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OUR JUNE SUNDAY SESSION BANDS

The Midnight Rose Jazz Band from Wallace, California, and the Voodoo Doodads from the San Luis area will be playing "Hot Swingin' Jazz" at the Basin Street Regulars' Sunday afternoon concert, 1:00 to 4:30 on June 24, at the Pismo Beach Veteran's Memorial Building, 780 Bello Street. Jam session starts at 11:00 (bring your instrument and join in).

The Midnight Rose Jazz Band

Exciting – hilarious – energetic – spontaneous – entertaining—these all describe the Midnight Rose Jazz Band, one of the best loved traditional jazz bands today. This band has a unique

combination of qualities and personalities that captivates audiences wherever they go. For nearly 25 years, the Midnight Rose Jazz Band has been winning fans and bringing their own special brand of fun and entertaining music to jazz festivals and clubs up and down the west coast. As leader Dannie Balser-Singinghawk puts it, "We have always tried to play high quality music, but

equally important to us is having fun, and we work hard to make sure that our audiences do also, to leave our performances with a happier heart and a lighter step. We have never tried to sound like any particular band or 'style'. We are well rehearsed, but our arrangements are loose enough to allow for spontaneity.... and, of course, fun!"

Band Personnel

Dannie Balser-Singinghawk (trumpet, vocalist, and leader) formed the MRJB in the spring of 1990. Over her 32-year career, Dannie has performed with such notable jazz musicians as Trummy Young, Dick Cary, Bob Havens, Abe Most, Howard Alden, Johnny Varro, Dan Barrett, Edie Metz Jr., Art Farmer, Jon Faddis, Plas Johnson, and Bill Watrous. Also active in jazz education, Dannie taught for over 20 years at the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society jazz camps

as a trumpet instructor, vocal instructor, and band instructor.

Nancy Kreis (clarinet) began her jazz-playing career with the Tuleburg Jazz Band in 1985. Prior to that she was a classical clarinetist, playing with the Sacramento Symphony Orchestra. Nancy has also excelled in the field of music education, having been awarded the prestigious California Music Educators Teacher of the Year award. She has formed and directed two award-winning youth trad jazz groups over the years, The Howling Coyotes and Take Two jazz bands.

Bonnie Otto (piano, vocals) is one of the most recognized and best-loved performers on the jazz festival circuit. She has performed in more popular

bands than we can list here—the Wooden Nickel Jazz Band and Sister Swing are just two you may recognize. A great entertainer as well as musician, Bonnie is a must-see wherever she is performing.

Tom Dutart (banjo), former BSR President and current jammer, will be playing banjo with the Midnight Rose Jazz Band at this month's session. For those who don't know, he has been on the musical scene since he

started playing banjo at Shakey's Pizza Parlor in Modesto in 1963. Since then he played tuba with the Tuleburg Jazz Band from Stockton for 24 years, including playing here in Pismo many times. He and his wife, Linda, have been active in the BSR since they moved to the area in 2005.

Reuben Smith (tuba), although he can handle both the tuba and the string bass with ease, is now focused on the tuba, which lends itself to a better two-beat sound that the MRJB is more stylistically geared to. A devotee of trad jazz, Reuben haunted Hambone Kelly's and Lou Watters jazz clubs in the 1940's. In the 1980's Reuben began playing with the California Express Jazz Band, and in 1990 became one of the Midnight Rose's founding members.

Dave Peters: drums

Jim Maihack: trombone

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Voodoo DooDads



Most of you are familiar with the members of Voodoo DooDads, since they are a local band and the members also belong to other well-known bands in our area. Featuring Valerie Johnson, Al B Blue, Dr. Bob Brennan (Doctor of Safe Sax), Brian Hanratty, and John Stinson, they play old-school jazz, blues, New Orleans sounds, and standards. Hot, cool, and in between, their music puts a glow on any event they play.

Band Member Line-Up

Lead Singer: Valerie Johnson

Guitar: Al B Blue

Reeds: Dr. Bob Brennan (Doctor of Safe Sax)

Bass: Brian Hanratty

Percussion: John Stinson

MAY RECAP OF BSR SUNDAY SESSION

May was exceptional. The crowd was a little thin due to the holiday schedule, but those that made it were really glad that they did. The jam session was extra special, with two pianos playing at once—what a great sound from Paul Reid and George Smith. Be sure to check out the Basin Street Regulars' Facebook page for videos of what you missed.

The Pub Crawlers were a wonderful band and truly entertained the audience—they gave us two parasol parades! Most people stayed for their second set, which was even better than the first. The musicians were all fantastic, many of them familiar to us from other bands. One of these is Bonnie Otto, and we will see her again in June with the Midnight Rose Jazz Band. This is an

outstanding band and we look forward to seeing them again in the future.

Cal Poly performed extremely well, as they do every year. Once again their lead singers were marvelous. Their repertoire is well established, but is fresh every time we hear it. During their set the hat was passed, and a generous \$401 dollars was collected from the crowd. This is the last school band of the year, but many of those who performed will be returning to play at Jubilee.

Jam Session

In May things returned to almost normal, but we were a little thin on jammers.

Set 1 featured George Smith on trumpet, Rhonda on alto sax, Dean K on tenor sax, Richard Woodworth on soprano sax, Paul Buscaino on trombone, Frank Coop on guitar, Tom Dutart on tuba, Paul Reid on piano, Anne Abler on washboard, and Jeff Cardinal on drums. Featured songs included On a Slow Boat to China with Richard on vocals, Paper Moon with Sandy on vocals, My Honey's Lovin' Arms, and Dinah with Paul on vocals. George conducted; Fred Felch ran sound.

Set 2 featured these changes: Jeff Cardinal on trumpet, and George Smith and Paul Reid on two pianos. Featured songs included Route 66 with Jeff on vocals, Yankee Doodle Dandy with Paul R. on vocals, Undecided with Sandy on vocals, and American Patrol. Dean conducted; Jim Borland ran sound.

Set 3 had no personnel changes. Featured songs included Goody Goody with Sandy on vocals, I'm

Gonna Sit Right Down with Richard on vocals, and Rosetta with Paul R on vocals. Richard conducted.

May was a busy month for a lot of people. We hope to have more of our regulars back in June. See you then!

☐ Rhonda Cardinal
☐ Jubilee Chair



Photo of Melody Mize by Fred Felch

JUBILEE CORNER

The committee has now met about all the Jubilee venues for 2018 and has decided how and when to set them up. We are happy to have the Seacrest Banquet Room back in our arsenal. We will have a limited program in the Skyroom of the Edgewater, which will include a workshop with Les Rose and two panel discussions hosted by our own Dean Krikorian.

We are working hard on our grant applications and donation letters. Expect to get something in the mail from us soon, courtesy of Linda Shorb. Thanks to Carol Culwell for turning us on to a new grant opportunity available In the San Luis area. Also, our website is being updated to make it more user-friendly—thanks to Jacquie Hinds and Linda Shorb for working on that.

We have advertised in the programs of many local music festivals, using the beautiful graphics of Priscilla Wilson.

We are also getting a jump start on the program this year, especially since Susie West has already prepared a first draft of the schedule.

As usual, we are always looking for help of all kinds. If you would like to participate or be a volunteer, please call Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 937-8402 or Peggy Meade at (805) 710-0783, or see Eva Ackerman at the door.

JUBILEE NEWS

Let's take a look at some of the bands and guest artists that will be at Jubilee.

Washboard Steve (Steven Saavedra) will be a guest artist at Jubilee. He started playing the bagpipes at the age of 7, also plays the drums and the trumpet, and did you know he can tap dance? He was at the farmers' market when he saw our own Washboard Annie plaving. He just had to know more about the washboard, so he asked her to teach him and Annie took his life in a direction he had not considered. Steve plans on going to Cuesta College in the fall and would like to have a career in music or auto design. He would like to thank BSR for sending him to Jazz Camp, where he loved the professors and the marching, and for letting him join in the Sunday sessions. He loves the different dynamics of each band he plays with. Steve is honored to be playing at the Jubilee, and wants Annie to know how very special she is to him.



Ivory&Gold®, the Barnhart husband and wife duo, were married in 2000 and formed the band in 2001. Jeff plays the piano, Anne plays the flute, and they both do vocals and are amazing. They are musically flawless together, playing American jazz, blues, ragtime and Broadway hits. They have played on 6 of the 7 continents and are on the road 40 weeks out of the year. In spite of their grueling schedule, they maintain a sweet banter while on stage. Jeff started performing in jazz clubs at age 14. He has a double bachelor's degree in Music and English, but English got in the way of his true love: performing music. Anne has both bachelor's and master's degrees in Music, and is a member of Who's Who in Music. What do they love about Jubilee? The people, the new venues, the volunteers, getting to hear other bands, the great laid-back feel of the event and the town... While in town they MUST visit the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary, take walks on the gorgeous beach, and go out on the Pismo Pier. especially when Pumpkins on the Pier is happening. Always great fun!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer is on its way and the music continues to be great. BSR and Jubilee, with mutual support, are working with Curtis and the Arroyo Grande summer concerts. We are making baskets as prizes for Sunday, September 9, when we will be manning a booth. We could use your help with handing out flyers and donating items for the baskets (new items would be very welcome). Please check in with Eva or call her at (661) 305-3606 if you can help. I have the new posters and band list for each concert—stop by and pick one up.

Remember Jubilee is just around the corner; if you haven't offered to volunteer, now is a good time! Just let Peggy Meade or me know.

□ Sandy Smallwood
 □ BSR President/Membership Chair

HOUSE CONCERTS

There are three house concerts scheduled in our area in August. The first is Sunday, August 5, in Atascadero from 1-4 P.M., featuring Holland, Coots, and Leyland. The price is \$30; kids ages 5 -12 are free. There is also a concert in San Luis Obispo on Monday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. featuring Holland and Coots. For information about either of these two concerts, contact slomusictodav@gmail.com. A third concert featuring Holland, Coots, and Leyland will be held Wednesday, August 8, in Orcutt from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Food will be available at the Atascadero and Orcutt concerts. For information about the Orcutt concert, contact Jeff or Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 937 8402 or email at jwcardinal@msn.com.

TRICK AND ALDERIGHI TO PERFORM IN SALINAS

International piano stars Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi will perform at a fundraiser at the Sacred Heart Cislini Youth Center in Salinas on June 22 at 7:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Sacred Heart's school music program. BSR has been given an informational poster and a few tickets. For additional information about this concert, please contact Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 937 8402.

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Midiri Brothers Jazz Band is headed by identical twins Paul and Joe Midiri. They play jazz, big band, swing, and classical music. As regular



performers at jazz festivals across the nation, the Midiri Brothers have entertained audiences with their creative style and energy. They have played at Jubilee for 12 years or more. Joe Midiri is considered a virtuoso of clarinet and saxophone and is a noted jazz educator. Paul's varied talents include vibraphone, drums, and trombone. The flexibility and caliber of performers of the Midiri Brothers' group have earned them a reputation for excellence and creative style. Joe and Paul love

teasing each other about who is smarter, better looking, more talented, or more loved by their parents typical twin humor!



Photos of Paul (top) and Joe (bottom) Midori by Ed E. Powell

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BOY SCOUTS WILL OPERATE JUNE SNACK BAR

Dina from the Old Orcutt Mexican Café will be taking a well-deserved break in June after serving us delicious food since January. Boy Scout

Troop 87 will be taking the reins in June, with coordination by Tara Hoffman and the Scoutmaster. The menu items will likely be hot dogs, chili, pie, and popcorn, with some possible surprises. All proceeds will go to Troop 87. Please extend your warmest smiles to the young men who will be manning the counter this month.

FAREWELL TO FORMER BSR MEMBERS June Kuntz

June Marian Kuntz of Nipomo passed away peacefully at home on May 27, 2018. She was born on July 1, 1930, in Fillmore, CA to John and Carrie Chandler.

June and her husband, Ed, joined a dance club in Cambria and enjoyed Dixieland festivals near and far, camping, and traveling across the U.S. and other countries.

June and her husband were long-time members of the BSR. He played saxophone for the Morro Bay White Caps band. They were regular attendees at the Sunday sessions, and after Ed passed away, she usually came with friends. She helped in the kitchen when we had volunteers working shifts. They always donated to the Jubilee.

When her health began to decline, June moved from Cambria to Lompoc to be closer to family. Her obituary appeared in the SLO Tribune on June 10. A memorial service was held at noon on June 15 at Cambria Presbyterian Church, followed by a Celebration of Life in the Fellowship Hall.

O.P. Chase

O.P. Chase of Santa Maria died on June 9, 2018. He was the BSR President in 1982. He hadn't been a member of BSR for some time because he was unable to attend, but he did come to the Past Presidents' Day that Murray Schmidt put on at a BSR Session several years ago.

GRANTS TO BASIN STREET REGULARS CFSLOCO

The Basin Street Regulars has received a \$10,000 grant from The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County (CFSLOCO). The grant will help support our monthly Sunday Sessions, as well as the Jazz Jubilee by the Sea in October.

This grant will be used for funding the dance bands, hall rental, and publicity necessary to support live traditional jazz music for dance events on the Central Coast. The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County provides leadership and encourages charitable giving for issues that improve and enhance lives in the county.

This year the Community Foundation celebrates their 20th anniversary and the impact of over \$30 million in grants and scholarships to benefit our community. As part of their celebration, they are undertaking a video project featuring the voices of leaders, donors, and grantees who have been a part of our community foundation journey. BSR is pleased to have been invited to participate in this video project and share our story of impact.



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SLO County District 4

The Basin Street Regulars also received a \$200 grant from Supervisor Lynn Compton from District 4 of San Luis Obispo County, which will be used for expenses associated with the Jazz Jubilee by the Sea. The County issues grants to arts and events programs throughout the County every year.

BSR TO BE FEATURED AT AG CONCERT

Basin Street Regulars will be the featured nonprofit at the Arroyo Grande Summer Concert on September 9, 2018. Concerts are held at the Rotary Bandstand in Heritage Square Park and begin at 1:00 P.M. Performers that day will be Mariachi Autlence and a Ballet Folklorico. Special raffles are held at each concert to benefit the featured nonprofit, so plan to attend this free event and buy a raffle ticket to help support BSR!

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!

- ♪ 39 Plus Dance Club, Morro Bay. Every Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Morro Bay Vet's Hall, 209 Surf Street, 773-6536. Live music! Bring your lunch. Potluck last Wednesday of the month. \$8.00.
- ♪ 39 Plus Dance Club, Pismo Beach. Second Monday every month, 1:00 PM, Pismo Vet's Hall, 780 Bello Street. Dancing to live music. Lunch available, \$7.00.



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS / FESTIVALS

- Jazz & Dance Party (Lacy/Olympia, WA), June 29-July 1, 2018
- Cline Wine & Dixieland Jazz Festival (Sonoma), July 14, 2018
- ♪ Sutter Creek Ragtime Festival, Aug. 10-12, 2018

- ♪ Sun Valley Jazz Festival (Idaho), Oct. 18-22
- Jazz Jubilee by the Sea (Pismo Beach/Arroyo Grande) Oct. 25-28, 2018
- Arizona Classic Jazz Festival (Chandler), Nov. 1-4, 2018
- West Coast Ragtime Festival (Rancho Cordova), Nov. 16-18, 2018
- ♪ San Diego Jazz Fest, Nov. 21-25, 2018
- ♪ Sounds of Mardi Gras (Fresno), Feb. 7-10, 2019
- Jazz Bash by the Bay (Monterey), Mar. 2-4, 2019
- Clambake Music Festival (Coos Bay, OR), Mar. 8-10, 2019
- An All New Jazz Party! (St. George, UT), Mar. 22-24, 2019
- J Jazz Affair (Three Rivers), Apr. 12-14, 2019
- Redwood Coast Music Festival (Eureka), May 9-12, 2019 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

NOTE: The Jazz Festival in Seaside, Oregon, scheduled for February 2019, has been cancelled.

HELP WANTED

Our club needs all kinds of help to keep our Sunday sessions operating successfully. Below are some ways you can help us if you have some spare time and a willingness to share it.

Help at the Door

We need some people to volunteer at the front door for one to two hours at the Sunday sessions. This is a great way to meet people and give them a good first impression of our club. If you are interested and available, please see Eva Ackerman at the next Sunday session or call her at (661) 305-3606.

Look for Scrapbook Entries

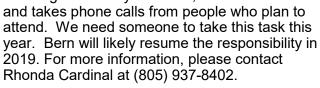
Pat Spino has taken over this task. Thanks Pat!

Instagram and Twitter Accounts

We need someone to set up and monitor Instagram and Twitter accounts for Basin Street Regulars. For more information, please contact Linda Shorb at (805) 772-5367.

Take Calls and Sell Tickets for BBQ

Bern Verbitt will be traveling before and during our annual BBQ on September 30. He usually sells tickets at the July and August Sunday sessions,







MEMBERSHIP

Yearly Membership Costs

♪ Youth, not included in "family plan" — \$15

♪ Single member — \$25

Couple — \$40

♪ Family plan — \$50

♪ Silver Membership — \$100 per person

Session Costs

♪ Guests — \$10.00

♪ Silver Members — FREE

Membership Chairperson

Sandy Smallwood, sandysmallwood@charter.net

Memberships

Purchase/renew at Sunday session or by mail:

BSR Membership PO Box 356

Pismo Beach, CA 93448

BUSINESS AND BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings will begin at 3:00 PM, usually on the first Tuesday of the month, generally in the Sky Room of the Edgewater Inn, Pismo Beach. The next meeting, however, is on June 26; topics are Program and Evaluations and open topics. All members are welcome. We need your support here!



SUNSHINE POINT OF CONTACT

Eva Ackerman sends sympathy and get-well cards to our members/families on behalf of BSR. If you know someone who needs a little support, please contact Eva at (661) 607-4138.

OFFBEAT ACCEPTING ADS

We accept ads. Prices are as follows: business-card size \$15.00; 1/4 page \$25.00; 1/2 page \$50.00. 50% discount if you buy an ad for six months. Business-card-sized ad for one year is \$120. Mid-year purchases will be prorated.

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2018 BSR UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SESSIONS

Venue: Veteran's Memorial Hall

780 Bello Street, Pismo Beach

Times: Jams begin at 11:00 AM

Guest band begins at 1:00 PM

June 24 Midnight Rose

Voodoo DooDads with Valerie Johnson

and Al B Blue

July 29 Ulysses Band from Santa Barbara

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept 30 BBQ at the Cardinals' home

Oct 25 - 28 Jubilee by the Sea



20 YEARS of IMPACT