The JazzHappensBand

Monday, AUGUST 19th, 6:30pm
A Picnic Buffet and Lots of Jazz at the Radisson

Traditional Dixieland Jazz

Jazz isn’t planned... it just happens!

Formed in 2005, The JazzHappensBand is a traditional Dixieland jazz band operating out of Cortland, New York with a repertoire of Dixie, blues, and quick stepping jazz. Re-organized in 2007, this talented group of local musicians features Jeff Dovi on trumpet, Mike Poole on trombone, Nick Pauldine on clarinet, Jim O’Toole on tuba, Robbert van Renesse on banjo, Stephen Wilson on piano, and David Alexander on drums. The JazzHappensBand has entertained at a variety of locations and organizations including the Jazz Appreciation Society of Syracuse, the Flower City Jazz Society of Rochester, the Twin Tiers Jazz Festival in Elmira, the Turning Stone Resort and Casino, local summer music series in Cortland and Homer, the Cortland Wine and Arts Fest, the annual Fall Creek Porchfest in Ithaca, as well as for many businesses and private functions in Central New York.

Jeff Dovi has been playing the trumpet in and around the Cortland area for over 35 years. He attended Ithaca College as a music education major for one year before deciding to make music an avocation. He has performed in various brass groups, civic bands, big bands, theater and pit orchestras, and combos but his love for Dixieland music finally inspired him to start his own group currently known as The JazzHappensBand.

Mike Poole is a trombonist from Cortland, NY. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Music Education from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, and is currently working on a Master’s Degree in Music Theory at the University of Buffalo. In addition to playing with the JazzHappensBand, Mike performs in several other classical ensembles, including the Crown City Brass and the Cortland Old Timers Band, & also organizes the instrumental music at St. Mary’s Church in Cortland.

Nick Pauldine, Clarinet. After a short career as a public school music teacher, Nick became a musical director in the vacation entertainment industry, leading multi-purpose ensembles providing musical support for Las Vegas-style production shows, formal dancing, & variety show entertainers. He has performed with John Pizzarelli, Nell Carter, Diane Schurr, Nancy Wilson, Ann Hampton Callaway, & many other artists. In 1997, Nick returned to Ithaca to “settle down”, taking over directorship of the Ageless Jazz Band, an 18-piece traditional swing band, a position he still holds today. He has overseen production of 2 recordings with the AJB, several Caribbean tours, & a commissioned work (Catch Phrase by Steve Brown). Nick also maintains an active clarinet and saxophone studio, as well as free-lances under the Something Of Note brand.
OTHER MUSICIANS IN The JazzHappensBand

Jim Overhiser, Tuba.  Jim is a retired Physics teacher (Cortland High School), now an adjunct with Cornell and Ithaca. He has been a science teacher since graduating from Cortland State in 1980. Although Jim wanted to go to school to be a music teacher he decided to save that for a hobby and studied Science Education. Even with his focus on science, Jim has kept pretty close to his love of music. He has sung in several music groups throughout the years including a barbershop quartet, annual community performances of The Messiah, Cortland State’s Choral Union and a long time quartet called the "Muffins". Jim’s primary instrument is the guitar. He has played and performed on the guitar since first picking it up in high school. The last time Jim played tuba before playing in JazzHappensBand was 30 years ago in high school, but he has polished up his tuba and now supplies the low notes for the band.

David Alexander, Drums.  David Alexander saw the JazzHappens-Band perform on Fat Tuesday and immediately auditioned to be our drummer. David studied snare drum in high school with Gene Attleson, and more recently has studied drum set at Tom Kline’s School for Modern Drumming. He is a McGraw Central School Alum and has played drums for McGraw as well as the Cincinnatus Civic Band, All-County Select, Area All-State, New York State Honor Band, and the SUNY College at Morrisville Jazz Ensemble. David, (who is also a graduate of Cornell and Syracuse Universities and otherwise occupied as a lawyer) and his wife, Carol, a school teacher, have four children. Their youngest son, Evan, also studies drum set with Tom Kline and plays drums for Homer Central School concert and jazz bands.

Robbert van Renesse, Banjo.  Robbert van Renesse has been playing rhythm guitar for the Ageless Jazz Band since December 1997, with whom he recorded two CDs. He has performed in many high school musical productions and in a SUNY Cortland production of “Little Shop of Horrors." He wrote a Mel Bay book on what is essentially music theory for the ukulele called "Understanding Ukulele Chords." Van Renesse also enjoys playing swing music on banjo and tenor guitar.

Stephen Wilson, Keyboard.  Stephen Wilson received his Bachelor of Arts in vocal performance and his Master of Arts in conducting from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He earned his Doctor of Arts in conducting from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. He has recently retired as professor of music at SUNY Cortland since 1985, teaching choral music, music theory, conducting, and accompanying many students and faculty colleagues. He conducts the College Singers and the Choral Union. His choral arrangements have been performed in various locations on the eastern seaboard and in the Midwest. Dr. Wilson has served as pianist/music director for many musical theater productions. He has only recently become addicted to Dixieland music.

Membership: Len Marcus, 347-4820. 328 Lenora Ln, Webster, NY 14580-2874

FLOWER CITY JAZZ “LOGO” polo shirts, hats, hoodie(full-zip), dress shirts are available by ordering directly from STITCHWORKS (uniform & sportswear), 297 Culver Parkway, Rochester, NY 14609. 585-654-7522.

[ FCJS receives no financial benefit & does not process orders. ]

Wearing FCJS Logo items can increase public awareness of Flower City Jazz Society

SEND DINNER RESERVATIONS by Friday, Aug. 9th to reach Kay Salerno by TUESDAY the 13th. If check may be late, call KAY (442-1076), “tell KAY your order”
THANKS TO RENEWING MEMBER: Jeanne Thomann

MEMBER PROFILE. Margaret Joynt  Margaret has been a member of FCJS for about a year. She was introduced to us by John Rumsey, with whom she comes to our events almost every month. She says she loves music and the wonderful company of our group! Born in Marcus, Iowa, Margaret graduated from Dominican University in Chicago and the College of Law at the University of Iowa. She and her husband, Robert Joynt, had six children, While living in Iowa, she was the town attorney for University Heights, IA.

She and her family moved to the Rochester area in 1966. Here, she was a law clerk for Judge Betty Pine in Family Court for three years. Betty, who passed away two years ago, was also a member of FCJS and was married to John Rumsey. Margaret represented children in the local Court system for twenty years and served on various boards which advocate for or serve children.

Margaret's husband passed away in 2012. She has nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She lives in Pittsford.  

Written by Ron Anderson

DINNER RESERVATION for Monday, AUGUST 19, 2019
MAIL TO: KAY SALERNO, 48 ELMORE RD, Rochester, NY 14618 (585) 442-1076
Reservation form and payment is due on or before Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019

Last Name            First Name            Spouse/Companion            Telephone

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PICNIC BUFFET, MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019
5:30pm cheese/crackers social;  6:30pm dinner service starts;  music 6:30pm-9:30pm

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Total enclosed: $________ (check payable to FLOWER CITY JAZZ SOCIETY)

COMMENTS FOR THE BOARD: ______________________________________________________

RATE LAST MONTH’S BAND: O BELOW AVERAGE  O AVERAGE  O ABOVE AVERAGE
( JoeCavallaro’s Dixieland Jazz Band )
FLOWER CITY JAZZ 2018
Radisson Hotel (Airport)  Park
in well-lighted area in back of
Hotel; Enter thru Doors At
Back Of Hotel to Ballroom.

UPCOMING FCJS CONCERTS & OTHER VENUES

FCJS Events are at Radisson Hotel (Airport), 175 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY 14623  (585) 475-1910

FCJS times:  5:30pm cheese/crackers social;  6:30pm dinner service starts;  music 6:30pm—9:30pm

Queen City Jazz (Buffalo) events: SEAN PATRICK’S, 3480 Millersport Rd, Getzville, NY. Concerts 5pm

NEW Location Syracuse Jazz (JASS): Spaghetti Warehouse, 689 N. Clinton St, Syracuse, NY.  Concerts 4pm

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JAM-Sessions (JASS) Spaghetti Warehouse, Syracuse; 4pm) August 11th; October 13th

August 4th  Sunday (Queen City Jazz Society) Dinny & the All Stars, Sean Patrick’s, Getzville, 5pm

August 17th  Saturday (Boat Cruise, Buffalo) Sal Andolina & his New Orleans Jazz Band  12:30pm boarding

August 2019  19th  Monday (FCJS) The JazzHappensBand  Radisson

September 2019  16th  Monday (FCJS) Dan Priore’s Backroom Jazz Band  Radisson

October 2019  21st  Monday (FCJS) Rod Blumenau’s Upstate Dixieland Band  Radisson

November 2019  17th  Monday (FCJS) Jon Seiger Special Concert, exceptional trad-jazz repertoire  Radisson

November 24th  Sunday (JASS; Syracuse) Djug Django, Spaghetti Warehouse, Syracuse, 4pm