

SEVENTH ANNUAL REDWOOD COAST  
**WHALE & JAZZ**  
 FESTIVAL • APRIL 2009

# 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Whale & Jazz Festival Extended to Three Weekends

Thirteen Events from Thursday, April 2 through Monday, April 20

**WHALE LECTURE Thursday, April 2 7pm**

**Gualala Arts Center** Photo-lecture by international award-winning nature photographer Siegfried Matull. There is no advanced sale for tickets, but a \$5 donation will be accepted at the door.

**DINNER & JAZZ Friday, April 3**

**6PM & 8PM Seatings, St. Orres, Gualala** European Gypsy Jazz performed by Paul Gruen and Ned Ripple as "Bo Django" guitars. Regular dining room menu will be available in both seatings; reservations recommended. (707-884-3335)

**WINE & JAZZ Saturday, April 4 1PM - 4PM**

**Annapolis Winery, Annapolis** Christie Winn & the Lowdowns perform their original, sophisticated, jazz-influenced harmony, tinged with old world, European passion. Wine sold by the glass with a gourmet cheese selection. (707-886-5460)

**THE MAIN EVENT Saturday, April 4 7:30PM**

**Gualala Arts Center** Todd Sickafoose's *Tiny Resistors (Blood Orange)* This universally-heralded ensemble of instrumental virtuosos weaves a musical tapestry of totally accessible and coherent, yet completely original and thrilling, cutting-edge jazz. The music is richly and endlessly creative, drawing upon multiple, worldly musical forms. *See inside for complete details.*

**BRUNCH & JAZZ Sunday, April 5 11AM - 1PM**

**Redwood Grill, Anchor Bay** Superb keyboard artist, Greg Hester, performing solid mainstream jazz, standards and bebop. Regular menu will be available; reservations recommended. (707-884-1639)

**JAZZ FILM Monday, April 6 7PM**

**Arena Theater, Point Arena** *Anita O'Day: The Life of a Jazz Singer*, a 2007 documentary, is a tribute to the jazz diva. This highly-acclaimed film will be shown at the Arena Cinema Film Club. Guest charge is \$8. (707-882-3456)

..... SECOND WEEKEND .....

**SUNSET & JAZZ Friday, April 10**

**5:30PM & 8PM Seatings, The Sea Ranch Lodge** Sublime melodic jazz standards performed by Susan Sutton, keyboard and Terry Simcik, guitar. Special menu and à la carte selections; reservations recommended. (707-785-2371)



**CHOWDER & JAZZ Saturday, April 11**

**11:30AM - 2:30PM Gualala Arts Center** Annual Chowder Challenge tastings includes a free concert with Traditional New Orleans Jazz by Barnebey's Hot Four, back again by popular demand. Free admission for music only. *See inside for complete details.*

**ROMANCE & JAZZ Saturday, April 11 5:30PM**

**Whale Watch Inn, Gualala** Original Parisian chansons with a jazz flavor and classic Edith Piaf, performed by outstanding guitar and vocal duo, Mimi & Gabriel Pirard, from the group "Dgiin." A gourmet buffet and wine at sunset overlooking the sea. Call 1-800-942-5342 for lodging and event reservations or visit [www.whalewatchinn.com](http://www.whalewatchinn.com). (707-884-3667)

**POETRY & JAZZ Saturday, April 11 7:30PM**

**Gualala Arts Center** Butoh theater, haiku and other forms of Japanese poetry accompanied by traditional Japanese instruments. Japanese theater and dance will also be featured. Sushi, plum wine, sake and tea complete the evening. *See inside for complete details.*

**JAVA & JAZZ Sunday, April 12 1PM - 3PM**

**Blue Canoe, Anchor Bay** Creative local jazz duo, Keith Abrams, acoustic bass guitar and Paul Mueller, tenor sax, enjoyed over fine coffees and teas, mochas and milkshakes and Franny's famous pastries. (707-884-1800)

..... THIRD WEEKEND .....

**ARENA THEATER EVENT Saturday, April 18 7:30PM**

**Arena Theater, Point Arena** Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir. This globally-acclaimed vocal/percussion ensemble authentically draws from the history of African/American Roots music. Field shouts, spirituals, blues, gospel, jazz and Afro-Caribbean rhythms are all performed with joyous and devoted integrity. *See inside for complete details.*

**JAZZ FILM Monday, April 20 7PM**

**Arena Theater, Point Arena** *Cabin in the Sky* is a rare all-black musical from 1943 featuring legendary performers Ethel Waters, Lena Horne and Louis Armstrong. This historically-significant film will be an Arena Cinema Film Club presentation. Guest charge is \$8.



**FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

[WhaleAndJazzFestival.com](http://WhaleAndJazzFestival.com)

# JAZZ MAIN EVENT



Todd Sickafoose

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 4  
7:30 PM  
GUALALA ARTS  
CENTER**

**Doors Open 6:30PM**

Doors open 6:30PM for Beer, Wine & Martini Bar.  
Savory and Sweet Tapas Plates available for  
purchase (one plate included per admission).  
Limited open cabaret seating at 7:00PM

## TODD SICKAFOOSE'S TINY RESISTORS (formerly Blood Orange)

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### A message from Festival Music Coordinator, Fred Adler

*"This year for The Main Event of the Whale & Jazz Festival I have booked 'Todd Sickafoose's Tiny Resistors' after having frequently witnessed their absolutely magical and thrilling ensemble sound."*

*"Believe me, this unusual combination of bass, violin, trumpet, glockenspiel, saxophone, guitar and other instruments, executing Todd's original compositions, is truly some of the most original and riveting jazz that I have ever heard over the decades – bar none!"*

*"I am very excited to present this cutting edge, yet totally accessible music at the Gualala Arts Center for this year's Main Event. Witness some of the most compelling jazz performed anywhere, anytime, ever!"*

*"You won't want to miss this one!"*

Tickets \$30 advance, \$5 more day of performance – if available. Buy tickets online at [BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM](http://BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM) or 1-800-838-3006 or in person at Gualala Arts Center, the Dolphin Gallery, Violet's Boutique and Four-Eyed Frog Books in Gualala.

*"This year's line-up is spectacular ...  
an abundance of great music  
and musicians."*

—Don Krieger, Local Keyboardist

# CHOWDER & JAZZ

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



**S**aturday's fun begins with the 7th Annual Chowder Challenge and free jazz concert at Gualala Arts Center. This event is geared to all ages as local restaurant and amateur chefs vie for the title of "Best Chowder." Along with the chowders, there will also be a tasting of Mendocino and Sonoma County wines and microbrew beers.

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.

\$20 admission includes a commemorative Whale & Jazz Festival beer or wine glass plus 15 tickets to be used for the chowder tasting, wine and microbrew beer tasting, fresh-baked breads from local bakeries and other soft beverages. Tickets may purchased for just the Chowder tasting alone, or additional tickets are \$1 each. Buy tickets online at [BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM](http://BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM) or 1-800-838-3006 (free admission for music only).

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

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

# POETRY and JAZZ

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 11  
7:30 PM**  
**GUALALA ARTS CENTER**  
Doors Open 6:30PM



## JAPANESE POETRY, THEATER AND MUSIC

**P**oetry & Jazz continues the theme of International Flavors by presenting a selection of Japan's many poetry forms. Dressed in kimono, Mariko Kitakubo of Tokyo will perform her own tanka, and Linda Galloway will recite Amelia Fielden's translations. Blake More will also recite an original poem.

This pair will be accompanied on the koto (harp) by Shirley Muramoto and Karl Young on the shakuhachi (bamboo flute). Though both musicians are classically trained, they have a spirited interest in jazz that will be revealed in their instrumental duet composed by Karl. Renee Owen will read her haibun and be accompanied by her husband, Brian Owen, on the shakuhachi.

After intermission, the feature of the evening will be a butoh theater piece composed and danced by Don McLeod, master of a school for butoh training in Los Angeles, using the haiku of Basho as translated by Jane Reichhold.

In coordination with the Poetry & Jazz event, there will be an exhibit of works combining Japanese poetry and art from April 1st through April 29, in celebration of April as National Poetry Month.

Tickets \$20 advance, and, \$5 more day of performance – if available. Buy tickets at [BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM](http://BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM) or 1-800-838-3006. and include sushi and plum wine, sake or tea for a completely Asian experience.

*“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

# ARENA THEATER EVENT



Linda Tillery

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 18  
7:30 PM**  
**ARENA THEATER**  
Doors Open 6:30PM  
for Beer & Wine Bar



Elouise Burrell

## LINDA TILLERY AND THE CULTURAL HERITAGE CHOIR

**T**his globally-acclaimed vocal/percussion ensemble draws authentically from the history of African/American Roots Music. Field shouts, spirituals, blues, gospel, jazz and Afro-Caribbean rhythms are all performed with joyous and devoted integrity.

These songs are “survival music.” Tillery explains, “This music, particularly the spirituals, has kept Black people alive through slavery, night rider raids, and segregation. This is the music that has been used as support for just about every political movement in this country. People take spirituals, reword them and march together in the name of freedom and justice.”

“... Spiritual power that flows from their deep roots in Black culture ...” — SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

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Four-Eyed Frog, Gualala;

Sea Trader, Gualala;

Roots, Pt. Arena;

Tangents, Ft. Bragg.



Melanie DeMore



Rhonda Benin



Simon Monserrat

*“Cancel all other plans for the first three 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