

**Our Next Concert**  
**Sunday, September 10, 2023**  
**Dan Levinson's Palomar Jazz Band with Molly Ryan**  
**Haddonfield United Methodist Church**



Photo by Neal-Siegal



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Dan has assembled the cream of New York City's flourishing hot jazz scene, resulting in a magical chemistry replete with creativity and excitement. These performers blend the raucous, freewheeling sounds of the Jazz Age with the alluring, hypnotic beat of the Swing Era.

Dan pioneered live webcasting for Tri-State in August 2020 at the height of the covid lockdown, and appeared virtually a second time in June 2021. Now, third time – in person – is the charm and we're pleased to welcome the return of Dan, Molly and the band.

We are pleased to announce a  
**Reception to Celebrate our Donors**  
featuring the music of Richard Barnes

Sunday, October 15, 2023, Immediately following the  
Richard Barnes and the Blackbird Society Orchestra concert  
**Community Arts Center, Wallingford, PA**

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**Coming in October**  
**Sunday, October 15, 2023**  
**Richard Barnes and the Blackbird Society Orchestra**  
**Community Arts Center, Wallingford, PA**



Photo by Richard Barnes

Richard Barnes' Blackbird Society Orchestra (the "BSO") returns to Tri-State! Come hear Philadelphia's premier 1920's Hot Jazz/Dance Orchestra, dedicated to the preservation of the music of "The Jazz Age" and "The Roaring 20's." It's a real treat to see an 11-piece band; the BSO consistently draws our largest audiences. Come early; it's sure to be a sell-out!

For information about the band, [visit their website](#)

The Blackbird Society Orchestra performs "[Louisiana](#)"

# Sunday, August 20, 2023

## Rivertown Vintage Jazz Band

### Review by Jim McGann



**Scott Ricketts** - cornet, vocals, co-leader  
**Nancy Kays** - tenor horn, trombone, vocals, co-leader  
**Rod Anderson** - clarinet, tenor sax  
**Bryce Edwards** - banjo, tenor guitar, vocals  
**Tom Spain** - tuba  
**Cliff Hochberg** - drums

Originally scheduled to perform last January, The Rivertown Vintage Jazz Band performed its make-up date this month. Co-led by Ricketts and Nancy Kays, the band performed trad jazz and hot dance numbers, with written arrangements by Ricketts. While the musicianship was exceptional, the band appeared to be holding back their fire, and not varying tempos until the last few numbers. Trad jazz is not subtle – it has a bite to it, an attack. Equally, it needs to swing! A program of medium paced arrangements may work for some of the “hot dance” numbers, or as background for dancers, but it makes for a languid concert performance.

Analyses aside, the RVJB offered good musicianship from all participants. The arrangements allowed for creative interplay (the tenor horn/clarinet voicings on “Suzie,” and the trombone breaks a la “Ory’s Creole Trombone” on the Lu Watters’ “Big Bear Stomp,” are some examples).



The concert began with “I Double Dare You,” the Larry Clinton-Bea Wain hit, in a medium tempo, with Ricketts taking the vocal, substituting the word “crazy” for “friendly” during the line “take off your high hat and let’s get friendly...” George Gershwin’s “Idle

Dreams” taken from “George White Scandals of 1920,” began with a tenor horn lead, Ricketts again took the vocal on this rare Gershwin number. From Gershwin to the Wolverines, “Suzie” a song Bix

recorded with said band for Gennett back in the mid-1920s, had interesting voicings for tenor horn and clarinet, plus noted for the stop time backing during Bryce Edwards’ banjo solo.

The second half of the set faltered, beginning with “Sorry” taken at a slower tempo than the original, even though the solos were good, particularly Ricketts, who held his cone mute at a 45-degree launch angle. Bryce Edwards’ vocal was close to Cab Calloway’s, albeit more theatrical. Most disappointing was “Crazy Rhythm” at a medium tempo that was not so crazy. While there were interesting solos going on, (Edwards’ quoting “Fascinatin’ Rhythm” in his banjo solo), the Caesar-Meyer-Kahn tune deserved a swinging beat.

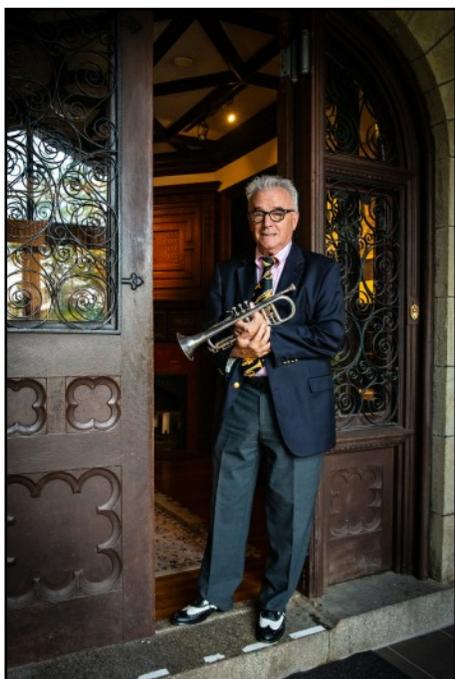
The second set began with “Let’s Misbehave” and “Blues My Naughty Sweetie Gives To Me.” Both selections offered drum solos from Cliff Hochberg, with the former offering another Edwards vocal and a trading fours between the brass horns, the latter featured Nancy Kays on vocal and the ensemble providing a Basie riff behind Hochberg’s solo.

Ellington’s “East St. Louis Toodle-oo” was easily the best effort of the second set, with a good arrangement and solo work. Also noteworthy were the other Ellington numbers, “Creole Love Call” and “Ring Dem Bells.” Ricketts shined on both, with the plunger mute effects working well on “Bells.”

“San” and “Happy Feet” suffered the same fate as the earlier “Sorry” and “Crazy Rhythm” – slower tempo. However, a similar pace worked for the Jean Goldkette “Proud Of A Baby Like You.” “Avalon,” was the one tune performed at a fast speed,

inspiring scat singing from Bryce Edwards. Vera Lynn's "We'll Meet Again" concluded the concert.

The Riverside Vintage Jazz Band concert results were mixed. On the plus side, nice arrangements, and good solo work. A big minus was that most of the performances were taken at a medium tempo/walking speed even though some of the numbers called for fast tempos. You could add that there was a lack of attack on some of the numbers. There is, however, a great band in the making, and in time, will work out these concerns.



### Review by Jim McGann

With a passion for traditional jazz, Jim McGann has reviewed and photographed Tri-State Jazz concerts since the early 2000s.



### All photos by Richard Barnes Photographer / Musician

Since 1978 Richard Barnes has been working as a photographer, mostly for weddings and events.

[www.RBarnesPhotography.com](http://www.RBarnesPhotography.com) / [Blackbird Society Orchestra website](#)

## Coming in November Mark Shane

**Sunday, November 12, 2023 2:00 to 4:30 pm**  
**Haddonfield United Methodist Church**



Named to the Steinway international roster of piano artists, Mark Shane has been called "...one of the great accompanists of his time..." by the Mississippi Rag. Shane's piano, featured on many recordings, reflects a true sense of living jazz history and continues the tradition of deep swing and lyrical melodic improvisation. Mark Shane plays Classic Jazz Piano, America's unique musical contribution to world culture.

Mark Shane has been featured on radio and television jazz special broadcasts and has appeared as a featured soloist at major jazz festivals worldwide. Shane has toured for Columbia Artists and with the Smithsonian Jazz Repertory Ensemble. Featured in the 50th anniversary Benny Goodman memorial concert in Carnegie Hall, Shane has also played jazz piano for the Twyla Tharp Dance Company as well as for the Grammy Award winning soundtrack of the film, "The Cotton Club". Other film work includes the soundtracks to "Brighton Beach Memoirs", "Biloxi Blues", "Working Girl", and other films made for television. For Carnegie Hall's 100th Anniversary celebration, Shane accompanied hosts Beverly Sills and Barbara Walters. Mark Shane has played a royal command performance of Duke Ellington's "The Queen's Suite" for HRH Princess Anne in London's Festival Hall.



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**POTOMAC RIVER JAZZ CLUB** [WWW.PRJC.ORG](http://WWW.PRJC.ORG)

**September 27, PRJC Jazz Talk Series.** Noted jazz guitarist Steve Herberman will talk about early jazz guitarists and how guitar found its place on the jazz bandstand.

[Zoom registration link](#)

**October 16, PRJC Jazz Talk Series.** Just a few days before the start of the World Series - a timely talk on the link between jazz and baseball presented by Smithsonian Curator Emeritus John Hasse. Check out at his [web site johndwardhasse.com](http://web site johndwardhasse.com)

[Zoom registration link](#)

**November 13, PRJC Jazz Talk Series.** It's a deep dive into the fabulous Dukes of Dixieland featuring Deano Assunto, son of Dukes founder Frank "Frankie" Assunto. Deano is a former president of the New Orleans Jazz Club and keeps the flame alive with an active Dukes tribute band. Registration link to follow.

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**More information:**  
**610-625-4640**  
**Pajazzsociety.org**

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Sun. 8-10 p.m. Dave Robinson's Jazz Gumbo on WKHS-FM 90.5 (Worton, MD) or online at [www.wkhsradio.org](http://www.wkhsradio.org)

**ANNUAL TSJS MEETING**

A Tri-State Jazz Society annual membership meeting was held during intermission at the August 20, 2023 concert. Bill Hoffman, Sally Cannon, Mark Raymond, and Ed Bohrer were elected for three-year terms, and Richard Barnes for a one-year term.

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CONCERT SCHEDULE  
Sundays from 2:00 to 4:30 pm

Visit our Tri-State Jazz Society website for up-to-the-minute news about schedule and concert changes, or call our Hotline at (856) 720-0232.

Member admission is \$10; general admission is \$20.

Introductory offer - start a new, first-time TSJS annual membership (\$20) at the door and receive free admission to this concert.

Full-time students with ID, or children accompanied by a paying adult, are free.

#### **Concert Covid Policy**

Tri-State Jazz Society recommends that guests wear masks, based on personal preference, to attend this full-capacity indoor concert.

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**CALL OUR HOTLINE for up-to-the-minute updates (856) 720-0232**

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Tri-State Jazz Society, formed in 1988, is dedicated to the preservation and live performance of traditional jazz. Concerts featuring leading professional soloists and bands are presented throughout the year. Events are open to the public and all who enjoy traditional jazz are invited to join. The society is a non-profit educational corporation supported by its members.

#### **Membership**

Basic dues are \$20 per person. New and renewal memberships can be started in any month and run for one year. In addition to half-price concert admissions, members receive The Strutter newsletter by email.

**Premium memberships** help sustain and expand the work of Tri-State Jazz Society. Individual Sponsors contribute at the \$50 level (\$70 for couples); Patrons, \$100 (\$120 for couples); Sustainers \$200 or more (\$220 or more for couples). Premium-level members are eligible to attend an annual reception for Sponsors, Patrons and Sustainers.

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