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Yowsah!

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Our last issue of Blue Notes went out on June 9th and was sent only through email. It was actually posted on our website as well; however, we did not mail copies through the Post Office. It should have been our May/June edition, but we had so many details to wrap up that we were late getting it finished. Therefore, I'm going to repeat much of what I wrote in my column for that newsletter.

Our 35th Annual Scholarship Competition at Rollins College on May 21st was exceptional! We had ten outstanding contestants and the judges had the very difficult task of narrowing it down to the four winners.

1st Place: Ryan Devlin - Saxophone - Valencia

2nd Place: Saul Dautch - Saxophone - UCF

3rd Place: Austin Routten - Saxophone - UNF

4th Place: Simon Klochko - Guitar - Valencia

There's more information about the contest on our website and in our last Blue Notes.

ALL THAT JAZZ, our 2017-2018 season kick-off party, will be on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 4:00 to 7:00. Everybody enjoyed it so much last year at Dubsdread Country Club in College Park that we're having it there again this year. Davy Jones and his fabulous group will be entertaining. The dance floor is great, the food will be exceptional this year; we'll have lots of prizes, a silent auction with both a wine and a liquor basket and a lot more exciting surprises! The cost is \$45.00 per person or a table of 10 for \$400, which brings the price down to \$40 each. So, as I said in the last issue, you might want to round up 10 of your best friends and family and enjoy this fabulous event at a reduced rate.

The exciting news in the June 2017 issue was that we've changed our venue for the 2017/2018 season. We will be holding our concerts at the Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts in Winter Park. The Blue Bamboo, as many of you know, is specifically designed for Jazz/Music and the acoustics are extraordinary. Nothing else has changed. The concerts will still be at 3:00 on the 2nd Sunday of each month from September through April with the May concert on the 3rd Sunday so as not to conflict with Mother's Day. We'll pass out direction sheets at the party on August 27th as well as our new Concert Cards listing the performers for next season. We loved our time at the Abbey! It's a beautiful venue and they took really good care of us for many years. We simply feel that the Blue Bamboo is a better fit for us at this time and the musicians love playing there.

Speaking of the Blue Bamboo, I was there recently for a Jeff Rupert concert. Jeff is brilliant on sax and so were his fellow musicians, Richard Drexler on the piano, Marty Morell on drums and Ben Kramer on bass. He featured two of his outstanding students, Ryan Waszmer on guitar and Saul Dautch on baritone sax. I was so proud! At one point there were 3 Central Florida Jazz Society Scholarship Winners on the stage at the same time: Ben Kramer, Ryan Waszmer and Saul Dautch. I almost felt parental!

I want to wish you all a happy, healthy and safe summer and I truly hope to see you all on August 27th at ALL THAT JAZZ. I promise that this will be the BEST party we've ever had! Take care and stay COOL!

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Dr. Lonnie Smith



Hammond B3 Organ July 3, 1942

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Guitar July 31, 1931

Eric Alexander



Tenor saxophone August 4, 1968





Saxophone August 25, 1933



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JAZZ ON THE BEACH

Well, if you were to ask what I think about long instrumental solos, I would say "No, I'm not a fan, especially not of drum solos (except those played by Buddy Rich)." I did not enjoy the Paul Gonsalves saxophone one at the Newport Jazz Festival in 1956, even though I understood what he was doing. Interestingly, this is considered one of the most famous solos in the history of jazz, performed with the Duke Ellington Orchestra. It's one of those "you have to be there" situations. When it was Coltrane or one of his followers, I didn't know what they were doing. I preferred Trane's earlier work in the early 50's, for instance.

Why do I bring it up? I just read an article on the subject in *Jazz Journal* (UK) by Simon Spillett. He is a tenor saxophonist of some note in the UK, and also writes about the music with a light and sometimes humorous approach -- of course, as I used to be English (laughter). His articles regarding his gigs are of interest to me. His opinions as a player of the music I love are important to me.

Here's how Simon describes a couple of minutes during a pub gig where he was to play. The leader was playing his horn and a comment was heard by a man at the bar. He was about 80 and was holding a pint. He said "ere – 'e goes on a bit doesn't he?" Simon's response "Well, it's his band isn't it?" "Nah," said the man. "Don't matter whose band it is, he just goes on too long for my liking. Sort of loses it, you know." Simon does know, admitting to doing it himself. He goes on to remember the alleged suggestion made by Miles Davis to John Coltrane. "Just take the f---ing thing out of your mouth."

After discussing a Booker Ervin sax solo of 27 minutes, Simon realizes that the biggest question isn't really about length, it's at what point does selfexpression tip into self-indulgence? There's a lot of JOTB archived programs are broadcast on WUCF-FM Orlando (89.9) on Saturdays from 12-3pm.

interesting stuff about solos at the 1965 Berlin Jazz Festival. Let's get back to Simon himself.

"Back at the bar, I was awaiting my solo as the bandleader's labyrinthine improvisation finally wound to a close."

"Ere, remember this?" said the man, tugging my sleeve. "Too much of a good thing always leaves one wanting less."

It sounded vaguely familiar. Who'd coined this pithy sound bite, I wondered. Miles? Could be. No. Ellington, then? Or maybe Dizzy?

"I like it," I replied. "Who came up with that one?"

"Basil Fawlty," he shot back. "The episode with the rat."

I checked the *Fawlty Towers* (English show) archives. He was right.

That should give you some idea of why I enjoy reading Simon Spillett. His views are occasionally printed along with those of other knowledgeable people in the monthly *Jazz Journal*. There are also loads of CD reviews, obituaries, letters and memoirs. Saxophonist Simon can be seen and heard in performance on YouTube.

Cheerio!

Jack Simpson



Simon Spillett





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