

Denver JAZZ Club NEWS



Ron Cope Memorial Concert with the Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra

The Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra was formed in 1982 by former leader and founder, pianist Ron Cope. Ron was part of a Downbeat award winning traditional jazz band at the University of Colorado – Denver. This group toured the country appearing on television and radio programs along with performing at traditional jazz festivals.



Through Ron's travels and performances in Jazz Festival circuits on the West Coast, he was enamored with The Royal Society Jazz Orchestra out of the Bay area, which performed "flapper" music of the 1920s and early 1930s. In 1982, Ron formed a new group in the spirit of The Royal Society Jazz Orchestra and originally named it the 9th Street Flappers, after Denver's 9th Street which borders the University of Colorado – Denver. The name of this group soon changed to The Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra. With the advent of renewed interest in the Swing Era and swing dancing, the Hot Tomatoes transformed itself from a 1920s style band to a Swing-Era band performing numbers from Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and many others. The Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra soon became a regional favorite for concert goers and dancers alike and has performed not only in the Denver metro area, but also across the Western U.S. and Canada.

You don't need to beware the Ides of March when you join us Sunday, March 15, from 2:00 until 5:00 pm for music by the **Hot Tomatoes** and the **U.C.D. Claim Jumpers**. See you at the Westminster Elks, 3850 Elk Drive.

On April 19, clarinet/violin/mandolin player **Dennis Lichtman** will join us from New York with a quartet for an afternoon of swinging music!

Denver Jazz Club Membership Application

Mail check, payable to Denver Jazz Club, to:
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Name _____
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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 passes!)

Coming up later this spring:

Crystal Swing Band

March 21 – 13 piece big band at *Swingin' Saturday, Avalon Ballroom*, 6185 Arapahoe Road., Boulder, 8:00 pm

Espresso

March 14 – *Oskar Blues, 505 W Main St, Lyons* – 7:00 pm

March 27 – *Club Tico, 1599 City Park Dr, Fort Collins* – 7:00 pm

Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra

March 15 – *Denver Jazz Club, Westminster Elks, 3850 Elk Drive* – 2:00 pm

Jeremy Mohney and his Band

March 28 – *three piece band at Boulder Swing Dance, 2199 California, Denver* – 8:00 pm

Poudre River Irregulars

First Friday of every month - *Avogadro's Number, 605 S. Mason, Ft. Collins* – 4:00 pm

Queen City Jazz Band

March 8 – *The Pearl, 2199 California, Denver* – 8:00 pm

April 18 – *Avalon Ballroom, 6185 Arapahoe Rd, Boulder* – 8:00 pm

Please consider becoming a volunteer for the Denver Jazz Club! We particularly need people willing to work the door at our monthly events, and we also have some vacancies on our board of directors. Talk to any of our board members about participating to help keep classic jazz alive!

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