

2012 - What a great year it was!!



The Central PA Friends of Jazz made great strides this year, stabilizing the organization, increasing our educational outreach, acquiring new funding sources, and rebuilding our membership and concert attendance. With Steve and Andrea Rudolph as our Executive Directors, we built coalitions with many other music presenters and took our concerts and Festivals to new venues. With the focus on live music, our annual Spring Concert Series featured great performances by Cyrus Chestnut's Trio at the Ware Center in Lancaster, drummer Kimberly Thompson's Group featuring guitarist Mike Moreno at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Ballroom, and rising star vibraphonist Warren Wolf's Quartet in the Rose Lehrman Auditorium at Harrisburg Area Community College. CPFJ continued the tradition of featuring talented area jazz ensembles as the opening acts for the concert series - bands from Hempfield H.S., Central Dauphin H.S. & Mechanicsburg H.S. all contributed excellent programs. Our thanks to the Shearer Family fund for underwriting the Spring Series and their continuing support in 2013.



The 2012 Central PA Jazz Camp was generously underwritten by the Olewine Family Fund and scholarships came from Penn National Insurance, Phoenix Design, The Hall Foundation and other private donors.

Thanks to Dr. William Stowman, Messiah College, our music faculty including Cyrus Chestnut and Jonathan Ragonese, and to all who contributed to the most successful Central PA Jazz Camp in our history. A great time was had by all!



This year we took the opportunity to partner with Millersville University's Ware Center and co-hosted JazzFest 2012. The first time three day event in June featured performances by vocalists J.D. Walter and Amy Banks, woodwind artists Ali Ryerson and Tom Strohmman, and a silent film with live music by the Reese Project. A jam session and workshops in the beautiful Ware Center, a Sunday Jazz Brunch at Karn's Restaurant and a Jazz & Poetry performance by Rick Kearns and the Con Alma Trio rounded out this inspiring Festival.



The 32nd Annual Central PA Jazz Festival combined our Jazz Picnic, JazzWalk, Riverboat Cruise, Jam Session, a jazz lecture and Sunday Jazz Brunch over three days in August. Our thanks to all the venues who participated in the JazzWalk - SUBA, the Hilton Harrisburg, Carly's, MoMo's BBQ, Bricco, Pints and Crawdaddy's. Our annual Jazz Picnic at Cibort Park showcased the CPFJ Youth Jazz Band, the Zeropoint Big Band from the State College area, and violinist John Blake, Jr.'s Quartet. We are grateful to the Appalachian Brewing Co. for hosting the Sunday night Jam Session, the Art Association of Harrisburg for Jonathan Ragonese's lecture "Listening to America's Pulse", and to Premier Wealth Management for underwriting the Zeropoint Big Band's performance. All events were very well attended and the music was simply magnificent.

The Fall Concert Series continued the success of the first of the year with three stellar monthly concerts from September through November. Saxophonist Jerry Weldon's Organ Trio featuring vocalist Denise King rocked the house at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey in September. October welcomed CPFJ Hall of Fame bassist Rufus Reid and his Out Front Trio to the Allen Theater's stage in Annville, PA - a great new venue for our concerts. San Francisco based vocalist Jackie Ryan inspired her November audience at Lancaster's Ware Center. The featured youth bands included our own Central PA Youth Jazz Band, the Trez Music Jazz Band, and META4.



Our educational outreach in 2012 introduced regularly scheduled CPFJ Jam Sessions. These events are open to aspiring jazz musicians of all ages, giving them the opportunity to perform with professional players and share musical concepts with their peers. We thank the Hilton Harrisburg, MJ's Coffeehouse at the Allen Theater in Annville, and the Green Room in Carlisle for supporting these events.

Our gratitude goes out to Ron Waters for directing our Central PA Youth Jazz Band. For over twenty five years, Ron's knowledge and experience in improvisation and composition has enabled the young artists in the band to be better prepared for their future college music programs and professional lives.



CPFJ began publishing The VIBE, our newsletter, ten times annually in 2013, informing fans of all jazz activities in the Susquehanna valley.

We hope that you will continue to support America's Music with your memberships, concert attendance, and contributions to the Central PA Friends of Jazz in 2013 and beyond. (Please use the forms on the back of this flyer for memberships renewals and contributions.)



We wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year!