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San Lyon plays on June 28th at the Pismo Beach Veterans Memorial Building. The True Stories is the opener.

by Rhonda Cardinal

The Basin Street Regulars continues to celebrate their 50th anniversary year by bringing San Lyon from Los Angeles, California, and the opening band will be the True Stories Band from Los Osos, California. They will be playing "Hot Swingin' Jazz" at the Basin Street Regulars' Concert from 12:30 to 4:00 on Sunday, June 28th.

The show will take place at the Pismo Beach Veteran's Memorial Building at 780 Bello Street in Pismo Beach. There will be a jam session starting at 11:00 a.m. Bring your instrument and join in. Jammers pay \$5.00 and must sign in at the door. Admission is now \$10 members, \$15 Non-members. Buy memberships at the show and receive an immediate ticket discount!! Food and drinks and a BIG WOODEN DANCE FLOOR are available.

Tickets available now online at:

www.my805tix.com/e/jazzconcert-basinstreetregulars-sanlyon-june28

Featured Band-San Lyon

San Lyon is a Los Angeles-based Swing Jazz Quartet. Their music is a mix of early 20th century Parisian Gypsy Swing and American Jazz standards as well as original vintage inspired songs.

The band's colorful repertoire of French



and English jazz has built an audience among many swing dance communities. They have performed at numerous clubs, private events, house concerts, and festivals like Jazz Bash by the Bay in Monterey, Hot Jazz Jubilee in Sacramento, the Django Birthday Festival in Berkeley, and the Dixieland Sounds of Mardi Gras in Fresno.

With five albums under their belt, including a Christmas record, the Quartet just released a new album with twelve original songs " San Lyon and Friends".

Their YouTube channel reflects their love for French and English repertoire, with a variety of followers all around the world and thousands to million views on their videos.

Paige Herschell from San Antonio, Texas on vocals, melodica, kazoo and snare drum. Katie Cavera from Evansville, Indiana on bass, banjo, guitar and vocals. Jenna Colombet from Lyon, France on violin, bass, snare drum and French vocals. Dani Vargas from Santiago, Chile on guitar and vocals. A review from their sold out concert at the Grape Jazz Club in Ventura can be found at jazzweekly.com/2025/01/san-lyon-the-grape-ventura-01-11-25/

Opening Band- The True Stories

The True Stories is a newly founded traditional jazz band based in SLO County, led by trumpet player Andrew Chermak. They play an eclectic blend of red hot jazz, ballads, and Latin influences inspired by their vocalist and guitar player Maria Luzuriaga. Other members of the band include Mitch Latting playing washboard, Ron Phillips on trombone, Charlotte Belyea on sax, Terry Handy on double bass, Andre Copher on percussion, and Zachary Zeman on tuba.

**Schedule for Sunday June 28**

11:00 - 12:15 - Jam Session
 12:15 - 12:30 - Change Stage
 12:30 - 1:30 - The True Stories
 1:30 - 1:45 - Change Stage
 1:45 - 2:45 - San Lyon
 2:45 - 3:00 - Break
 3:00 - 4:00 - San Lyon

Please LIKE our Facebook pages!

We have three: Basin Street Regulars, Pismo Jazz Jubilee and Rhonda BSR Cardinal. Subscribe to our YouTube channel—Basin Street Regulars. On Instagram we are #basinstreetregulars! Don't miss out on photos and videos from Sunday Sessions and from the Jazz Jubilee By the Sea.

Prez Says by Rhonda Cardinal

We're taking our show on the road!

One of the best parts about our show at the Clark Center in March was when the jammers played outside the hall before the show. Everyone thought that was a great time; the players and the audience. It did a lot to attract positive attention to our club.

We enjoyed it so much that we have been looking for other opportunities to play outside our regular venue. Curtis Reinhardt reached out to the Grover Beach Parks Department and asked if BSR could have a booth during one of the shows of their summer concert series and if the jammers could play a set before the main show starts. We were granted permission and picked a date and a band that we thought would attract our target audience. We have chosen the date of July 12th, "opening" for the immensely popular Damon Castillo band at the newly remodeled Ramona Garden Park in Grover Beach from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will have a booth and a shelter and will be set up in front or near our booth, not on the main stage. We will have information and representatives at our table.

If you would like to volunteer to man the table, please contact Rhonda Cardinal at 805 907 2097. Even if you can't help us at the table, please plan to attend this show and support the jammers and the Basin Street Regulars. Grover Beach Parks and Recreation Department will appreciate the additional attendance at their event. See you in the middle of July!

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Basin Street Regulars

P.O. Box 356, Pismo Beach, CA, 93448

**50th Anniversary****Commemorative Pins Available**

In celebration of our 50th Anniversary, our resident artist, Priscilla Wilson designed a commemorative pin and backing card (see photo). These pins are free for Silver members and will be \$10 each for general members or other interested parties.

Shonda Croly will hand them to Silver members when they attend our events. Please make arrangements to collect your pin; as we do not intend to mail them. Please notify Shonda at shamrockshonda59@gmail.com if this will create a hardship. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Rhonda and Shonda

Name Badges are Available

If you would like to purchase a BSR name badge, they are now available for \$15, paid in advance. Please see Shonda Croly or one of the other Board members at any Sunday session, give us your name and the payment and we will see that one gets ordered for you.

In the Wings

Featured Band - The Brasscals

The Brasscals are Santa Barbara's one and only street brass band. Their unique sound gets any crowd moving with an explosion of acoustic joy that spans a variety of genres, from funk and jazz to klezmer, Balkan, pop, Latin, and even some originals. Brasscals! Is a lively group made up of 15+ members, ages 25 to 89, from the Santa Barbara community. The band boasts a wide roster of talent—including woodwinds, brass, a banjo, a washboard, and one bullhorn. United by a shared love of music, Brasscals! diverse, multigenerational is what makes this band so special. Their high-energy shows encourage crowd participation to increase the fun factor and break down the barriers between performer and audience.

**Opening Band - Full Swing**

Full Swing is a quartet of experienced professional musicians on a mission to provide a wide range of live music within our community for your listening and dancing pleasure, with a wide repertoire including, of course, many swung standards and "great American songbook" classics, Latin styles (cha cha, mambo, tango, samba, rhumba, etc.), as well as rock (and roll ;-), blues and funk, and yes, a polka or two if appropriate.

Full Swing is:

Terrel Eaton - vocals, sax & flute

Brent Leever - piano & vocals

Jeff Cardinal - bass

Mike Raynor - drums

BSR Scholarships Awarded 2026

The Basin Street Regulars has awarded a total of 23 scholarships for summer camps and workshops this year. Sixteen students will attend the Teagarden Jazz Camp in Pollock Pines and seven will attend the Cuesta College Summer Jazz Workshop in San Luis Obispo. By attending events such as the Pismo Beach Marching Band Competition, Big Band Sound Off, an Atascadero High School rehearsal, and a Morro Bay High School performance, I was able to meet booster parents and directors in person. Those face-to-face connections are invaluable to our outreach efforts. All in all, I felt our efforts were very successful and with a few refinements can be at least as successful if not more so in 2027.

Jon Mounts

Saturday, August 22nd - BSR BBQ

The traditional BSR BBQ has been held for the last ten years in the Cardinal backyard. Doors open at 11:20 a.m. The featured band this year will be the Leyland/Coots Quintet. The Oasis Ukulele Band will be the intermission band. A suggested donation of \$20 will garner you a full Santa Maria Tri-tip BBQ meal. Beverages will be available but not included- please feel free to bring your own, as well as snacks to enjoy before the meal is ready. This day will conclude at 4:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Shonda Croly at: Shamrockshonda59@gmail.com or put your name on the list at the June or July Sunday session. Donations (cash and checks) will be accepted at the Sunday sessions and at the door. Checks should be made out to the Basin Street Regulars.

**The Willeys Donate
a New Drum Head**

On April 26th, 2026, Kevin Willey led the West Coast Gumbo Band and Kelly Willey led the Tevis Ranger

Jazz Ensemble at our monthly Sunday session in the Vets Hall. We celebrated Mardi Gras, saw a great Junior High Jazz Band and also honored George and Richelle Smith during our tribute jam session.

Kevin Willey is the son of Gordon and Fran Willey, long-time members and supporters of the Basin Street Regulars. They spent many years as donors, Board members and Volunteers. Gordon passed a few years ago and Fran left us last year.

At the end of the day, Kevin presented us with a special gift on behalf of the Willey family. Our bass drums all sport decals with our famous Jazzper logo, but they are held on with tape and sometimes get wrinkled or fall off. They are inscribed with the words "Basin Street Regulars" and "Pismo Beach."

Kevin gave us the gift of a new drum head with the logo silkscreened onto it and the words "Basin Street Regulars" and "Fifty Years of Swingin' Jazz" inscribed around the outside. This is to commemorate BSR hosting premium jazz events every month and great festivals every year for fifty swingin' years.

This was a wonderful gift and we really appreciate this incredible donation from the whole Willey family.

Rhonda

Fun and Games with Sonny and Adrian



On Thursday, May 14th, the Cardinals hosted a house concert featuring Carl “Sonny” Leyland on piano and Adrian Cunningham on Saxophone(s).

This concert was conceived because Adrian had a few days in between his arrival in California on a Tuesday and his scheduled performance in Sacramento on Saturday night. He was looking for something between those two engagements. I offered the possibility of a house concert and contacted Mr. Leyland, who is local and has played at our house frequently with various bands and other solo artists.

He agreed to play that day and even helped Adrian get in on another performance that Friday night.

The plan was complete and on Thursday, the 14th, the concert took place as planned. Jeff filled in on bass. The performance was exceptional. We also provided food and drinks for our guests. About 60 happy people showed up.

Everyone had a great time. Videos of this concert are available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71udfWwpNAC&t=2351s>

Because the Friday night gig was in Santa Barbara, both musicians spent the night at

our house. We had some time to kill in the early part of the day, so we decided to all go to breakfast. But we wanted to give Adrian, who is currently residing in Spain, a taste of the Central Coast life. And what better way to do it then in a little British sports car.

We dusted off both of our MG Midgets and offered them a ride of a lifetime to Charlies in Los Alamos. Sonny, who is very tall, declined the opportunity to drive, but Adrian had no compunction about taking command of the Midget. Sonny and Adrian piloted one car and Jeff and I took the other.

Off we went, on Highway 135, through the farm fields to Los Alamos. The weather was exceptional that day and the road was clear.

We had a delicious breakfast at Charlies. The waitress was very taken with Adrian, with his charming Australian accent. She did not seem to notice that Sonny had a British accent.

After breakfast, we decided to swap cars and made our way back home.

Both musicians were happy to have their pictures taken in the car at Charlies, and you can tell by the smiles on their faces that they thought this was a great idea. Certainly, neither of them expected a morning like this! Something for Adrian to tell all of his friends back home.

It was a wonderful weekend. They both came back to our house late Friday night and stayed one more night before going their separate ways in the morning. Jeff and

I had to leave too, that was the day of the visit to Jason Len’s house.

I hope I can host them again sometime, but if not, it was a great event and a lot of

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fun for Jeff and I.

For those of you who may not know who these musicians are, here are their bios:

Carl Sonny Leyland is an Anglo-American [boogie woogie](#), blues, and jazz pianist. He was born in 1965 near Southampton, England, but as a child was drawn to American music. At age 15, he discovered boogie woogie and was inspired to make the piano his career. He came to [New Orleans](#) in 1988 and built a reputation in the clubs there for the next nine years. In 1997, he relocated to California, where he joined Big Sandy & His Flyrite Boys, a rockabilly and western swing group, touring with them for three years. Since then, his repertoire has included ragtime and early jazz. He formed the Carl Sonny Leyland Trio in 2003 with Hal Smith on drums (later replaced by Jeff Hamilton) and Marty Eggers on bass. The trio plays boogie woogie and traditional jazz primarily. It has recorded seven CDs and performs regularly at festivals.

Adrian Cunningham is a New York based award-winning multi-instrumentalist, composer, vocalist, and world traveler. With fluent command of the saxophone, clarinet, and flute, he is one of the finest multi-instrumentalists in jazz today. In a career spanning two decades and counting, the “down under sax star” (Wall St Journal) has performed alongside luminaries such as Jon Batiste, Chris Potter and Wynton Marsalis, and has appeared as soloist in some of the world’s great stages including New York’s Carnegie Hall, Blue Note (New York and Toyko), Stravinsky

Auditorium (Montreux Jazz Festival) and the Sydney Opera House.

Adrian is the recipient of the Hot House Saxophone Award (NYC), and his band Professor Cunningham and His Old School is the winner of international band competition World Jam (Madrid) and Best Band award at Harlem Festival (Vilnius, Lithuania).

Adrian’s discography as a leader is too numerous to be listed; his most acclaimed recordings within the last decade include Jazz Speak (w/Jeff Hamilton, John Clayton, Ted Rosenthal) and Play Lerner and Loewe (w/Fred Hersh trio, Randy Brecker), both of which broke the top 20 in the national jazz charts. *Rhonda*



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 If there are any problems accessing this special rate, please e-mail Brianna Alvarado at briannaa@oxfordsuites.com

Traditional Bands in 2026

In honor of our 50th anniversary, we are going back to our roots and hiring many classic traditional bands in 2026; some of whom have been prominently featured in years gone by. We hope that you will appreciate seeing these legacy bands that have not graced our stage lately.

Jazz Jubilee Central Coast Update

We are finalizing our arrangements for Blue Street and the High Sierra Reunion Jazz Band to perform for us at the Pismo Beach Veteran's Hall on Sunday, October 25th. The show will start at 11:00 a.m. that day and end at 4:30 p.m. The bands will play alternating sets. There will not be a jam session that day.

We are working with the Siren in Morro Bay to host an afternoon Blue Street show at that venue on Saturday, October 24th. This has not yet been confirmed, but it looks promising.

We are scheduling our second Big Band Sound Off at Cuesta College, also on Saturday, the 24th. We will be soliciting High School and College jazz bands to play at this event.

A SLO Jazz Federation show with Bruce

Forman is scheduled for Saturday evening, October 24th.

Other shows are being planned or will be advertised for Friday the 23rd and Monday the 26th. More as we know it. Stay tuned to this publication, by next month, we should be able to flesh out more details.

Rhonda

**MEMBERSHIP**

Silver Members if you have not picked up your 50th Anniversary Pin, please see Shonda at the Membership Table. Anyone else who would like one of these beautiful pins, you can buy them for \$10. See Shonda

We currently have 211 members, and 55 of them are Silver members. Please welcome our newest members, Ray Ayala and Theresa Flores. Anyone who has not paid their dues for this year is now in drop mode. Please pay or let me know the reason you have decided to drop. You can pay your dues online or by mailing a check. Pay online: www.pismojazz.com/joinus/ Mail Checks to: BSR Membership, PO Box 56, Pismo Beach, CA 93448. If you have any questions about your membership or if you need to change address, phone numbers or email address please call me at 805-937-2419 or email me at shamrockshonda59@gmail.com.

Membership Rates: Student \$20, Single \$35, Couple \$60 (these memberships pay \$5 to get into the Sunday sessions), Silver \$150 (per person, you get into Sunday Sessions and the BBQ for free!)

2026 Silver Members

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Upcoming Events:

Basin Street Regulars is Turning 50 in 2026! Stay tuned for special events and features to celebrate our storied and unique history.

July 12th: Jammers Set at Ramona Garden Park at 2 pm - Free Event

July 26th - The Brasscals plus the Full Swing Band at the Pismo Beach Veteran's Building

August 22nd - (Saturday), BSR BBQ: Coots, Leyland Quintet plus the OASIS Ukulele Orchestra

September 27th - St. John's Riverboat and the Riverboat Rustlers at the Pismo Beach Veterans Building