

# Denver JAZZ Club NEWS

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## *Happy 2022 from the Denver Jazz Club!*



We hope you'll join us throughout 2022 for our monthly jazz sessions at the Westminster Elks! Remember, most months, the UCD Claim Jumpers open our sessions at 1:00 PM, and the Denver Jazz Club Youth All-Stars usually play between sets. Again this month, COVID-19 Vaccination will be required for entry to the Denver Jazz Club. Unless you've previously shown it, please bring a copy of your proof of vaccination card, and show it at the entry. We all hope this requirement ends soon – and also the pandemic that makes it necessary.

## Crystal Swing Band

Sunday, January 16



The music of the Crystal Swing Band recalls the heyday of the swing era when couples danced on ballroom floors all over the country to the music of the big bands: Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Count

Basie, Harry James and others. Pleasing audiences since 1988, the band has been featured at the Avalon Ballroom, Cherry Creek Arts Festival, Louisville Fourth of July, Boulder County Fair and the Longmont Jazz Festival, as well as numerous private events.

Band members include **Kristin Anderson-Bohan**, drums, leader; **Jenny Schulte**, bass; **Eric Leonard**, piano; **Chaz Bowles**, trumpet; **Rex Spease**, alto sax; and **Eric McGregor**, tenor sax.

### Where, when, how much:

- Denver Jazz Club, 2:00-5:00 PM Sunday, January 16
- Westminster Elks Club, 3850 Elk Drive
- Admission is \$8 for members of any jazz club, \$10 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.
- The UCD Claim Jumpers are still on Winter Break, and will not perform this month.

## Mardi Gras with The Queen City Jazz Band

Sunday, February 20



Mardi Gras is later than usual this year, coming on Tuesday, March 1, but you can get an early start on the celebration with leader **Bill**

**Clark**, tuba; **Kevin Bollinger**, trumpet; **John Bredenberg**, clarinet; **Eric Staffeldt**, trombone; **Hank Troy**, piano; **Rory Thomas**, banjo; **Tony Pantelis**, drums, and vocalist **Wende Harston** at the February Denver Jazz Club session!

### Where, when, how much:

- Denver Jazz Club, 1:00-5:00 PM Sunday, February 20
- Westminster Elks Club, 3850 Elk Drive
- Admission is \$8 for members of any jazz club, \$10 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.
- The UCD Claim Jumpers are back from Winter Break, and will open the afternoon at 1:00 PM.



We are now planning our summer 2022 European concert tour!! The DJC Youth All-Stars are setting their sights on performing in Switzerland and Italy, along with other possible European destinations.

## WE CONTINUE TO NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please go to: <http://youthallstars.denverjazzclub.com/donate/> to make a donation or purchase any of our 12 CDs!

Venmo donations to: @DenverJazzClubYouthAll-Stars.

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

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

*Our most recent CD, "It's Mardi Gras Time!," is now available for purchase!*

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!



*DJC Youth All-Stars Performing with the Queen City Jazz Band at the November 21st Denver Jazz Club Session*

### Presenting the fully vaccinated 2021-22 DJC Youth All-Stars:

**Joanna Toy** – Clarinet – Junior, Golden High School; **Nolan Musson** – Tenor Sax – Sophomore, Chatfield High School;  
**Walker Roberts** - Trumpet - Sophomore, East High School; **Gabby Rose** - Trombone - Senior, Castle View High School;  
**Joey Crooks** – Banjo – Junior, East High School; **Jonny Anders** - Piano – Sophomore, Golden High School;  
**Ryan Kilgroe** - Tuba - Sophomore, Arvada West High School; **Bennett Miller** – Drums – Junior, East High School

## Local Band Appearances

Musicians frequently lead complicated lives. It's always a good idea to check the band website – or the venue's website – to update scheduled appearances.

### Crystal Swing Band

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

Sunday, January 16 2:00 PM - Denver Jazz Club's January Session, Westminster Elks Club, 3850 Elk Dr.

### Denver Jazz Club Youth All-Stars

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

Saturday, January 15 1:00 PM - Ridge Pinehurst Retirement Community, 7205 W. Quincy Ave., Lakewood  
 Sunday, January 16 Between Sets - Denver Jazz Club's January Session, Westminster Elks Club, 3850 Elk Dr.  
 Saturday, January 22 2:00 PM - Rosemark at Mayfair Park Retirement Community, 833 Jersey St., Denver  
 Saturday, February 19 6:30 PM - Mercury Cafe Jungle Room, 2199 California St., Denver  
 Sunday, February 20 Between Sets - Denver Jazz Club's February Mardi Gras Celebration, Westminster Elks, 3850 Elk Dr.

### Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra

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

Saturday, January 15 7:00 PM – Avalon Ballroom, 6185 Arapahoe Rd., Boulder

### Poudre River Irregulars

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

Fridays, Jan. 7 & Feb. 4 2:00 PM – Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason St., Fort Collins

### Queen City Jazz Band

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

Sundays, Jan 9 & Feb. 13 8:00 PM – Mercury Café, 2199 California St., Denver  
 Sunday, February 20 2:00 PM – Denver Jazz Club, Westminster Elks, 3850 Elk Dr.

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

By Ed Danielson

There are some notable birthdays and other events that happened on our club meeting dates in January and February.

On January 16:



In 1930, saxophonist "Spike" Robinson was born in Kenosha, WI. A familiar player to many in metro Denver, Robinson worked around Denver for many years, ultimately moving to the UK, where he died in 2001.



In 1955, contemporary ragtime composer and pianist David Thomas Roberts was born in Mosspoint, MS. Roberts also works as a writer and visual artist, and has been writing a critical history of New Ragtime.

And the first jazz concert ever presented at New York's Carnegie Hall was held on January 16, 1938 by Benny Goodman.



On February 20:

In 1909, guitarist Oscar Alemán was born in Machagai, Argentina. After playing in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay,



Alemán and his band toured Europe in 1929. He decided to stay in Europe, and moved to Paris, where he was hired by Josephine Baker to lead her band at the Cafe de Paris. Alemán discovered American jazz through the music of Eddie Lang and Joe Venuti. He returned to Argentina during the Nazi invasion of Paris, where he became known as the most prominent Afro-Argentine and Argentine jazz musician. He passed away in 1980.



New Orleans born trumpeter Leroy Jones was born in 1958. As a child he played in a youth band led by veteran guitar/banjo player Danny Barker. In 1991, Jones joined the big band of Harry Connick, Jr., which jump-started his career.

One of the pioneers of boogie woogie, pianist Jimmy Yancey was born in Chicago around 1894. He began teaching himself to play the piano at the age of 15, and by 1915 had gained a sufficient profile to influence younger musicians, including Meade Lux Lewis and Albert Ammons. Yancey died in 1951.



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## Other Jazz Clubs:

The Boulder Friends of Jazz first Sunday monthly jam sessions are held at 1:00 PM on the first Sunday of the month, at the Avalon Ballroom, 6185 Arapahoe Rd., Boulder. Verification of COVID vaccine status will be required for entry. The session leader for January 7 will be **Lance Christensen**. Information at [boulderfriendsofjazz.org](http://boulderfriendsofjazz.org)

Pikes Peak Jazz and Swing Society (PPJASS) Second Sunday Jazz Affairs are now held on a bi-monthly basis, at the Olympian Plaza Reception & Event Center, 975 Union Blvd., in Colorado Springs. The band for January 9 will be announced soon. Admission is \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members. Information at [ppjass.org](http://ppjass.org)

The Northern Colorado Traditional Jazz Society hosts its first Friday events at Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason Street, in Fort Collins, from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. The **Poudre River Irregulars** provide the music. Admission is \$15.00. Reservations are no longer required. Information at [prijb.com](http://prijb.com) and [avogadros.com](http://avogadros.com)



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