

SONOMA – MENDOCINO COAST

WHALE & JAZZ

FESTIVAL • APRIL & MAY 2014

11th Annual Whale & Jazz Festival

17 Outstanding Events, Something for Everyone

Friday, April 4 through Sunday, May 11

FIRST WEEK

ST. ORRES & JAZZ Friday, April 4

6 & 8PM Seatings, St. Orres, Gualala The brilliantly-spirited and dynamic **guitarist, Ian Scherer** and the first-rate, versatile **Steve Forberg**, doubling on **bass and guitar**, perform astounding **Gypsy Jazz, Latin and standards**. Small plates and regular 3-course menu, award-winning wine cellar in St. Orres' Russian-domed, multi-story, dining room. Full bar. Dining reservations recommended. 707-884-3335, 36601 S. Hwy. 1, Gualala, saintorres.com



by **Barnebey's Hot Four**, returning annually by popular demand, featuring **Tom Barnebey, cornet & trombone**, **Robert Young, reeds & cornet**, **Carl Lunsford, banjo & guitar** (formerly with Turk Murphy's famous SF band) and **Marty Eggers, string bass**, accompanying the Annual Chowder Challenge. Local restaurant chefs vie for the title of *Best Coast Chowder of 2014*. (\$20 for 15 tasting tickets and commemorative glass). Free admission for music only. Gualala Arts Center 707-884-1138 Brown Paper Tickets 1-800-838-3006.

SECOND WEEK

JAZZ FILM Monday, April 7 7PM

Arena Theater, 214 Main St., Point Arena

Thelonious Monk: Straight, No Chaser (1990, 90 min.) The subject of this essential documentary is the offbeat, innovative, enigmatic composer/pianist **Thelonious Sphere Monk**. Monk is the historically seminal explorative inventor of jaggedly transcendent and sometimes humorous jazz masterpieces, composer of *Round Midnight*, *Misterioso* and singular inspiration to all who have since arrived. We see his introspection and both his public and private performances and persona. A compelling original in music history is Monk; seemingly in contradiction, simultaneously whimsical and intense. This film features live performances by Monk and his band, including brief footage of the beloved John Coltrane, as well as interviews with friends and family. Film Club members: free; general admission: \$10. 707-882-3456, arenatheater.org

★ "THE COVE" ★ plus Guest Speaker Thursday, April 10 7PM Gualala Arts Center

Academy Award-Winning Dolphin Documentary PG-13 (2009, 92 min.) Spearheaded by Ric O'Barry, and told from an ocean conservationist's point of view, *The Cove*, Academy Award winner for Best Documentary 2009 and the US Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival, follows a team of activists, filmmakers and free divers as they attempt to penetrate a hidden cove in Taiji, Japan. This extraordinarily celebrated film is a call to action to halt mass dolphin slaughter where it is claimed that in this cove, 23,000 dolphins and porpoises are killed annually by Japan's whaling industry. Major guest speaker, **Mark J. Palmer**, O'Barry's associate, **Director of International Marine Mammal Project** (via Skype) who travels to Taiji, Japan. Light refreshments will be served. Donation \$5. 707-884-1138, thecovemovie.com

CHOWDER & JAZZ Saturday, April 12

11:30AM – 2:30PM Gualala Arts Center Free concert of **Traditional New Orleans Jazz** played proudly and authentically



ARENA THEATER & BLUES Saturday, April 12 8PM

Arena Theater, 214 Main St., Point Arena. LA-based, **The 44's**, are a dynamic, raw, rough'n tough blues/R&B band that is exploding across the current scene. Awarded Best Blues Band of 2011 by American Blues News, they create blues in the moment, consistently showing loyalty to the decades-long, legendary blues/R&B traditions. All superb, **Johnny Main, vocals/guitar**; **Tex Nakamura, harmonica**; **Mike Turturro, upright & Fender bass** and **Jason Lozano, drums**. Bar, snack stand and dance floor open. Tickets \$20 online, 800-838-3006, at local vendors and at the door. 707-882-3272, www.arenatheater.org

THIRD WEEK

POETRY & JAZZ Thursday, April 17 7PM

215 Main, Point Arena Featured poet, **Genny Lim**, has performed in numerous jazz festivals world-wide in collaboration with such jazz legends as Max Roach, Billy Higgins and Jon Jang. A poet, award-winning playwright ("Paper Angels") and performer, she is also a former SF Art Commissioner. An open mic with improvisational jazz by superb musicians **Karl Young, shakuhachi flute**; **Tim Mueller, guitar**; **James Hayes, upright bass**; **George Frost, drums**, will precede the reading. 215 Main is located in the heart of downtown Point Arena on Main St., Hwy. 1. \$5 donation requested; One-drink minimum. Food available. 707-882-3215.

215 MAIN & JAZZ Friday, April 18 7PM

215 Main St. (Hwy. 1), Point Arena

The Kaleo Larson Quintet, **Harrison Goldberg, reeds**; **Chris Doering, guitar**; **Keith Abrams, bass**; **Gabe Yanez, drums** highlights **Larson's trumpet**, which, when flaming with abandonment, can sound like an unleashed warrior. Goldberg's reeds are notoriously almighty, the versatile Abrams lays down a richly perfect groove and the steady and forever inspired Doering and Yanez are often channeling the masters. Beer/wine bar. \$8 cover. Limited seating. Food available. 707-882-3215.

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GARCIA RIVER CASINO & JAZZ Saturday, April 19 8PM
22215 Windy Hollow Rd, Point Arena The Zydeco Flames return by extreme popular demand. They have gained a reputation as the West Coast's premiere Zydeco band, with **Lloyd Meadows** as their lead singer, rubboard & harmonica; **Frank Bohan**, guitar; **Bruce Gordon**, accordion; **Timm Walker**, bass/vocals; **William Allums Jr.**, drums. Their sizzling roots rhythms are timeless and their execution relentless, with a stunningly powerful dance groove. River Grill Stage. No cover charge. 21 and over only. Food, beverages, wine, beer and spirits available. Dancing!! 707-467-5300. zydecoflames.com
thegarciarivercasino.com/Garcia_River_Casino_Entertainment.html

..... **FOURTH WEEK**

SEA RANCH LODGE & JAZZ Friday, April 25
5:30 & 8PM Seatings, The Sea Ranch Lodge Revered for her original melodic improvisations and tender renditions of standards, keyboardist **Susan Sutton** is joined by the warm and captivating vibist/bassist **Piro Patton** of Bolinas. Witness musical magic! Performing in the Black Point Grill, with impressive sunset views, special menu, à la carte selections, award-winning wines and full bar. Dining reservations recommended. 707-785-2371, searanchlodge.com, 60 Sea Walk Dr., The Sea Ranch

★ **THE WHALE & JAZZ MAIN EVENT** ★

Saturday, April 26 7:30PM Gualala Arts Center
Mads Tolling's Jazz Europa Mads Tolling, the young and charming pinnacle Danish Jazz violinist/composer and two-time Grammy Award winner, graces the Arts Center stage with his highly original and often exotic ensemble. Tolling, formerly of the Turtle Island Quartet, communicates beautifully both musically and verbally with his audiences. He will premiere his brand new composition honoring his love for our coastal splendor. The night's melodic and refined textures feature virtuoso musicians: **Tommy Kesecker**, vibraharp (the long-awaited return of a previous festival favorite); **Rob Reich**, accordion; **Dave Mac Nab**, guitar; **Sam Bevan**, bass and **Eric Garland**, drums. The concert will also introduce this year's Festival Youth Discovery, the exceptional 14-year-old Santa Cruz pianist, **Lucas Hahn**! Ticket price, \$28 advance. \$5 more day of the performance. No host bar. Brown Paper Tickets: 1-800-838-3006, Gualala Arts Center 707-884-1138.

..... **FIFTH WEEK**

TIMBER COVE INN & JAZZ Friday, May 2 7PM
21780 Hwy. 1, Timber Cove Bay Area Boogie Woogie and Blues Queen, **Wendy DeWitt**, performs with fire and power, shining on piano and vocals with the strong percussion of **Kirk Harwood**, drums in the soaring Sequoia Lounge. This exuberant duo truly romps its way through their sets. The Inn is site of Beniamino Bufano's *Peace Obelisk*, a towering homage to peace, the Sixties, and contemporary art. À la carte selections and a special menu epitomizing farm-to-table coastal cuisine available from Alexander's Restaurant. Full bar, no cover charge; reservations recommended. 707-847-3231, timbercoveinn.com

ANNAPOLIS WINERY & JAZZ
Saturday, May 3 1-4PM
26055 Soda Springs & Annapolis Road, Annapolis
Matt Silva Trio Master guitarist **Matt Silva**'s impeccable fluidity and swing is often astounding. The standards and up tempo sets will also feature Sacramento's **Bernie Riveria**'s lyrical multi-reeds and **Nick Otis**' superb drums (son of R&B legend Johnny Otis!). Come enjoy the views, wines and great jazz. Bring a picnic to enjoy under the blossoming, antique apple orchard. Fine Annapolis wines available for purchase. Donation for music \$5 to \$25. 707-886-5460, annapoliswinery.com

ARENA COVE & JAZZ Sunday May 4 6:30 - 9PM
Pier Chowder House & Tap Room Wharf Building, Arena Cove, Point Arena. **Paul McCandless & Will Siegel** The festival is honored to present three-time nominated and three-time Grammy Award winner **Paul McCandless**. An expert jazz oboist/composer, his other instruments include English horn, soprano and soprano saxophones, clarinet and penny whistle. McCandless has collaborated frequently with the famous banjo of **Bela Fleck** and is founder of the acclaimed group "Oregon." He will be performing his compellingly original sound with the creative guitarist, **Will Siegel**. Great seafood and more, over-looking historic Arena Cove. Special menu at regular prices. Full bar, domestic, imported and microbrews. Dining reservations recommended. 707-882-3400, thepierchowderhouse.com

..... **SIXTH WEEK**

BONES & THE BLUES Friday, May 9 7PM
Bones Roadhouse, 39080 S. Hwy. 1, Gualala
The legendary Bones Roadhouse hosts the solid and soulful musicianship of **Keith Abrams' Groove Factor** featuring **Kaleo Larson**'s fiery trumpet; **Paul Mueller**'s on-target tenor sax/keyboard; brother **George Abrams** on guitar and **Abrams**' dynamite bass guitar, who play with spirit and fervor. (Drums TBA). Enjoy real Texas wood-fired barbecue, fine wines, microbrews, and altered spirits. No cover charge; dining reservations recommended. 707-884-1188, bonesroadhouse.com

HERITAGE HOUSE & JAZZ Saturday, May 10
6 & 8PM Seatings 5200 N. Hwy. 1, Little River
Zida & Ira The rich synergetic chemistry between **Zida Borcich**, vocals and veteran **Ira Rosenberg**, keyboard, conjures sophisticated gentility. Zida's honest, pure and true voice harkens back to the well-known American jazz stylists of the 1950s. Ira's consummate lyrical and inventive bop and swing accompaniment consistently radiates taste, class and deep musical knowledge. Performing in the Heritage House's newly-renovated domed dining room with a menu of local farm-to-fork cuisine that will indulge your senses and revive your spirit. Full Bar. Dining reservations requested. Major credit cards accepted. 707-202-9000.

DIANNE NEUMAN GALLERY & JAZZ
Sunday, May 11 1-4PM
Cypress Village: 39102 Ocean Dr. & Hwy. 1, Gualala
trio 'Xplore: **Harrison Goldberg**'s unpredictable reed abstractions and **Tim Mueller**'s ravishing kaleidoscope of endlessly inventive guitar concepts, is spiced with **George Frost**'s intriguing percussion. The compelling sound will envelop you as you sojourn amidst Neuman's Bohemian Gallery of eclectic, iconoclastic artists and view the current group May exhibition, *Imagine—Figuratively Speaking*. Champagne and fun refreshments will be offered. 707-696-5701.



"When you're swinging, swing some more!"

—Thelonius Monk

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