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ARKANSAS JAZZ NEWS ...

Monday Jazz Highlights

Monday Jazz Project at the Afterthought continues on August 5, 2002 with the muse from Hot Springs, Arkansas, pianist John Puckett. The John Puckett Trio will also feature Joe Cripps on bass and Dave Rogers at the drums. 8 PM, \$5 cover.

Pianist Claudia Burson returns to Little Rock with Allen Gibson on trumpet, August 12, 2002, 8 PM., tickets \$10 at the door or in advance from the Afterthought or Capitol Keyboard (501) 228-9999. Joining the two Fayetteville jazz artist will be Joe Cripps



Claudia Burson

on bass and Dave Rogers at the drums.

Claudia Burson of Fayetteville Arkansas was introduced to jazz at a young age. Her uncle Kermit Burson was a professional guitarist and he took responsibility for her musical education by enrolling her for piano lessons early on. Upon completion of high school, Claudia was awarded a music scholarship to study classical music with

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Doug Stiles

(Nov. 27, 1921 - Jun. 23, 2002)



Doug Stiles, well-known Arkansas jazz man and remarkable jazz historian, died on Sunday June 23, 2002. He was born on Nov 27, 1921, in Warren, Arkansas.

He made great contributions to jazz in Arkansas. He was an past president and key player in the Jazz Club of Arkansas. He was inducted into the Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame and received the Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation's Arthur Porter Lifetime Achievement Award in December 2000, based on his many accomplishments. Most outstanding was that he had dedicated his entire life to absorbing as much musical knowledge and history as one individual possibly could.

But to persuade Stiles to discuss accomplishments and milestones throughout his career is not unlike pulling teeth; he'd much rather offer visitors a tour of his home's vast musical library while spinning records from his collection, which easily numbers in the thousands. Or he'll waste no time whatsoever describing the characteristics and elements found in the various genres of popular music. He may

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• **KUAF Summer Jazz Concert Series, Fayetteville.**

-Friday, August 9 - saxophonist Bobby Watson.

-Friday, August 23 - *Jazz Composers Showcase* featuring Claudia Burson, Dr. James Greeson, Allan Gibson, Ryan Fourn, Rhoda Deon, Jon Barrios, Jim Jernigan, and Nathan McLeod.

Both shows start at 8 p.m. at the U. of A. Stella Boyle Smith Fine Arts Concert Hall on the Fayetteville campus. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for current NAJS members, and \$5 for students. Tickets available at the door or in advance at Uncle Sam's Safari Outfitters in Fayetteville, or by phone (479) 521-7779. Series sponsored by the North Arkansas Jazz Society, Email the NAJS at najsjazz@aol.com.

The North Arkansas Jazz Society presents jazz events in the Northwest Arkansas area. Support NAJS by sending a check for \$20 to North Arkansas Jazz Society, 40 East Elm, Fayetteville, AR 72703, or call Robert Ginsburg for information at (501) 521-1255 or 442-0990.

• **Annual Jazz Picnic, Little Rock.** The Jazz Club of Arkansas annual picnic and quarterly session will be Sunday, September 8, 2002, 2-5 PM at Capitol Keyboard Recital Hall, 13401 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock. The sessions are now sponsored by the Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation and are open to everyone interested in performing and listening to traditional jazz! BBQ and Refreshments provided by AJHF, bring a dish to share. RSVP to Cecil Rich-AJHF President at (501) 228-9999.

• **The Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation Board of Directors** will meet in Little Rock, Saturday, August 24, 2002, 4:30 PM at Capitol Keyboard (501) 228-9999. The AJHF board will

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Beatriz J. Pilapil at the University of Arkansas. Claudia followed her heart to Berklee College of Music in Boston in 1976.

In 1978, Ms. Burson moved to Houston, Texas where she performed with such notable artists as Arnett Cobb, Don Wilkerson, Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson, Charlie Rouse, and Joe Henderson. Claudia is featured in the publication, *Jazz Women At the Keyboard*, written by Mary Unterbrink.

In 1998 Claudia returned to Fayetteville and has been performing regularly in concert halls, clubs, and private functions. She has quickly established herself as the preeminent pianist in the region, and is heard throughout the summer as part of the house rhythm section for the North Arkansas Jazz Societies Summer Jazz Concert Series. Along with her performance schedule, Claudia is teaching jazz piano and jazz ensemble at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Allan Gibson was born in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and began playing jazz in the seventh grade. After four years as a Navy musician, Allan worked free-lance in New Orleans, Houston, and in Austin. He performed with Beto y los Fairlanes and his own dixieland band, the Dixie Scat Cats. In Fayetteville, Allan received his Master of Music in Jazz Composition from the UofA, is a member of the Claudia Burson Quartet, plays salsa with the Barrio Band, and has recently played for the Temptations, and the Duke Ellington show at the Walton Arts Center.

According to Robert Ginsberg, president of the North Arkansas Jazz Society, Allan is NW Arkansas' best kept jazz secret: "It's not unusual to find Al Gibson playing music by Dolphy, Coltrane, Ornette and Mingus...one night, and the next night laying down the tunes of Armstrong and Beiderbecke.... He has a clear round sound and a distinctive soloing conception-with chops to spare!" (Becca Bacon Martin, in *Midwest Jazz*, Summer 1997).

In addition to his jazz pursuits, Allan is music teacher at Butterfield Trail Elementary school, where he teaches, leads the blues band and the recorder ensemble and helps his children compose music.

August 19, 2002, the Monday Jazz Project presents the Dave Rogers Trio with Dan Sieckman on guitar, Joe Vick on bass, and you guessed it Dave Rogers at

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select the 2002 Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame inductees. The AR Jazz Hall of Fame inductions will be held in November.

The Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation supports jazz in the state, join by sending a check for \$15 individual, \$25 Family, or \$5 for students to the Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 251187 Little Rock, AR 72225-1187. Call for membership form or go online www.arjazz.org. Contact Cecil Rich, President, (501) 228-9999 for information about AJHF activities.

* **The Hot Springs Jazz Society** supports jazz programming in the Spa city including the annual Hot Springs Jazz Festival, September 13-15, 2002. For information send inquiry to the Hot Springs Jazz Society, PO Box 972, Hot Springs, AR 71902-0972 or call Shirley at (501) 767-5482. Next event Sunday, August 11, 2002, Dance at the Elk's Lodge Hot Springs featuring Punch Anderson.

* **The Pine Bluff Jazz Club** meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Central Presbyterian Church, 6300 Trinity Drive, in Trinity Village on Ridge Road, from 2-5 p.m. Call Maggi Wadsworth, (870) 879-2059 or Ty Travis, (870) 536-3440 for updated information

The next Arkansas Jazz Calendar deadline is August 26, 2002. Reply with jazz happenings to The Arkansas Jazz Calendar, c/o the Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation, PO Box 251187, Little Rock, AR 72225-1187.

Fax your info to the Arkansas Jazz Calendar at (501) 228-8915. Phone contacts are James Thomson (501) 225-2891 or Cecil Rich 228-9999. Visit our web site www.arjazz.org or send email to ajc@arjazz.org - thank you!

JAZZ RADIO CALENDAR OF ARKANSAS

• **KABF 88.3 FM Community Radio (Little Rock)**
Sunday 9:30am-noon *The Quiet Storm* w/Griff
Monday thru Friday, 8:30 to 10:30, various Jazz
Saturday 8:30-10 pm *Cool Jazz*
Call (501) 433-0088

• **KUAR 89.1 FM / NPR (Little Rock)**
KUAR now has satellite feed Jazz program weeknights from 9 am until 5 pm Monday - Friday nites and from 12 midnite until 6 am weekends.

(also 94.5FM Monticello, 94.7FM Batesville & Forrest City, 106.9FM Hope)
Sunday 7-8 pm *Swinging down the Lane*, David Miller
8-9 pm *McPartland's Jazz Piano*
9-12 midnight *52nd Street Jazz* John Cain
Monday 9-10 pm *Riverwalk*
10-11 pm *Billy Taylor Jazz*
Tuesday 9-10 pm *Jazzset*, Branford Marsalis
11-12 pm *Beale Street Caravan*
Wednesday 9-10 pm *Jazz Profiles*
10-11 pm *Jazz from Lincoln Center*
11-12 pm *World Wide Jazz*
Call (501) 569-8485 for select show info

• **KUAF 91.3 FM / NPR (Fayetteville & Ft Smith)**
Friday
7 KUAF's *New Blues & Beale Street Caravan*
9 *Blues Show*
10 *Shades of Jazz*
Midnight - *Jazz from Lincoln Center*
Saturday 9-10 pm *Marion McPartland's Jazz Piano*
10-11 pm *JazzSet* w/ Branford Marsalis,
11-midnight *Jazz Profiles*
Call (501) 575-2556 for info

• **KTXK 91.5 FM / public radio (Texarkana)**
Saturday 12-3p *The Enjoyment of Jazz* with host Jerry Atkins (program is now in it's 17th year!)
Sunday 1-2pm *Jazz Profiles* with Nancy Wilson
2-3pm *Jazz from Lincoln Ctr* with Wynton Marsalis
3-4pm *Jazz Scene*
Monday thru Friday 6:30-7pm *Jazz Tonight*
Monday 7-8pm *Piano Jazz* w/ Marian McPartland
Call (903) 792-2946 for info

• **KASU 91.9 FM (Jonesboro)**
Something Blue show with Hairy Larry
Mon-Fri 1pm *Afternoon Moods* with Marty Scarbrough and Terri Pratt
Mon 9:30pm *When Swing was King*
Tue 9:30pm *Jazz Profiles* with Nancy Wilson
Wed 9:30pm *Piano Jazz* with Marian McPartland
Thu 8:30pm *JazzSouth*, profiles of musicians
9:30pm *Worldwide Jazz*
Fri 9:30pm *Rhythm: Sweet & Hot* (Swing)
Sat 7pm *Beale Street Caravan*
8pm *Blues After Hours*, Bob Brown
10pm *Something Blue*
11on *Blues Overnight*
Call (870) 972-3070 for more info

• **KIPR 92.3 FM (Little Rock)**
Sunday 10 am-2 pm jazz format
Call (501) 663-0092

• **KYFX Foxy 99.5 FM (Little Rock)**
Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Call (501) 666-3699

• **KFFB 106.1 FM (Fairfield Bay)**
Wednesday & Friday 10-11pm
Saturday 7pm - midnight

Send revisions or new entries to:
The Jazz Radio Calendar of Arkansas,
c/o the Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation
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Phone: (501) 666-9294



Hot Springs Jazz Festival Schedule of Events

On September 13 - 15, experienced a weekend feast of jazz and blues music with an all-day free festival on Saturday. Area musicians join name performers like Herb Ellis, Mose Allison and others for a free jam that fills the downtown area with the hot sounds of jazz and the excitement of the blues.

Friday, September 13, 2002, 7 - 10 pm
Fundraiser Dance in the Arlington Ball Room
Punch Anderson's All Stars with Paul Stivits
Jazz Trio

Saturday, September 14, 12 noon to ?
Noon Stardust Big Band
1pm Navy Band South
2pm NuFusion Big Band
3pm Sounds Good
4pm Tribute to John Puckett featuring
Brenda Williams Smith
5pm Stardust Big Band
6pm Navy Band South
7pm Henderson State NuFusion
8pm Street Dance Featuring *Stardust Big Band*
9pm Street Dance Featuring *Sounds Good*

Sunday, September 15
1 - 4pm Jazz Jam Brunch at the Hot
Springs Brau House
7:30 pm Jim Cullum Concert, Woodlands
Auditorium, Hot Springs Village,
Tickets: \$15.00

For more info, check the web at
www.hotspings.org/calendar/festivals/
and www.hotspingsjazz.org

18th Annual Eureka Springs Jazz Festival

Celebrate the 18th annual jazz festival in Eureka Springs, nestled in the beautiful Ozarks mountains, on September 13 - 14. The festival features national musicians as well as regional.

Featured performers include Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, jazz violinist Regina Carter Quintet, saxophonist James Carter and his band Chasin' the Gypsy. Concerts are held in our historic 1929 Auditorium, unique Basin Park, and Basin Park Hotel.

Friday, September 13
8pm - 1:30am, Richard Bruton Quintet
followed by the Arkansas Jazz Ensemble

Saturday, September 14
8pm - 1:30am, Earl Clark and Spectrum
followed by Richard Bruton Quintet

On September 13 - 14, hear at the Eureka Springs Jazz Festival. For more information, call 888-855-7823 or 479-253-7788, email cityaud@eurekasprings.org, see web info at www.eurekaweb.com/jazz and www.eurekasprings.org

For information on sponsorships, contact: Jack Holly, Eureka Springs Jazz Festival, P.O. Box 1 Eureka Springs, AR 72632 (501) 253-6258, or email sponsor@eurekajazz.com

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the drums. The Monday Jazz Project monthly jam session follows on August 26 with a house trio featuring Buck Powell on piano, Joe Vick on bass, and Dave Rogers at the drums. 8 PM., \$3 cover, \$1 jammers. Musicians can sign-up for the jam in the Afterthought Foyer.

The Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation sponsors the Monday Jazz Project with support from the Afterthought, and the Little Rock Hilton. Monday Jazz Project is now the longest running weekly jazz Venue in Arkansas.

The Monday Night Jazz tradition has served up live jazz since the middle 70's on Monday Nights. Our latest reincarnation The Monday Jazz Project, has entertained listeners since December 1995 without losing a beat. The Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation is celebrating 10 years of jazz promotion in 2002.

The Afterthought is at 2721 Kavanaugh in Little Rock. Call for information about the Afterthought and LaScala Restaurant call (501) 663-1196. For more information about Monday Jazz Project and its history contact Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation president Cecil Rich at (501) 228-9999.



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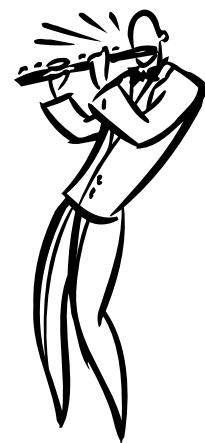
For only (\$15 individual / \$25 family/ \$5 Student/ \$50 Jazzman / \$100 Corporate / \$500 Corporate) you become a member of the Arkansas Jazz and Heritage Foundation and help support "America's classical music" in Arkansas. Your application fee entitles you to membership privileges for one year. These privileges include regular newsletters (The Arkansas Jazz Calendar) about upcoming jazz performances in and around the state, and the right to help the Foundation decide which musicians and programs it will sponsor. The Arkansas Jazz and Heritage Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the general public about the historical significance of Arkansas's musical heritage. It sponsors jazz performances by musicians with Arkansas connections and educational clinics for high school and college musicians throughout the state.

Please give us the following information, so we can keep you informed about upcoming jazz performances and educational clinics.

Check the Following: New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐
Name _____ Jazz Society Affiliation _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____
Are you a musician _____ instrument(s) _____
Type of Membership _____. What types of jazz do you most like? _____

What jazz musicians or groups would you most like to see perform in Arkansas? _____
College _____

Please make checks payable to *Arkansas Jazz and Heritage Foundation* and send to:
Arkansas Jazz and Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 251187, Little Rock, AR 72225.
For further information call (501) 228-9999, 225-2133 or 663-5264.



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even tell the listener who he considers to be among his most influential performing artists.

Doug Stiles will be missed, for his personal presence, for his music, and for all that we missed learning from him.

August 2002 Jazz Schedule
Monday Jazz Project at *The AfterThought*
 2721 Kavanaugh, Little Rock, AR (501) 663-1196
Every Monday night at 8PM!

- Aug. 5 John Puckett Trio.
 with John Puckett on piano, Joe Cripps on bass, and Dave Rogers at the drums,
 8 PM, \$5 cover.
- Aug. 12 Pianist Claudia Burson featuring Allen Gibson on trumpet.
 with Joe Vick on bass, and Dave Rogers at drums, 8 PM, Tickets \$10,
 available
 from the Afterthought 663-1196 or Capitol Keyboard 228-9999.
- Aug. 19 Dave Rogers Trio.
 Dan Sieckman on guitar, Joe Vick on bass, and Dave Rogers at the drums.
 8 PM, \$5 cover
- Aug. 26 Monday Jazz Project Jam Session with House Trio.
 House trio is Buck Powell on piano, Joe Vick on bass, and Dave Rogers
 on drums.
 Jam players signup starting at 7:45 p.m. in After thought Foyer,
 8 PM, \$3 cover, \$1 Jammers.

All dates at the Afterthought 2721 Kavanaugh, Little Rock. (501) 663-1196.
 The Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation, Little Rock Hilton, and the
 Afterthought sponsor Monday Jazz Project. Seating is General Admission.
 For more information on the Monday Jazz Project contact Cecil Rich at (501)
 228-9999.

*The Monday Jazz Project is a presentation of the Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation
 and the AfterThought.*

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**Jazz Club of Arkansas
 Merges
 with Arkansas Jazz
 Heritage Foundation**

The Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation welcomes the membership of the Jazz Club of Arkansas into its ranks. The two organizations merged officially after the last AJHF Board meeting and the JCA's executive committee had already met to accept the move. JCA members now have annual memberships in AJHF as of July 1, 2002. The Jazz Club sessions will continue quarterly at Capitol Keyboard Recital Hall, 13401 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock.

Our next session, the annual JCA picnic and jam, will be on Sunday September 8, 2002, from 2-5 pm at Capitol Keyboard. BBQ and refreshments provided by AJHF, everyone bring a dish to share.

Please come out and support these sessions. For more information contact AJHF President Cece Rich at (501) 228-9999.

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