



14 YEARS OF JAZZ

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World-Class Jazz on the Coast: 14th Annual Oregon Coast Jazz Party Oct. 6-8

Celebrate America's greatest art form with three days of live jazz and jazz education on the beautiful Oregon coast! The 14th annual Oregon Coast Jazz Party is set for Oct. 6-8 at the Newport Performing Arts Center (PAC) and at the Shilo Inn Suites Hotel, both in Newport.

Oregon Coast Council for the Arts is the founding organizational sponsor of the event, and partners with local businesses and more than 60 volunteers in its production. This extraordinary jazz party is supported by underwriter Rev. Carol Stubbs Smith, with support from the North Coast Brewing Company, Columbia Bank, Newport News-Times, Milt Bernhart Travel, Oregon Coast Piano Services, Just Jazz, and the 2017 Jazz Club, Jazz Hotels, jazz partners, patrons and friends.

The Lineup

The 2017 lineup, coordinated by OCJP Music Director Holly Hofmann (who will also perform this year), includes returning favorites **John Clayton** on bass, **Gerald Clayton** on piano, guitarist **Ed Dunsavage**, drummer **Jeff Hamilton**, bassist **Mary Ann McSweeney**, **Houston Person** on tenor sax, drummer **Chuck Redd**, and pianist **Mike Wofford**.

Appearing for the first time at this party are the incredible **George Cables Trio**, led by pianist George Cables with bassist Essiet Okon Essiet and drummer Victor Lewis; the innovative **George Colligan Trio**, led by pianist, composer and multi-instrumentalist George Colligan with bassist Chris Higgins and drummer Chris Brown; and guitarist **Russell Malone**, **Thomas Marriott** on trumpet, vocalist **Greta Matassa**, drummer **Ryan Shaw**, and the **Bossanaire Septet**, a bossa nova rhythm section featuring two female vocalists, reminiscent of the 1960s-era classic "Sergio Mendes & Brasil '66" album, and the music of Stan Getz and João Gilberto.

Education at the Party

The party always includes free jazz education at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W. Olive in Newport. At **3:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7**, don't miss "Jazz 101 – What to Listen For?" – a free jazz demo/lecture sponsored by Just Jazz features pianist Mike Wofford, bassist John Clayton, drummer Jeff Hamilton and flutist Holly Hofmann. The **panel discussion** is a very popular interactive question-and-answer session about jazz and jazz artists, at **10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8**. Hosted by OCJP Music Director and renowned jazz flutist Holly Hofmann, the panel features John Clayton, Mary Ann McSweeney and Chuck Redd – all of whom are also acclaimed arrangers and composers in their own right. Both events are free and open to the public.

North Coast Brewing Brewmaster Dinner

Enjoy North Coast Brewing's fine artisan beers paired with cuisine by Newport's Clearwater Restaurant at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5** at the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club. North Coast Brewing's Old Rasputin Russian imperial stout and renowned Belgian style abbey ale, Brother Thelonious, will be served with cheeses at the pre-dinner reception.

Dinner begins with a port wine poached-pear salad with Humboldt Fog cheese, baby mâche, and a balsamic reduction, followed by pan-seared scallops with vanilla-infused yams and brown butter orange sauce. The main course of braised boneless short ribs will be served with fresh corn polenta, heirloom carrots, and merlot demi-glace, and a brownie sundae dessert wraps up the dinner.

Featured North Coast artisan brews include the Le Merle saison farmhouse ale, Red Seal ale, and the Cranberry Quince Berliner Weiss.

A special opportunity will be available to all residents coming from Toledo. The charter boat Umatilla II will leave from the downtown Toledo dock at 5 p.m. and deliver the diners to the Yacht Club. The boat will then take the guests back to Toledo after the fundraiser. There is no charge for the boat ride but reservations are required, at 541-265-2787.

All reservations, dinner and boat, must be made in advance by calling the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, the founding organization of the Jazz Party. Call 541-265-2787 for details. Limited seating is available for the Brewmaster Dinner; cost per person is \$65; deadline for reservations is Oct. 2.

Tickets, Seating, Discounts

All seating is reserved; ticket prices vary by session. Buy tickets online at oregoncoastjazzparty.org or through the PAC box office, 777 W. Olive Street in Newport or at 541-265-2787. See more about the musicians, learn more about the event, and download the brochure on the Oregon Coast Jazz Party mini-site at oregoncoastjazzparty.org.

For local jazz fans who want to join the party, OCCA offers discounts on all sessions except Session 5; OCCA members get discounts on all sessions. Get your locals or OCCA member discounts on tickets at the Newport Performing Arts Center box office, 777 W. Olive Street.

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For a brochure, more information and tickets, visit oregoncoastjazzparty.org or call (541) 265-ARTS (2787).