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November Special Event

by Rhonda Cardinal

We will not be presenting a show at the Veterans Hall in November. We are taking a much needed break from our October activities. Instead, the Basin Street Regulars is sponsoring the Cuesta Annual Vocal Jazz Festival, featuring a concert by The Sistering on November 14th at 8:00 p.m. at the Cuesta Performing Arts Center on Highway 1 outside of San Luis Obispo. We will have an information table for BSR set up in the lobby to help publicize our club.

The hottest new vocal jazz collective in the country, The Sistering, features Lois Deloatch, Nnenna Freelon (we saw her perform with the Count Basie Orchestra in March), Kate McGarry, and Lenora Zenzalai Helm. Their first album came out in March and they performed at Carnegie Hall twelve days later! The Sistering captures the pure magic that unfolds when four highly accomplished jazz artists join together to uplift and inspire one another—on and off the stage. Their compositions already reveal a beautifully interconnected journey through themes of family, love, loss, and badassery—rendering the project both a memoir and a cultural mirror.

Infused with soul, folk, funk, and spoken word, The Sistering ventures across wide musical terrain with improvisation at its heart. Song titles like “Combat Boots and Glass Slippers” by Lenora, “Circle” by Kate, “Follow the Stream” by Lois, and “A Brother Just Like You” by Nnenna hint at the emotional depth and narrative spirit behind the music.



Accompanied by a world-class jazz quartet, The Sistering takes shape as a powerful and vibrant testament to the power of creative alliance. Continuing that theme, Cuesta’s top student vocal ensemble, Cuesta Voce, will open the evening as well as close out the concert with our headliners in some spectacular large group pieces. It’ll be an unforgettable evening!

All nationally renowned educators, the members of The Sistering will be sharing their expertise with our Cuesta College music students throughout the festival.

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There will be a 20% discount for BSR members. The discount code is: TAKE20.

There will be a pre-show pre-concert Meet and Greet too from 7:30 - 7:50 pm in the Green Room. Wine will be served, and it's open only to Jazz Fed and BSR members. This is part of our sponsorship.

To purchase tickets, go to:

https://cuesta.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1734

Prez Says

by Rhonda Cardinal

Jazz Jubilee Central Coast 2026

We are very pleased with our 2026 Jazz Jubilee Central Coast. The shows that we advertised were very well attended by all accounts. I personally went to one of the concerts at Anderson Social, the Blue Street show at the Siren in Morro Bay and of course, the big Sunday show at the Vet's Hall.

Jeff and I made the trip to Anderson Social in the rain on a Thursday night because I had heard it was a cool little place and I wanted to see the piano player, Larry Arone. Back in 2006, he, a jazz musician, had been Cathy's Band Director during her freshman year at Righetti. It was an interesting experience for him and he did not return the following year, but he was a good teacher and I enjoyed working with him as a Band Booster. (as an aside, Brenda Haskell, current Director of the Morro Bay White Caps, was Cathy's Band Director for 8th grade). Anderson Social is indeed a cool little place, with little white marble tables in a compact room. Their grand piano is parked under the staircase. There are tables upstairs, but I did not get a look. Parking is available in a nearby garage on Morro and Palm. They feature small plates, mixed drinks and other beverages plus coffee and tea. Larry remembered me and we had a nice chat. Dawn Lambeth plays there a lot and other local jazz luminaries. Check it out if you are in downtown SLO.

On Saturday, we to the Siren, where we had arranged for Blue Street to play a free afternoon show. This is the first time we have ever staged a show at the Siren, and it was a very positive experience. The bar was about half full of BSR- adjacent patrons; the rest of the customers were usuals at the Siren, including motorcycle clubs and witches returning from the paddle. Everyone appreciated Blue Street and the tips were very generous. All proceeds from that show came back to BSR, so it really helped the bottom line. Blue Street performed three outstanding, high-energy sets which were very well received by all present. The management said that they were welcome back any time.

The show at the Vet's was stellar. We featured two bands that have been with us since the beginning of the club- the High Sierra (Reunion) Jazz Band, who performed at the very first BSR Sunday session and Blue Street, who has been in existence and delighting us for 43 years.

Blue Street started the day at 11:00 with the first set. They were in fine form on a Sunday morning, getting the audience going before they even knew they were awake. The hall filled gradually during that first hour.

The next set was the High Sierra Reunion

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Jazz Band. Pieter Meijers was unable to front the band due to health issues, but the rest of the members carried the show and were able to create the sound and feel of High Sierra. Marc Caparone did a remarkable job leading the band and interspersed the music with vignettes about the early days of BSR when Marc's father was one of the active founding members. Marc's mother was there to support the event along with a welcome contingent from Sacramento and Three Rivers. It was good to see some of our friends from outside the area.

We alternated the remaining two sets. Each band performed at least two parasol numbers each time they played. High Sierra closed the day, with their traditional closing finale a la Pieter Miejer. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our 50th anniversary, with two bands that have been with us since the beginning. We were all in fine spirits as we cleaned and left the hall.

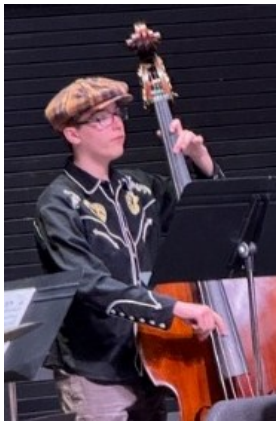
Days like this inspire us to keep going, bringing great bands and great shows to our members. Let the good times roll!

Rhonda Cardinal

BSR Jazz Scholarship Program



The Basin Street Regulars Scholarship Committee thanks the BSR board, membership and donors for supporting this scholarship program with a generous allocation for 2026. The money allowed young musicians to attend either the Teagarden Jazz Camp or the Cuesta Summer Jazz Workshop. In 2026 we awarded 23 scholarships for students from 11 different schools, an expenditure of over $16,000. These students gave rave reviews of their camp experience, eagerly telling us how much they learned from the instruction in improvisation, small ensemble and music theory as well as meeting and networking with other like-minded youth.



In the Basin Street Regulars bylaws, one of the operating purposes is to provide musical programs at education institutions as a means of creating interest in traditional jazz among the youth of the area. We are planning to continue to encourage and support young musicians in 2027 and will begin outreach to announce our scholarship program beginning this Fall at Cuesta Colleges "Big Band Blow Out" and the "Pismo Beach Marching Band Review".

Outreach will continue early 2027 by contacting middle and high schools throughout the central valley and central coast to advise them of BSR. Not only of performance opportunities at the Sunday sessions, but of the scholarship program.



Middle and high school jazz bands are offered a $200 stipend plus a "pass the hat" tip fund for performing at our Sunday sessions.

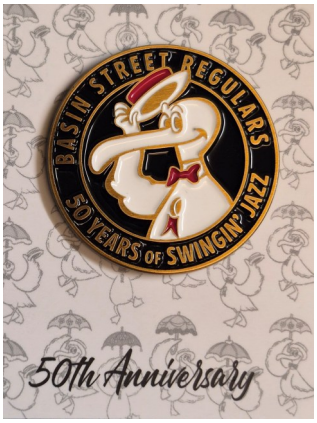
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If you know of any aspiring young musicians, band boosters or band directors, please forward this information to them. To find out more, contact us at:

www.pismojazz.com
jon.bsr.scholarship@gmail.com
Call or text: (530) 400-0742

Jon Mounts, BSR Scholarship Chairman

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



We Need a Contract Administrator

We require signed written agreements from all of the bands that we hire, often months in advance. The entertainment committee communicates with the bands and negotiates pricing, dates, times and special conditions. These details are given to the Contract Administrator who creates the actual contracts using pre-established templates, sends them to the bands and tracks them, including tax information. which is passed on to the bookkeeper including the W-9 information. This job can be done remotely and does not require the person to be present at Sunday sessions or meetings. If you are interested, please call or text Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 907 2097.

In the Wings: Holiday Party December 13th

The Decomposing Brass Quinet and the Friendly Neighborhood Big Band from San the Five Cities Area will be playing "Hot Swingin' Jazz" at the Basin Street Regulars' December Concert from 1:00 to 4:00 on Sunday the 13th at the Pismo Beach Veterans Building, 390 Bello Street in Pismo Beach. We will have a holiday jam session starting at 11:00 a.m.

Sonny and April Paz from Burgers and More will be our caterer. The menu is Bacon-Weaved Meatloaf (secret special April recipe), mashed potatoes and gravy, honey-glazed carrots and rolls. BSR will be providing pies for dessert. There will also be vegetarian and gluten free meatloaf options.

There are three tiers of ticket prices. Members who do not want a meal or champagne will pay $10, non-members $15. For all attendees who want a meal and champagne, the cost is $25 charge this year.

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A champagne toast is only included with the $25 ticket, but you can purchase champagne at the bar. You do not need to bring anything for the party but if you wish to have some snacks before lunch, please bring your own.

Guests who are not having a meal will be asked to sit on chairs that will be set up in the right wing (the usual dance floor). The dance floor for this event will be in front of the stage, surrounded by tables.

Silver members can attend for free. If you want the meal, you must RSVP to Shonda Croly at (805) 937 2419 or shamrockshonda59@gmail.com or buy advance tickets for the meal. December 8th is the final day to make dinner reservations or buy dinner and show tickets through My805Tix.

Please call Shonda if you want the vegetarian or gluten-free option. General Admission tickets will be available at the door. Shonda will keep the list of RSVPs and you will be checked in and given your lunch ticket at the door. If you have not RSVP'd, you will not receive a lunch ticket.

Featured Band: The Friendly Neighborhood Big Band

The Friendly Neighborhood Big Band is a 16-member jazz band formed in March, 2019 by Mitch Latting, David Johns and Danny Beher The group is directed by Mitch Latting.

Members of the band reside in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. We provide audiences with performances of great jazz standards as well as original jazz tunes.

The band has performed locally for 4th of July Celebrations, Memorial Day Celebrations, Basin Street Regulars, Garden Farms Association of Santa Margarita, Grace Bible Church of Arroyo Grande, Nipomo Presbyterian Church, First Methodist Church of Arroyo Grande, Filipponi Ranch Winery, Nipomo Automotive Classic Invitational Automotive Event. The band has performed at the Clark Center for Behind Barbed Wire, a show regarding local Japanese Americans that were imprisoned during World War Two.

The band members have years of experience playing with various groups and are delighted to be affiliated with the FNBB. Some of the groups are: Decomposing Brass Quintet, Starlight Dreamband, Central Coast Brass, Estero Brass, Riptide Band,The Brass Factory, The True Stories, Jazz Alley Review, San Luis Obispo County Trumpet Alliance, to name a few.

Opening Band: The Decomposing Brass Quintet

The Decomposing Brass Quintet is comprised of brass players from the Friendly Neighborhood Big Band, with an occasional guest performer as a substitute. The group was formed in 2019.

We have been providing audiences with performances of great jazz standards, pop, Broadway, and movie themes. We have access to over 500 songs of various composers and arrangers.

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Some of the groups are: The Friendly Neighborhood Big Band, Starlight Dreamband, Central Coast Brass, Estero Brass, Trumpet Alliance of Cuesta College, Royal Garden Swing Orchestra of Cuesta College.

Our members, with these groups, have performed at/for: Basin Street Regulars, Dana Adobe & Cultural Center, Salvation Army, Branch Street Deli, Arroyo Grande Centennial Celebration, Clark Center Holiday Sing-Along, Grand opening of the SLO Train Museum, Rotary Band Stand in Arroyo Grande, Madonna Inn, Filipponi Winery, Nipomo Presbyterian Church, and much, much more.

Tickets for the 2026 December Holiday Party will be available on My805Tix.

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 is ordered for you.

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The Oxford Suites in Arroyo Grande is offering BSR special rates throughout the year. Use this link to access the discounts: reservations.oxfordsuitespismobeach.com/book/dates-of-stay?Adults=x&Children=x&identifier=BSR
If there are any problems accessing this special rate, please e-mail Brianna Alvarado at briannaa@oxfordsuites.com

Crumbles Has Live Jazz Music on Saturdays

Did you know that Crumbles Café and Bake Shop in Santa Maria has live jazz on Saturdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The management of Crumbles wants to showcase live local talent and provides a space for up and coming jazz musicians to play for a live audience and earn tips in the process. If you want to have a late lunch some Saturday, support this effort to bring jazz to the heart of Santa Maria. If you are a jazz musician or combo that wants some public exposure, please contact the Manager at Crumbles. He is there almost every day from 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. They are closed on Tuesdays.
Crumbles Café and Bake Shop:
1635 S Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454

Check Out Our Classic Videos

Did you know that we have an extensive library of videos from shows from as early as 2006? Go to our YouTube channel and click on "Videos" and you will be able to access hundreds of videos from years gone by. To access them, go to pismojazz.com and scroll down until you see the link for the BasinStreetRegulars YouTube Channel. Or, go directly to: youtube.com/user/BasinStreetRegulars. You can also see it on our Facebook page, facebook.com/BasinStreetRegulars under videos.

We also have a Pismo Jazz Jubilee channel. We have stopped using it in favor of the BSR channel, but there are still videos available to view on it as well. Here is the link: youtube.com/@pismojazzjubilee3102/videos

Rhonda Cardinal

Important Update: Newsletter and E-Newsletter

Starting in January, the paper newsletter will only be sent to paid subscribers. The cost for a paper newsletter subscription is $10 per year. If you don't want the paper copy, you can still get the e-newsletter by email for free. (You can also get both versions as a paid subscriber, if you prefer.) If you subscribe to the paper newsletter and don't want the e-newsletter, please let me know.

A note about the e-newsletter: the email is sent out in bulk to a distribution list. We don't send them out individually. If you receive notice for an RSVP list, and you know you've responded already, you don't have to send another response.

If you are not getting the email newsletter and would like to, please contact me. There have been times when members have been accidentally unsubscribed to the newsletter by their email provider. Similarly, if you move, or change your email address, please let me know so you can continue receiving the newsletter in your preferred format.

Shonda



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Donate online at:
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or you can mail a check directly to:
Basin Street Regulars
P.O. Box 356, Pismo Beach, CA, 93448



MEMBERSHIP

Silver Members if you have not picked up your 50th Anniversary Pin, please see Shonda at the Membership Table. If you would like to buy a 50th anniversary pin, they are $10. You can also buy a BSR name badge for $15.. See Shonda.

We currently have 222 members, and 60 of them are Silver members. Please welcome our newest members, Kathryn Montejaro and Samerara Weiner. Dues are due January 1. You can pay your dues online or by mailing a check. Pay online: www.pismojazz.com/joinus/ Mail Checks to: BSR Membership, PO Box 356, 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. Thank you, Shonda Croly, Membership

Membership Rates: Student $20, Single $35, Couple $60 (these memberships pay $10 to get into the Sunday sessions), Silver $150 (per person, you get into Sunday Sessions and the BBQ for free!) Jammers get in to the Sunday sessions for $5.

2026 Silver Members

Alice Addison
Mary Baiamonte
Jim Borland
Diane Brand
Chris & Tom Brayton
Delaine Brown
Jim & Karen Bull
Paul Bascaino
Alma Craven
Eric & Shonda Croly
Linda Dutart
Judy & Pete Felthousen
Linda Flaharty
Flemming Frederiksen
Marvin Gross
Debbie Harrington
Ricard Harvey
Tara Hoffmann
Laura Lacey
Jack Macek
Sharon McCarthy
Eric & Trish McKay
Loretta Newman
Gary Parkinson
Sue Prior
Nancy Ragsdale
Bill & Carol Reid
Curtis Reinhardt
David Rosso
Ed Rush
Bill & Carol Rust
Susan Schneider &
Joel Siegel
Bill Sheckherd
Letica Soria
Alan Sutterfield
LaDean Talcott
Jim & Cathy Trask
Craig Updegrove
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German Von Thal &
Fran Courain
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Vicki Pobor
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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.

December 13th - Holiday Party Friendly Neighborhood Big Band, featuring the Decomposing Brass Quintet at the Pismo Beach Veterans Hall

January 31st - TBD and San Luis Obispo High School Jazz Band

February 28th - The True Stories plus The Bald Spots at the Pismo Beach Veterans Hall

March 21st - TBD