Denver JAZZ Club NEWS



And just like that - Qt's Autumn!

We're back into the "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness," as John Keats put it. It's hard to know just where the summer went, but here's hoping everyone had a great one. If you attended the July and August Denver Jazz Club sessions, you heard plenty of jazz to liven the season up!

The Denver Jazz Club has invited one of the newest and one of the most venerable classic jazz ensembles in the entire front range to entertain us during the fall season. For our September 21 session the club will host the **Harmony Hotshots**, and on October 19 the featured band will be the **Queen City Jazz Band**. The UCD Claim Jumpers will return in October to provide music during the featured bands' breaks, and it's always terrific to encourage young players to appreciate and perform the classic jazz repertoire.

Speaking of the Claim Jumpers, after twelve years directing the ensemble at the University of Colorado Denver, **Eric Staffeldt** is stepping away from his position at the University. Taking Eric's place at UCD this fall will be trumpeter **Evan King**. Evan is a graduate of Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and earned a Master of Music Degree from the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music. Evan is an active freelance musician performing in a number of Denver's premier classical and jazz ensembles including the Denver Philharmonic, the Denver Brass, the Boulder Bach Festival, the H2 Big Band, Sabor de la Calle and the Guerrilla Fanfare Brass Band. Evan is looking forward to continuing the Claim Jumpers performances at the Denver Jazz Club when the ensemble is ready this fall.





Harmony Hotshots

September 21

This northern Colorado band was formed in 2022 by some of the principles in the Northern Colorado Traditional Jazz Society as part of their efforts to encourage more musicians to play traditional jazz. The band members usually include **Ted Turner** –

banjo; Wes Melander – bass, tuba; Mark Manges – cornet, flugelhorn, trumpet; Reece Pullen – drums; Fred Smith – piano; Steve Tyler – trombone; and Andrew Vogt – clarinet, saxophone, flute. Most of the guys also vocalize!

Details:

- Denver Jazz Club, 2:00-5:00 PM Sunday, September 21
- Westminster Elks Club, 3850 Elk Drive
- Admission is \$10 for members of any jazz club, \$12 for non-members, age 12 and younger free.
- Cabaret-style seating, dance floor, cash bar.



Queen City Jazz Band

October 19

Were they ever really *that* wild and wooly? Well, yes, this band has been entertaining Colorado audiences since *before* long hair and beards were fashionable! Lucky for us,

the Queen City Jazz Band – with Wende Harston providing vocals – is still with us. Come hear Wende with Bill Clark, Kevin Bollinger, Jeremy Wendelin, Eric Staffeldt, Hank Troy, Rory Thomas and Tony Pantelis in October!

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- UCD Claim Jumpers perform between sets.

Local Band Appearances

Espresso	espressoswing.com		
Sundays, Sep. 7, 14, 21, 28 Friday, October 3 October 18 or 19	9:30 AM - Spruce Confections, 767 Pearl St, Boulder 8:15 PM - Denver Turnverein Dance Center , 1570 Clarkson St., Denver Boulder Roots Festival – Pearl Street, Boulder (Day and Time TBD)		
Harmony Hotshots	nocotradjazz.org/harmony-hotshots-jazz-band		
Sunday, September 21 Friday, September 28	2:00 PM – Denver Jazz Club, Westminster Elks, 3850 Elk Dr., Westminster 2:00 PM – Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason, Ft. Collins		
Hot Tomatoes Dance Orch	estra hottomatoes.com		
Monday, September 8	7:00 PM – Dazzle, 1080 14th Street, Denver (with Wende Harston)		
LaPompe	lapompejazz.com		
Sunday, October 26	7:00 PM – Swallow Hill Music, 71 E. Yale (with Alicia Jo' Straka)		
Jeremy Mohney and his Ba	nnd jeremymohney.com		
Saturday, September 20 Sunday, September 28 Monday, October 20	8:00 PM - Avalon Ballroom, 6185 Arapahoe Rd, Boulder - Orchestra 6:00 PM - Johnson's Station, 1111 Neon Forest Cir, Longmont - Trio 7:00 pm - Dazzle, 1080 14th Street, Denver - Orchestra		
Poudre River Irregulars	prijb.com		
Every First Friday	4:00 PM – Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason, Ft. Collins		
Queen City Jazz Band	queencityjazzband.com		
Sunday, September 14 Saturday, October 4 Sunday, October 19	8:00 PM – The Pearl (formerly Mercury Café), 2199 California St., Denver 7:00 PM - Parker Arts Center Schoolhouse, 19650 E. Mainstreet, Parker 2:00 PM – Denver Jazz Club, Westminster Elks, 3850 Elk Dr., Westminster		

On our club meeting dates this fall:

On September 21, bassist Slam Stewart was born in 1914 in Englewood, NJ, and Jelly Roll Morton recorded the classic Dead Man Blues in 1926. And, on October 19, seminal clarinetist Alphonse Picou was born in 1878 in New Orleans, and trombonist Jack Jenney recorded his classic version of Stardust with his own big band in 1939.

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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*.

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.

Volunteers needed!

We particularly need volunteers to work the door at the Elks Lodge on our meeting days!

You'd spend an hour or so at the door, then join your friends at a table and enjoy the music.

If you would be interested in volunteering to do that or in another capacity, please contact any of the club officers and let them know your interests, skills and talents.

There is also a vacancy on the Board of Directors. If you'd be interested in serving, please contact one of the current board members! And THANK YOU!