

Florida

April 5—Brandon. The Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative presents *Poetry and Jazz* featuring poets Philip Deaver, Peter Meinke, Gianna Russo and Helen Pruitt Wallace with jazz accompaniment by Michael Ross on upright bass and David Pate on saxophone. 2:00 p.m. at the Brandon Regional Library, 619 Vonderburg Drive. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 813-273-3652 or visit www.hcplc.org.

April—Cape Coral. Mayor James D Burch declares April to be Jazz Appreciation Month in Cape Coral, FL.

April 1—Fort Lauderdale. Gold Coast Jazz Society 2009 Concert Series: A Bone, a Grand & a Band at 7:45 p.m. in the Amaturio Theater - Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW Fifth Ave. For more information visit www.goldcoastjazz.org. For ticket information call 954-462-0222.

April 5—Fort Lauderdale. The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department presents SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch featuring Othello, Trisha O'Brien, musicians from the Gold Coast Society Band and the Rich Hernandez Trio. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk Arts and Entertainment District. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/events.

April 14—Fort Lauderdale. Duke Ellington: Jazz Playin' Man, a jazz concert series for kids, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW Fifth Ave. For more information visit www.goldcoastjazz.org. For ticket information call 954-462-0222.

April 18—Fort Lauderdale. Jeanette M. Russell Jazz Scholarship Competition at the Dillard Center for the Arts, 2501 NW 11 St. For more information visit www.goldcoastjazz.org.

April—Homestead. Mayor Lynda Bell declares April to be Jazz Appreciation Month in Homestead, Florida.

April 23—Inverness. In celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month, the Citrus County Historical Society presents a jazz concert and fundraiser at the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum featuring performances by Stan Prinston and Don Dean Jr. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., concert at 7:00 p.m. For tickets, call 352-341-6427.

April 24—Inverness. The Inverness Middle School Fine Arts Department presents their award-winning showcase *2009 A Flash of Light and All That Jazz* at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This student performance features a wide array of talent and the I.M.S. Jazz Band will open and close the show.

April 25—Inverness. In celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month, the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum presents a free jazz clinic from noon-5:00 p.m., on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse. Clinicians include Richard Gilewitz on acoustic guitar, Rich

Dahlinger on keyboard, Nelson Dellamaggiore on sax and flute, Norman Bernard on trumpet/flugelhorn and Ted Stauffers on drums. For more information, call 352-726-0673.

April—Lakeland. Mayore R.L. “Buddy” Fletcher declares April to be Jazz Appreciation Month in Lakeland, Florida.

April—Lauderhill. Mayor Richard J. Kaplan declares April to be Jazz Appreciation Month in Lauderhill, FL.

April 1-30—Ormond Beach. Mayor Fred Costello declared April to be Jazz Appreciation Month in Ormond Beach, Florida.

April—Pembroke Pines. Mayor Frank C. Ortis declares April to be Jazz Appreciation Month in Pembroke Pines, FL.

April 24—Riviera Beach. The Riviera Beach Library presents jazz guitarist Paul Williams at 6:30 p.m. on the Municipal Complex Amphitheater.

April 3—St. Lucie. The St. Lucie Arts League presents a jazz showcase band performance from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. For more information, visit www.stlucieartsleague.com.

April 4—St. Lucie. The St. Lucie Arts League presents performances by a variety of jazz ensembles including the Ft. Pierce Magnet School of the Arts 22 piece band, the Joe Holiday Jazz Band, and Ossie Wright and Groove Division Band. Performances from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.stlucieartsleague.com

April 6—St. Petersburg. The Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association and several Tampa Bay area jazz musicians present a free jazz jam to kick off Jazz Appreciation Month. 8:00 p.m. at Chappy’s Louisiana Kitchen, 247 Central Avenue. For more information, visit www.aldowningjazz.com.

April 19—St. Petersburg. The Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association presents the Al Downing Jazz Education Scholarship Competition featuring Pinellas County high school seniors. 2:00 p.m. at Perkins Elementary School, 2205 18th Avenue South. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.aldowningjazz.com.

April 21—St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg College presents a *Jazz in the Stacks* concert at the West St. Petersburg Community Library at St. Petersburg College. For more information, email mairn.chad@spcollege.edu

April 22—St. Petersburg. The Al Downing Tampa bay Jazz Association presents a free community jazz concert. 6:30 p.m. at the Enoch Davis Community Center, 1111 18th Avenue South. For more information, visit www.aldowningjazz.com.

April 5—Stuart. The RiverWalk Jazz Series with Pianist Mike Levine at the Riverwalk Stage in downtown Stuart from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.riverwalkjazzseries.com

April—Tampa. Mayor Pam Iorio declares April to be Jazz Appreciation Month.