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MVJBS Newsletter

August Edition



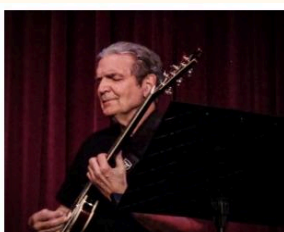
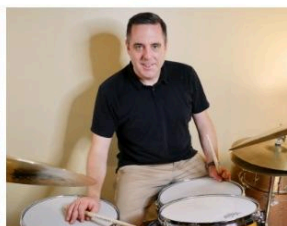
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A Letter to the Membership and Friends

Thanks to all of you who made our July events so successful!!! It sure helps these hot days pass a bit faster when we can have fun and fully immerse ourselves with musical talent. And do we ever have a lot to look forward to this month! Read all about it!



THIRD LINE JAZZ TRIO
Performance at MVJBS
July Monthly Gathering



Last month: MVJBS welcomed Third Line Jazz Trio to its monthly gathering. Playing to a full house at Alma de Arte, these amazing musicians put on a brilliant show: Arnold Schnitzer, string bass; Mike Sunjka, guitar; Brian Wright drums.

Celebrating Frank Williams for his years of jazz & blues service



At the last membership gathering, Frank Williams was recognized for his years of MVJBS Board Service. THANK YOU FRANK for your dedication and contributions as webmaster, volunteer coordinator, and more.

Special call out to MVJBS Board Member Rhonda Sprague!



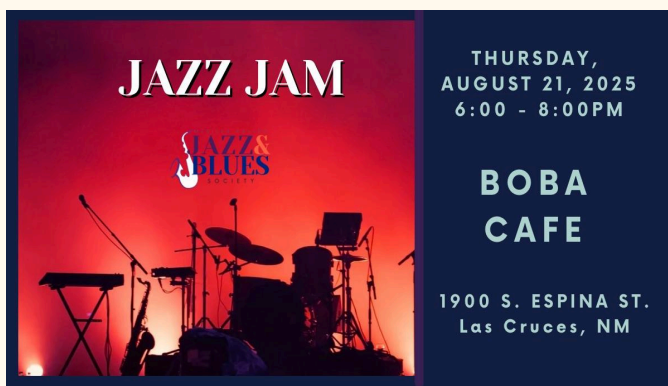
I'd like to take a moment to thank volunteer board member, Rhonda Sprague, for creating our on-line payment system for festival merch, memberships, monthly meeting fees etc. IT IS AWESOME! SHE IS AMAZING! Please go to our [website](#) and check it out!!!

Scholarships to be announced!

Scholarship Winners will be announced at the Sunday, Aug 17 Gathering. It's because of you that these scholarships can be awarded. Thank you again for your tremendous support!!! Note: Melody Burns invites you to donate by buying CDs from her jazz and blues collection; Contributions will go to the Scholarship Fund.

Jazz Jams will now be held at Boba Cafe on Espina St.

Thanks to Boba Cafe's Angela Gonzales, for providing space and to Miguel Torres



for coordinating the rhythm section. Want to play?

mvjbsjazzjam@gmail.com More

info: [Web: MVJBS Jazz Jams](#)

COMING UP: Monthly Gathering with Sam Barlow and His True Blue Band!!! (NOTE: Please bring treats to share!) 🍓🍇🥨🍌🥬🥕🧀🥖



Sam Barlow & His True Blue Band

MESILLA VALLEY JAZZ & BLUES SOCIETY

Monthly Gathering

SUNDAY, AUG. 17, 2025
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

ALMA DE ARTE
402 W COURT AVE
LAS CRUCES, NM

Join us on Sunday, Aug. 17, to hear Sam Barlow and His True Blue Band, performing at the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society's Monthly Gathering. Thanks to Alma de Arte for generously hosting at their school. Sam and his True Blue Band perform a wide range of genres including Blues, Jazz, Latin, Rock, Swing and R&B. Barlow is a virtuoso guitarist, harmonicist and vocalist who has worked as a professional musician for 17 years. Internationally-acclaimed and multi award-winning blues artist, Sam Barlow and his True Blue Band electrify the stage and fire-up their audiences. This is a must-attend performance! Meeting attendance is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members and \$2 for students at the door. You can also buy tickets on-line here. [Buy concert tickets](#).

Oct. 3-5, 2025 MVJBS FESTIVAL NEWS



**Mesilla Valley
JAZZ & BLUES
Festival 2025**

Friday, Oct. 3
Plaza de Mesilla
5:00 - 10:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 4
Plaza de Mesilla
12:00 - 4:15pm
NMSU Atkinson Hall
7:00 - 10:00pm

Sunday, Oct. 5
Plaza de Mesilla
1:00 - 7:30pm

All concerts are
free of charge.
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JAZZ & BLUES
Festival 2025**

Friday, Oct. 3

Plaza de Mesilla
5:00 - 6:15pm Border Jazz Quintet with Jessica Brust
6:30 - 7:45pm Kat Crosby and the Rhythm Gators
8:00 - 10:00pm Azucar

Saturday, Oct. 4

Plaza de Mesilla
12:00 - 1:15pm Mesilla Valley Big Band
1:30 - 2:45pm Desert Stompers
3:00 - 4:15pm Third Line Jazz Trio

NMSU Atkinson Hall
7:00 - 8:30pm Candice Reyes/ Abel Mireles Group
8:30 - 10:00pm Border Jazz Orchestra

Sunday, Oct. 5

Plaza de Mesilla
1:00 - 2:15pm Colin McAllister "Latin Jazz Project"
2:30 - 3:45pm Derrick Lee Group
4:00 - 5:15pm David Rodriguez, Havana Quintet
5:30 - 7:30pm Sam Barlow and his True Blue Band

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Pre-Ordered Festival T-Shirts: They have arrived and ready for you to pick up at the upcoming Monthly Gatherings or the Festival. They look great! \$25 Black and Turquoise Festival T-Shirts will be available for sale at the Aug 17 and Sept Monthly gatherings, festival, as well as on-line here MVJazzblues.net



And SURPRISE!!! We are selling festival bandanas, (and t-shirts) created by our festival artist Liam Dee. [Buy festival gear on-line](#) and pick them up at the Aug 17 or Sept 21 MVJBS Gathering/Concerts or at the festival. There are so many ways to use bandanas and of course you can't have too many t-shirts!



Sponsorships: The last day to sign up as a festival sponsor and receive recognition is Sept. 1. We've had incredibly generous individuals and businesses and would appreciate you joining if you've not done so already. You can contribute on-line or download a form and mail to us here: [Become a Festival Sponsor](#).

Festival Volunteer: Let us know if you'd like to volunteer during the Oct. 3 -5 Festival. We have jobs for you! You can sign up at Sunday's Gathering or Email Carolmertensmeyer@gmail.com to let her know the day and tasks of interest:

Oct. 3 Friday afternoon, evening

Oct. 4 Saturday morning, afternoon, or evening

Oct 5 Sunday afternoon or evening

Tasks: Set-up, tear-down, fund-raising sales (ie t. shirts, bandanas, water), providing info, etc.

Other Upcoming Events

See more here: [2025 Upcoming Events](#)



Half-Year/Half-Price MVJBS Memberships

As you know, memberships are for the calendar year BUT prices are half-price as of July 1 and are good until Dec. 31, 2025. This is a good time to encourage your friends to join and check us out!

Learn more about the organization online at [About MVJBS](#). A membership application is attached.

Just print it out, complete it and bring it with your membership payment check, credit card, or cash to the next Sunday gathering OR simply register on-line at [MVJBS Membership](#).