumpet or piano.  
(Must be COVID-19 fully vaccinated w/booster, or scheduled to be COVID-19 fully vaccinated w/booster).

The audition music and recording are available by emailing Ed Cannava, Director, at [ecan11@msn.com](mailto:ecan11@msn.com).

Auditions will take place at Denver Percussion (7399 S. Tucson Way, Centennial), starting on Sunday, November 13th (4-6:30pm).

Some jazz experience is preferred, but not necessary. No performances or rehearsals conflict with school activities.

## Local Band Appearances

### After Midnight

[aftermidnightjazzband.com](http://aftermidnightjazzband.com)

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| Friday, November 18   | 8:30 PM - Fundraiser Gala for Newborn Hope, Broadmoor Hotel, 1 Lake Ave, Colorado Springs |
| Saturday, December 3  | 6:30 PM - Carousel Dance Club, Heritage Eagle Bend, 23155 E Heritage Pkwy, Aurora         |
| Saturday, December 31 | 7:00 PM - New Year's Eve Swing Dance, Avalon Ballroom, 6185 Arapahoe Road, Boulder        |

### Denver Jazz Club Youth All-Stars

[www.youthallstars.denverjazzclub.com](http://www.youthallstars.denverjazzclub.com)

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| Saturday, November 12  | 8:30 PM - Hot Jazz Jamboree Swing Dance, Gaylord Center, 6700 N. Gaylord Rockies Blvd, Aurora<br><i>Discount Denver Jazz Club Tickets – <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hot-jazz-jamboree-tickets-442316268867">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hot-jazz-jamboree-tickets-442316268867</a>. Please use Coupon Code – HJJDENVERJAZZCLUB for a 25% ticket discount. The tickets are cheaper online, as compared to the door prices.</i> |
| Sunday, November 20    | Between sets by Your Father's Mustache, Denver Jazz Club, Westminster Elks Club, 3850 Elk Dr.  |
| Sunday, December 11    | 1:00 PM - Outdoor Performance - Cherry Creek Holiday Market, Fillmore Plaza, between 1st and 2nd   |
| Wednesday, December 14 | 5:00 PM - Outdoor Performance - Cherry Creek Holiday Market, Fillmore Plaza, between 1st and 2nd   |
| Sunday, December 18    | Between sets by the Hot Tomatoes, Denver Jazz Club, Westminster Elks Club, 3850 Elk Dr.  |

### Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra

[www.hottomatoes.com](http://www.hottomatoes.com)

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| Saturday, December 3 | 9:00 PM - 1940s Winter Ball, Hyatt Regency, 650 15th St, Denver   |
| Sunday, December 18  | 2:00 PM - Denver Jazz Club, Westminster Elks Club, 3850 Elk Drive |

### LaPompe

[lapompejazz.com](http://lapompejazz.com)

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| Fridays, Nov. 4 & Dec. 2 | 4:00 PM – Chautauqua Community House with Jeremy Mohney, 301 Morning Glory Dr., Boulder |
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### Poudre River Irregulars

[www.prijb.com](http://www.prijb.com)

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| Sunday, November 6 | 7:30 PM – Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason St., Fort Collins |
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### Queen City Jazz Band

[www.queencityjazzband.com](http://www.queencityjazzband.com)

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| Sundays, Nov. 13 & Dec. 11 | 8:00 PM – Mercury Cafe, 22nd and California, Denver |
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### Your Father's Mustache

[www.mustacheband.com](http://www.mustacheband.com)

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## Hot Jazz, Pop Jazz, Hokum, Hilarity and History

By Ed Danielson

Here are some notable birthdays that coincide with our November and December club dates:

Singer **June Christy** (born Shirley Luster) was born on November 20, 1925, in Springfield, IL. She's remembered as the vocalist who, in 1945, succeeded Anita O'Day in the Stan Kenton orchestra. Her voice produced hits such as "Shoo Fly Pie and Apple Pan Dowdy", Kenton's biggest-selling record "Tampico", and "How High the Moon". Known for her work in the cool jazz genre and for her silky smooth vocals, she pursued a solo career from 1954. After her death in 1990, she was hailed as "one of the finest and most neglected singers of her time."

Pianist and composer **Fletcher Henderson** was born on December 18, 1897 in Cuthbert, GA. Along with Duke Ellington, he is considered one of the most influential arrangers and bandleaders in jazz history, helping to bridge the gap between the Dixieland and the swing eras. Wanting a career in math and science, not music, he had a bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics. He worked as a laboratory technician in New York, until his roommate, another piano player, couldn't make a gig, and asked Henderson to substitute for him. He was paid so well for the gig that he decided to pursue music full time. He

led his own orchestra for a number of years, and after his orchestra's demise, worked for Benny Goodman as an arranger.-Henderson passed in 1952.

Guitarist **Lawrence Lucie** was born December 18, 1907, in Emporia, VA. He can be heard on recordings by Benny Carter, Fletcher Henderson, the Mills Blue Rhythm Band, Lucky Millinder, Coleman Hawkins, Louis Armstrong, Henry Red Allen, Billie Holiday, Jelly Roll Morton, Big Joe Turner, and Teddy Wilson. Lucie spent much of his career as a rhythm guitarist, seldom taking solos. He also taught, at Borough of Manhattan Community College, until 2004, and played solo guitar in clubs until he was 99-years-old. In 2009, his death at the age of 101 ended a career that lasted over seventy-five years. He was the last living musician to have recorded with Jelly Roll Morton.

Trumpeter **Sam Morgan**, born on December 18, 1887, in Bertrandville, LA, made only eight recordings, at two sessions in 1927: "Steppin' on the Gas"; "Everybody's Talkin' about Sammy"; "Mobile Stomp"; "Sing On"; "Short Dress Gal"; "Bogalusa Strut"; "Down by the Riverside"; and "Over in Gloryland". His composition "Bogalusa Strut" is still considered a standard of classic jazz. Morgan died in 1936.

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Are you a musician?  Yes  No

Individual \$25/year  Student \$15/year

Musician \$20/year  Family \$35/year

Patron \$85/year (get 2 free jam session passes!)

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## Other Jazz Clubs

### ***Northern Colorado Traditional Jazz Society***

The Northern Colorado Traditional Jazz Society presents the **Poudre River Irregulars**, the first Friday of the month, at Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason St, Fort Collins. Performances begin at 4:00 PM. Admission is \$15 per person. It's advisable to make reservations on the website [avogadros.com](http://avogadros.com).

### ***Boulder Friends of Jazz***

Boulder Friends of Jazz holds a jam session from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM every first Sunday at the Avalon Ballroom, 6185 Arapahoe Road, in Boulder. Admission is \$8:00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members.

### ***Pikes Peak Jazz and Swing Society***

The Pikes Peak Jazz and Swing Society has returned to action after a pandemic-induced hiatus. Their events are now held on the second Sunday, every-other-month, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at the Olympian Plaza Reception & Event Center, 975 Union Blvd, in Colorado Springs. Admission: Members - \$15.00, Non-Members - \$20.00. September 11th, 2022 – to be determined

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