

# In Tune

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## Starting the new year off right.

On January 13 the Charlotte County Jazz Society welcomed The Per Danielsson Quartet featuring vocalist Suzy Park. The upbeat melodies and delightful vocals were just what we needed to chase away those winter blues and start the new year off right.

Starting out with "On a Clear Day", they took off on a wonderful musical journey,



Per Danielsson Quartet



Per Danielsson

which included many favorites such as "Mornin", "Happy Talk", "Louisiana Sunday", and "Cheek to Cheek". A standout was the beautiful French song, "Sous Le Ciel". Suzy Park's description of first experiencing this song in Paris was transportive and a perfect set up for a gorgeous song.

After a brief intermission, the second half brought us "Can't Buy Me Love", "Agua De Beber", and "East of the Sun", to name a few, with a finale of "Hallelujah, I Love Him". Suzy Park's dynamic vocals were the perfect accompaniment to this outstanding quartet,

made up of jazz pianist, composer, and arranger Per Danielsson, Charlie Silva on bass, Tamara Danielsson on saxophone and Walt Hubbard on drums.



Suzy Park



Tamara Danielsson



Charlie Silva



Walt Hubbard

## Blues and Bop: Streamlined, Big Band Intensity

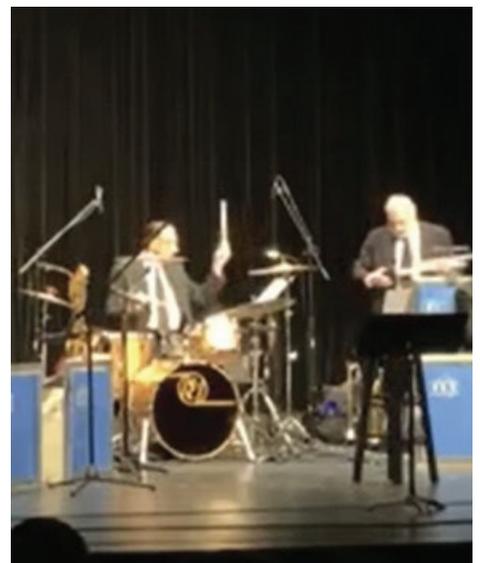
The CCJS February 10 concert brought us the big band sound of the **Fil Lorenz Orchestra**. This was a crowd-pleasing gathering of a stellar musical cast of the highest standards from central Florida and beyond.

Joining Fil Lorenz on saxophone was Walt Andrus, vocals, David MacKenzie, alto saxophone, Rex Wertz, tenor saxophone, Aaron West, tenor saxophone, Alex Kastner, Vince DiMartino, and John DePaola, trumpet, Herb Bruce, Derrick Harris and Joe Barati, trombone, Pablo Arencibia, piano, Mark Neuenschwander, bass, and Greg Caputo, drums.

If you missed this amazing concert, or wish to listen again, please visit the Charlotte Jazz Society Facebook page.



The Fil Lorenz Orchestra



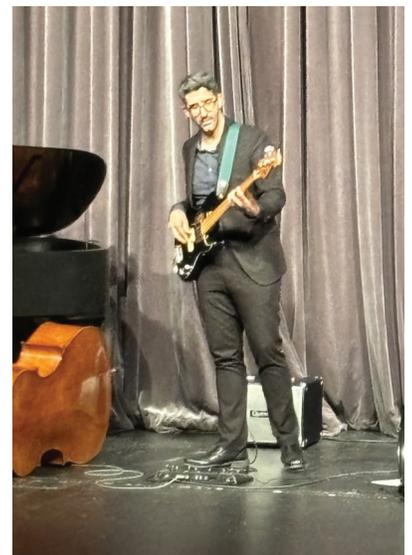
## Bold Musical Ventures-La Lucha

Our March 10 concert brought us the amazing **La Lucha**. This Tampa Bay based trio really clicks. The incredible bond between the three musicians was on full display, much to our delight. This tightknit group features three best friends from three different parts of the world, John O'Leary (Mexico), Alejandro Arenas (Columbia), and Mark Feinman (United States).

Their music was an appealing and fun mix of many genres under the jazz umbrella, such as "Cheek", "Mo Better", "Blue Monk" and "Smooth One". The second half brought us an wonderful version of Wichita Lineman, a lilting version of an iconic French song, "La Vie en Seven" and closed the night with "Polka Dots" and "Lullaby".



La Lucha



Alejandro Arenas



Arenas, Feinman



John O'Leary



Mark Feinman

# **TOM OSBORNE**

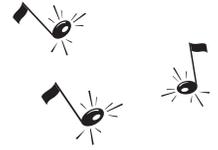


Tom passed away peacefully at home on March 6, 2025 at the age of 86, surrounded by his loving family. Tom's wife Tricia preceded his death by a little more than a month. Tom was endlessly devoted to Tricia for whom he was partnered with for over 15 years and was caretaker for as her Parkinson's disease progressed. Tom was such a devoted husband that the loss of Tricia was more than his heart could bear, and despite a valiant fight, he died soon thereafter. He was a father with endless love and support for his two children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, for whom he enjoyed spending time with and supporting anyway he could.

Tom was born in Cortland, NY, lived in southern Maine for many years, and finally settled in Port Charlotte, FL. Tom will be missed more than written words can convey. He was always available and eager to lend help of any kind to those whom he loved. He lived a full, wholesome life and his loss will be felt deeply for many years to come. He is survived directly by his son Matt and his daughter Cheryl. At his request there will be no service.



*The music of your life will  
resonate in our hearts forever.*



## Notes from the President's Desk – April 2025



As I have just begun my journey as the President of the Jazz Society, I look back at this past season and think about how much has happened. We've hosted some wonderful musicians this season who have all entertained us in their own ways, sharing their talents on the CPAC stage. We've had some very productive board meetings where we discussed the possibilities for the next season and we're basing many of our ideas/plans on the answers to the questionnaires that you all filled out a few months ago. We are working on securing our acts for next season, and we're looking into options

for other venues for our concerts. We are also considering the possibility of hosting more live events next year.

Our main goal for next season is to increase our membership numbers. We've been struggling to get music students and their families to attend our concerts despite regularly sending in musicians to work with the band programs throughout the year and personally inviting them to attend, and it's FREE for students to be there! It's also disheartening to talk to community members who have lived in Charlotte County for years but have never heard of the Charlotte County Jazz Society or know about the concerts that we put on. We have put together a Marketing Committee where we plan on finding new and better ways to share the happenings of our Society, but we need your help. How can you help, you ask?

- Invite your friends, neighbors, and enemies!
- Take our brochures and business cards and hand them out wherever you go (but please don't put them in mailboxes as that is against the law!).
- Follow us on Facebook and share our posts.

In closing, I have to say that I really enjoyed speaking personally with some of the members at the last concert. I heard a lot of great incite and positive feedback. Many of you have been members of the Jazz Society for far longer than I have, and I would love to hear any ideas you have to help keep jazz alive in Charlotte County. Either find me at the concerts and say hello or send me an email at [president@cc-jazz.org](mailto:president@cc-jazz.org).

Keep swinging and thank you for being a part of our Society!

Jordan Aquila

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**Mission Statement of CCJS**

The Mission of the Charlotte County Jazz Society is to increase the availability of Jazz music in our county and to foster the study and appreciation of this original American art form, especially among the youth of our community.

We seek to continually develop and improve upon our monthly concert series which showcases some of the finest jazz performers from throughout the state of Florida. We strive to broaden exposure to jazz among the general public through live performances at community festivals and other local events which reach a wide audience.

CCJS works to serve as a source of information about jazz activities throughout our area by informing local news media, publishing a Society newsletter, and providing a telephone hotline.

We seek to provide continuing aid to middle school and high school students furthering their jazz education and awarding college scholarships on a competitive basis to promising students.

We strive to further expose our area youth to jazz music by admitting local students free of charge to our monthly concert series and jazz jams.

# Charlotte County Jazz Society

## Renewal/New Member Application Form

Membership is good for the concert season- October through May

PLEASE PRINT:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Renew: \_\_\_\_\_ \$80.00

Name: (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Name at Same Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Permanent Resident? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If "No", dates at Florida Address: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **Charlotte County Jazz Society, Inc.** (a non-profit organization)

Mailing Address: Charlotte County Jazz Society  
P.O. Box 495321  
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### Become a CCJS supporter:

Our membership fees cover less than half of the cost to produce our concerts. We undertake various fund-raising efforts during the year to supplement these but inevitably we need to use assets from our endowment to balance the budget. We strive to keep our membership fees as low as they are to allow those with limited incomes to enjoy our shows. If you are fortunate enough to afford it please consider additional donations to our endowment fund. You may earmark your donation for support of our jazz performances or for the support of our educational/scholarship programs.

Endowment: \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship/Educational Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

**2024-2025 Concert season:**

**April 7, 2025-Michael Ross Quartet**

All concerts start at 7:00 pm and will be held at Charlotte Performing Arts Center (CPAC), 701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda.



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Charlotte County Jazz Society is deeply grateful to former members Marjorie Jean Biermann, Helen Langdon, Donatella and Ken Neumann, and Roberta Gasparri. Their generous bequests now play a major role in helping fund the outstanding jazz artists brought to our community by CCJS. They have also been instrumental in supporting our commitment to pass on our love of jazz with the awarding of annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors. We invite you to join us in our mission to preserve, promote and present live jazz by including CCJS in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy, or with a donation to CCJS in honor or memory of a fellow jazz lover. For more detailed information, please contact any CCJS officer or director as listed on the last page.

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**Membership**

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