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Congratulations to our 2024-2025 Scholarship Winners

The 2024-2025 scholarship recipients were announced and recognized at our April 7 concert at Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Family, friends and society members honored their achievements and wished them well as they start their journey of educational and musical adventure.

James Mashburn (Chairman of the Scholarship Committee), Jordan Aquila (CCJS President), and Les Kraus (Scholarship Committee) handed out the awards. The scholarship recipients are:

Mikey Moore- \$5,000. **Gisle Davis-** \$2,000. **Katherine Beeler-** \$3,000. **Annabeth Brese-** \$3,000.
Andres Soto- \$2,000. **Dracen Cutler (not pictured)-** \$2,000.



Jordan Aquila, Mikey Moore, Gisle Davis, Katherine Beeler, Annabeth Brese, Andres Soto, James Mashburn

Additional pictures of scholarship winners.



Jordan Aquila, Katherine Beeler, Les Kraus. Andres Soto



Mikey Moore, Jordan Aquila



Jordan Aquila, Andres Soto, Les Kraus



Mikey Moore, Gisle Davis, Katherine Beeler, Annabeth Brese, Andres Soto



Jordan Aquila, Annabeth Brese, Les Kraus, Andres Soto

A Perfect End to the CCJS 2024-2025 Concert Season

The Charlotte County Jazz Society closed out its 2024-2025 season with an outstanding performance by the Michael Ross Quartet. Joining bassist Michael Ross on stage was LaRue Nickelson on guitar, Daniel Jordan on saxophone and flute and Fred Johnson on vocals. We were treated to many captivating original songs in the first half of the concert. Vocalist Fred Johnson joined in at the tail end of the first half and continued thru out the second half with many traditional jazz songs as well as a few pop music tunes. The audience was clapping, tapping and clicking to the melodious and familiar tunes. This concert was a perfect end to an amazing series of concerts this season.



Daniel Jordan, LaRue Nickelson, Walt Hubbard, Michael Ross



Michael Ross



Walt Hubbard



LaRue Nickelson



LaRue Nickelson, Fred Johnson, Walt Hubbard



Daniel Jordan, LaRue Nickelson

A Look Back at our Amazing 2024-2025 CCJS Season.



Oct 14-Phil Flanagan, John Allred, Herb Bruce



Nov 4- Ryan Devlin, Thomas Milovac



April 7-LaRue Nickelson, Fred Johnson



Dec 9- Greg Zabel, Heather Thorn



Jan 13- Per Danielsson, Suzy Park, Tamara Danielsson, Charlie Silva

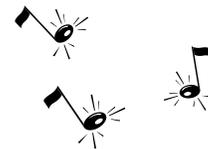


Feb 10- Fil Lorenze Orchestra



Mar 10- La Lucha, John O'Leary, Alejandro Arenas, Mark Feinman

Thank you for your support. See you next season!!



Notes from the President's Desk – June 2025



It's now summertime and we just completed the 24-25 season with a wonderful presentation of scholarships to five exceptional students along with a very well attended final concert of the season! We are already working on plans for next season, and I am excited about what I already know is in the works as we have a few surprises for you. We will be working on finalizing all the details this summer and will announce the 25-26 season as quickly as we can this summer.

Over the past few years, we've had lower than desirable membership and we need your help to change that! The easiest way for our membership numbers to increase is if you invite your friends to our concerts. I don't think there are any other organizations that are producing professional level entertainment for \$25 a ticket. We need your help to spread the word about our concerts! Once we have our 25-26 season set, we'll have brochures, business cards and posters available for immediate distribution and we'd love your help to get them into the hands of music lovers in our area. We are also looking for Community Partners to advertise with us, so if you know of a business who seems like they could benefit by partnering with us, let us know! If you would like to help, simply send me an email at president@cc-jazz.org and let me know that you'd like to help us promote the CCJS and I'll make sure we get you our advertisements so we can continue to grow our organization and share jazz music in our community for many years to come.

I'm sad to announce that due to moving out of the area, Les Kraus, one of our Board members has decided to step down. Les was my middle school band teacher and truly has a passion for teaching music and was a huge part of connecting the Jazz Society with the students of Charlotte County. He spent countless hours working with our local school band organizations and has been a true asset to the Charlotte County Jazz Society. He inspired thousands of students over the many years that he taught in Charlotte County. We appreciate all that Les has done for the music scene in Charlotte County and wish him the best!

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.



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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

Don't forget to notify us if there are changes to your name, street address, phone number or email address!

Due to rising costs in printing and postage, we will no longer be mailing newsletters or special events notices. Your correct email address is critical in allowing us to stay in touch and keep you current on all our activities. The Charlotte County Jazz Society will never share your personal information with any other entity.