

Dixieland Monterey Festival

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Note: Musician and band information, youth activities and schedule are on the website: www.dixieland-monterey.com

High-resolution photos are available on the Website of selected bands, plus a PDF of the special illustration done for the Festival by Will Bullas.

Jazz Bash by the Bay, Dixieland Monterey Festival's 26th Year Features an Exceptional Lineup of Bands including B.E.D., Bob Crosby's Bob Cats, Yves Evans & Co. and the Jim Cullum Jazz Band plus Several All-Stars playing Classic Jazz and Swing

Band Lineup: B.E.D., Big Mama Sue & Friends, Blue Street Jazz Band, Bye Bye Blues Boys, Bob Crosby's Bob Cats, Golden Gate Rhythm Machine, Hal's Angels, High Sierra Jazz Band, Ivory and Gold, Jazz Birds, Jim Cullum Jazz Band, Mixed Metafour, Night Blooming Jazzmen, Pat Yankee & her Gentlemen of Jazz, Titan Hot 7, Titanic Jazz Band, Ryan's Raiders, Sweet Thursday Jazz Band, Uptown Lowdown, and Yves Evans & Co.

All-Stars: Jeff Barnhart, John Cocuzzi, Bob Draga, Danny Coots, Phil Flanigan, Jim Galloway, Jake Hanna, Davy Jones, Bob Leary, Ed Metz, Jr., Brady McKay, Russ Phillips, Gary Ryan, Tom Saunders, John Sheridan, and Allan Vache.

Monterey, CA — *The Jazz Bash by the Bay* will feature these jazz greats and the bands at eight cabaret venues, with five dance floors, in the Portola Plaza Hotel, The Monterey Conference Center and on Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey. An additional venue has been added this year, the Golden State Theater. Dates are March 3, 4 and 5, 2006. The festival hours are 3 PM to 11:30 PM Friday; 10 AM to 11:30 PM Saturday; and 9 AM to 4 PM on Sunday.

All-Event Badges are \$85. Day badges are \$35 for Friday, \$50 for Saturday and \$35 for Sunday. Students under 18 are admitted free. Group discounts. Badge purchases and information may be had by calling toll free 1-888-349-6879 or locally at 831 633-5053. Complete information can be found on the web site, www.dixieland-monterey.com. Local sales are at Monterey Books-Monterey, Bookmark – Pacific Grove, Jazz & Blues Co – Carmel and Joy Pers and Gadsby's in Salinas.

This Festival brings together some of the best traditional players *and* many of the best innovators in the Dixie tradition, for three days of music making. The traditionally oriented bands include the headliner, Jim Cullum Jazz Band, featured on the radio show, "Riverwalk from the Landing" heard on PBS stations and locally on KRML. Uptown Lowdown, from Seattle, is another playing a pure, traditional style. B.E.D., Blue Street and the Jazz Birds are known for taking an innovative approach to the classic standards. Blues fans will enjoy Yves Evans & Co. Dancers will be pleased that most of the bands will offer plenty of Swing. The All-Stars, including many studio musicians, have all played and recorded with legendary jazz musicians. Their presence stimulates everyone and adds a jazz party atmosphere.

The 16th annual Foundations of Jazz Clinic will be held Saturday morning, the 4th, 9:30 AM sharp to 11:30 AM in the Bonsai Room in the Monterey Conference Center. All students through grade 12 are admitted free to the Clinic and all other Festival venues. Student ID cards required. Dixieland's Board of Directors is committed to instilling the cultural values, styles and spirit of America's early jazz forms and history within the aspiring musicians of our community. They believe it is crucial for young musicians to understand this part of their musical heritage and be able to perform early jazz as a foundation for whatever musical path they choose to follow.

This year Dixieland Monterey Jazz Festival is pleased to again be hosting the California Music Educators Association (CMEA), Central Coast Section's annual "Jazz Festival." High school bands from four local counties will perform big band music at this adjudication. Big band music was chosen specifically because it's easier for students to understand the fundamentals of jazz than with more contemporary jazz. Each band plays for 25 minutes before a panel of judges. They are evaluated on intonation, pitch, rhythm, brass, over-all-effect, preparation and so forth. Each band gets a score sheet and a tape of the judges' comments. The evaluations are also beneficial to the teachers. The public may drop in anytime from 8:30 to 5 PM in the Ferrante Room.

The free Sunday morning Gospel Sets at 9AM are a treasured tradition of this festival. This year Yves Evans will be in the Serra Room and the Night Blooming Jazzmen will be at the Golden State Theater on Alvarado. Another special set is the Pianorama on Saturday afternoon.

Gary Ryan, known to many from his days at Dick O'Kane's on Cannery Row, is this year's honored musician. A profile of him can be found on the Website.

A swing dance will be held Thursday, March 3rd in the De Anza Ballroom at the Portola Plaza Hotel at 7:30 pm to kick off the *Jazz Bash by the Bay*. Tickets are \$20 for singles and \$35 for couples. An All-star Band will be playing. Tickets are available at the door or may be reserved by calling 831 633-5053.

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