

SIXTH ANNUAL REDWOOD COAST

WHALE & JAZZ

FESTIVAL • APRIL 2008

6th Annual Whale & Jazz Festival Extended to Two Weekends

Eleven Events from Thursday, April 3 through Sunday, April 13

POETRY & JAZZ Thursday, April 3

7PM, Gualala Arts Center Opening the Whale & Jazz Festival is California Poet Laureate Al Young in celebration of National Poetry Month. He will read and perform his poetry accompanied by bassist Dan Robbins. In addition, major local poets will read their latest works. In the Elaine Jacob Foyer will be the exhibit, "A Garden of Poetry" with artists combining art with poetry. (707-884-1138)

DINNER & JAZZ Friday, April 4

6PM and 8PM Seatings, St. Orres, Gualala European Gypsy Jazz performed by Paul Gruen and Ned Ripple as "Bo Djangles" guitars. (707-884-3335)

CHOWDER CHALLENGE & TASTING Saturday, April 5

11:30AM – 2PM, Gualala Arts Center The popular Annual Chowder Challenge & Tasting with wine & microbrews and a free concert with traditional New Orleans jazz by "Barnebey's Hot Four" back by popular demand. (707-884-1138)

WHALE DOCUMENTARY FILMS Saturday, April 5

2PM, Gualala Community Center "The Mendocino Whale Wars" and "The Gray Whale Obstacle Course." (707-884-1138)

THE MAIN EVENT Saturday, April 5

7:30PM, Gualala Arts Center "Jazz Prodigies, A Rare Moment in Time," the 13-year-old Bay Area flute sensation and vocalist Elena Pinderhughes and 15-year-old Boston Area alto sax sensation, vocalist and composer, Grace Kelly, with their veteran ensembles. Elena and Grace will join forces for the first time in a charismatic Grand Finale!

Doors open 6:30PM for beer, wine and a martini bar along with savory and sweet tapas plates available for purchase (one plate included per admission). Limited open cabaret seating at 7PM. The show starts at 7:30PM. Tickets \$35 in advance or \$5 more day of event, if available. Call Gualala Arts office, 707-884-1138, with Visa/MC or local outlets Four-Eyed Frog Books, Violet's Boutique, and Dolphin Gallery in Gualala.



SUNSET & JAZZ Sunday, April 6

5:30PM and 8PM Seatings, The Sea Ranch Lodge with Susan Sutton, piano and Terry Simcik, guitar. (707-785-2371)

WINE & JAZZ Saturday, April 12

1 to 4PM, Annapolis Winery, Annapolis with Christie Winn, vocalist and melodica player will be accompanied by guitarist Steve Bissinger and bassist Geoff Brennan. Wine by the glass with a gourmet cheese selection. (707-886-5460)

ROMANCE & JAZZ Saturday, April 12

6PM, Whale Watch Inn, Gualala Enjoy a gourmet buffet and wine while listening to Susan Sutton, piano, with Steve Webber, acoustic bass. Vocalist will be Linda Jean. (707-884-3667)

ARENA RHYTHM 'N JAZZ Saturday, April 12

8PM, Arena Theater, Point Arena "A Motown Jazz Soul Revue" starring Bay Area jazz and R&B vocalist Rhonda Benin and acclaimed soul singer Calvin Tillery, joined by six incredible Bay Area jazz/R&B instrumentalists, plus a special set by talented 13-year-old East Bay vocalist, LaTonya Short. *There will be dancing!*

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$5 more at the box office if available. There will be a beer and wine bar. Get your tickets now online at BrownPaperTickets.com with VISA/MC, or at The Sea Trader and Four-Eyed Frog Books in Gualala, The Record in Point Arena, and Tangents in Fort Bragg.

BRUNCH & JAZZ Sunday, April 13

11AM – 1PM, Redwood Grill, Anchor Bay Acclaimed Bay Area jazz and blues pianist Tammy Hall. (707-884-1639)

WHALE WATCHING Every Day

10AM – 3:30PM, Point Arena Lighthouse, Pt. Arena (707-882-2777) www.PointArenaLighthouse.com



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WhaleAndJazzFestival.com

POETRY and JAZZ



Al Young

**THURSDAY
APRIL 3
7:00 PM
GUALALA ARTS
CENTER**

**Donations Gratefully
Accepted.**



Dan Robbins

Light Snacks and a No-Host Beer & Wine Bar will be Available.

California Poet Laureate Al Young comes to the Gualala Arts Center for an evening of poetry and jazz in celebration of National Poetry Month. He will perform accompanied by bassist Dan Robbins.

This event is sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant received from the James Irvine Foundation and by other grants from foundations and individuals, Gualala Arts and Friends of Coast Community Library.

Mr. Young's appearance marks the 4th year Friends of Coast Community Library has brought an important poet to the coast.

Local poets and musicians will also be performing including:

Fionna Perkins
Poet Laureate of Point Arena

Blake More
Poet, Teacher, Performer

Stephen Kessler
Poet, Editor, *Redwood Coast Review*

Janet DeBar
Poet and Didjeridu Musician

Natalie Cox
Local 17-year-old High School Senior

Chris Campbell
Drums

CHOWDER & JAZZ

**SATURDAY
APRIL 5
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
GUALALA ARTS CENTER**



Saturday's fun begins with the 6th Annual Chowder Challenge and free jazz concert at Gualala Arts Center. This event is geared to all ages, local pros and amateurs vie for the title of "Best Chowder" in two categories, Traditional New England and our "Seafood Open" class. Judging by a "celebrity" panel as well as a "People's Choice" vote and award for "Most Chowder Served." There will be a tasting of Mendocino and Sonoma County wines and microbrew beers.

\$20 admission includes a commemorative Whale & Jazz Festival beer or wine glass, plus 15 tickets to be used for the chowder tasting, wine and beer tasting, fresh-baked breads and soft beverages. Tickets may be purchased for just the Chowder tasting. Additional tickets are \$1 each.

Free Jazz Concert Traditional New Orleans jazz will be performed by "Barnebey's Hot Four" of Sonoma County. This formidable combo consists of Tom Barnebey, cornet and trombone; Carl Lunsford, banjo and guitar (former member of Turk Murphy's band); Jim Cumming, bass violin; and Robert Young on reeds and cornet. The "Hot Four" play from 11:30AM - 2:00PM during the tastings.

"The Whale and Jazz Festival has become the freshest, most innovative, and ever-improving event on the coast."

—Craig Gilliland, Artist and Owner, Spindrift Gallery

"Some people like Waylon Jennings. I like Whale & Jazz."

—Franny Burkey, Franny's Cup & Saucer, Point Arena

main event

JAZZ PRODIGIES

A Rare Moment In Time



Grace Kelly
15-year-old
Boston-area alto sax sensation, composer and vocalist performs jazz standards and original compositions with her ensemble.

SATURDAY
APRIL 5
7:30 PM

GUALALA ARTS CENTER

Doors Open 6:30PM

Doors open 6:30PM for Beer, Wine & Martini Bar along with Savory and Sweet Tapas Plates available for purchase.

Limited open cabaret seating at 7:00PM

Concert 7:30PM



Elena Pinderhughes
13-year-old
SF Bay Area flute sensation and vocalist returns by popular demand with her own quartet.

Both Prodigies will join forces for the first time in a thrilling Grand Finale

Festival Music Coordinator and KTDE 100.5 FM personality Fred Adler will emcee the concert.

Tickets available at Gualala Arts, The Dolphin Gallery, Four-Eyed Frog Books and Violet's Boutique.
Tickets in Advance – Adults: \$35, Youths: 7–17 \$20 (\$5 more day of event, if available).
Gualala Arts 707-884-1138 for Visa or MC.

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Special Thanks to Coldwell Banker Pacific Real Estate.



“This year’s line-up is spectacular . . . an abundance of great music and musicians.”

—Don Krieger, Local Keyboardist

ARENA

Rhythm'n Jazz
A MOTOWN JAZZ SOUL REVUE



Rhonda Benin

SATURDAY
APRIL 12
8:00 PM

ARENA THEATER

Doors Open 7:30PM for Beer & Wine Bar

Concert at 8:00PM

DANCING!



Calvin Tillery

Featuring Rhonda Benin and Calvin Tillery, lead vocalists; Tammy Hall, piano; Jean Fineberg, tenor sax; Charles McNeal, sax; Cedricke Dennis, electric guitar; Ron Belcher, bass; Marlon Green, drums; with extra added attraction 13-year-old LaTonya Short vocals.

Set I is the *Norman Whitfield Jazz Suite* arranged by Tammy Hall, featuring instrumentals interspersed with vocals. Legendary numbers such as “Ain’t Too Proud to Beg,” “I Heard it Through the Grapevine,” “Papa was a Rolling Stone” and “Just My Imagination” will be played.

Set II features Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell duets sung by Calvin and Rhonda, plus Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson songs sung by LaTonya and a dynamic Junior Walker set with the entire ensemble.

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“Cancel all other plans for the first two weekends in April. Stay on the coast for the greatest Whale & Jazz Festival ever.”

—Hall Kelley, Local Music Lover

“As any true jazz lover, I am more than willing to drive (and fly) to hear world class music; thanks to the Whale & Jazz crew, I don’t have to! Each year I am overwhelmed by the quality and heart of the players and their ease of communication. Don’t miss it.”

—Blake More, Poet, Teacher, Performer

“What do whales and jazz have in common you ask? They both perform authentic, rhythmical, soulful movements, and can hit those high notes. And a highlight of the festival is always a fine performance of poetry and jazz fusion.”

—Larain Matheson, Artist

“The whales have always been here, the jazz is more recent. Together they create the magic that makes our coast worth celebrating. And by the way, you won’t have more fun anywhere!”

—Joel Crockett, Four-Eyed-Frog Books

“This festival brings great sounds and artists to our coast, and the musicians seem to enjoy the event as much as the audiences!”

—Steve McLaughlin
Editor and Publisher,
Independent Coast Observer

“Each and every year I am in awe of the high quality of talent that performs at the Whale & Jazz Festival. Once again this year, the festival is bringing in the very best!”

—Jeremy Crockett, Four-Eyed Frog Books

“Soul Trains are like Coltrane and the soul of Jazz is always on the track. Be sure to meet the conductor at the upcoming Whale & Jazz Festival.”

—Ralph Matheson, Matheson Design

“Such a luxury to have Fred Adler as our Music Coordinator; he never fails to bring us the very best musicians, and arranges the events in such a unique manner, each one is an exciting production on its own. I advise you, don’t miss this year’s events.”

—Violet Arana, Violet’s Boutique, Cypress Village