



**Mile High Jazz Band
Association Activities
July 1, 2020,
to June 30, 2021**
(As presented 7/25/2021)

Sunday, July 12, 2020 - Annual Meeting - Mile High Jazz Band Assoc. Assoc. holds its **Annual Membership Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom** due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members will elect Board members to fill open terms. We reviewed accomplishments, discussed the challenges brought about by the Coronavirus epidemic, discussed plans for Jazz & Beyond that summer, and heard about plans for 2020 and 2021 (many of which were later dashed by the Coronavirus). It was reported we ended the fiscal year about \$9000 "in the black" as we were unable to finish some projects dues to COVID-19. We received a CARES grant through the Nevada Arts Council.

August-September, 2020

Jazz & Beyond – Carson City Music and Art Festival
Mile High Jazz Band Assoc. and Carson City presented the 17th Annual Jazz & Beyond Music & Art Festival. The festival committee rescheduled many of the events originally planned for August 2020 because of the rise in Coronavirus cases. However, the committee planned to go ahead with the second annual Open Studios Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, and Sunday, August 23. Admission was free. More than two-dozen artists were featured at ten studios throughout Carson City. Favorite solo musicians performed live at most studios. Promotional items for the 2020 festival, including posters, T-shirts, artwork, and Jazz & Beyond facemasks, were available onsite for a donation. COVID-19 guidelines were followed. In the end, the festival presented "High Society" two nights in a row as a drive-in movie. We did 3 live-streamed performances from A to Zen, 2 live-streamed jazz brunches from Empire Ranch Golf Course, 1 live-streamed event from a private home (originally planned for Silver Saddle Ranch), and had a group in Virginia produce a video to share on YouTube.

July 19, 2020 - MHJB presented a video that we called "**Virtual Jazz & Poetry: Running Out.**" It is available on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqkA5QyRCtI. Several poets, given the theme, wrote or selected appropriate poems to be read on the video and isolated band members recorded tunes related to the poems. The result of these efforts is a video in six short acts, each consisting of the reading of a poem and the performance of a related piece of music.

Sun., Aug. 16, 2020 - MHJB released a virtual video called "**Moten Swing**, performed by Mile High Jazz Band.

It is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhH-uEksGCg>, and is a tribute to some musical pioneers who came before us. Bennie Moten (1894-1935) wrote "Moten Swing" with his brother Buster in 1932 for his Kansas City Orchestra. It gained additional recognition when Benny Goodman (1909-1986) recorded it in 1938. But it is best known for being recorded in 1940 by Count Basie (1904-1984) and his orchestra.

Revised 2020 J&B schedule:

Wed. & Thur., Aug. 19 and 20 – "High Society" drive-in movie at Brewery Arts Center parking lot. Free.
Sat. Aug. 22 and Sun. Aug. 23 – Open Studios Tour - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. FREE.
Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020 - The Jazzettes perform from A to Zen Studio. First live-streamed event. Free.
Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020 – Josh D. Reed Quartet performs from A to Zen Studio. Second live-streamed event. Free.
Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020 - Bill Rose & Laurie Blue. Streamed event, pre-recorded at Melodee Music in Virginia. Free.
Tues. Sept 15, 2020 – Tom Stryker & Impromptu in live-streamed event. Free.
Sun. Sept. 13, 2020 – Jazz Brunch at Empire Ranch Golf, with Niall McGuinness & New World Jazz Project. Live-streamed event.
Sun. Sept. 20, 2020 – "A Day at the (little) Ranch" – held at Shipley's. Free.
Sun. Sept. 27, 2020 – Second Jazz Brunch at Empire Ranch Golf, with **Cherie & Take This!**, a live-streamed event. Free.

Thur., Oct. 29, 2020 - A trio, with two members of the Mile High Jazz Band, plays for the memorial service for Mayor Bob Crowell.

Sun., Jan. 17, 2021 - Planning for the 18th Annual Jazz & Beyond Festival began.

Sun., Jan. 17, 2021 - MHJB prepares to do a second Virtual Jazz & Poetry video based on the theme "**Play's the Thing.**" Band Director David Bugli and MHJB Poet Wrangler Rita Geil started working with five poets to select poetry to be read. Musicians from the MHJB recorded, on their own, an appropriate tune to match the mood or theme of the poem. The videos of the poets reading and of the musicians performing are currently being compiled to be posted on YouTube on the Mile High

Jazz Band's YouTube channel. (Some post-production work is still in progress.)

Thurs., Feb. 11, 2021 - Jazz & Beyond Committee Announces 2021 Art Contest.

Fri., Feb. 19, 2021 - Former band member Howard "Speedy" Garfin dies.

Tues., April 6, 2021 - Quartet from MHJB performs for **Minden Rotary Meeting**, and David Bugli discusses plans for future entertainment in the Carson City-Carson Valley region.

April 20, 2021 - MHJB announces resumption of rehearsals in preparation for three socially-distanced dinner shows at **Living the Good Life** on **Tuesday, May 11; Tuesday, June 8; and Tuesday, July 8**. These will be outdoor dinner shows at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot. Rehearsals resume, socially distanced, on April 20 at KD Sound in Mound House, Kelly Dodge's business.

April 20, 2021 - Jazz & Beyond issues call for artists for the Third Annual Carson City Open Studios Tour (Aug. 21 & 22).

Tue., May 11, 2021 - MHJB performs its first outdoor dinner show of 2021 at Living the Good Life. The theme is "We're Back!"

Tue., June 8, 2021 - MHJB performs its second outdoor dinner show of 2021 at Living the Good Life. The theme is "Because It's June!"

Tue., July 6, 2021 - MHJB performs its third outdoor dinner show of 2021 at Living the Good Life. The theme is "Red, White, and Blues."

Thur., July 22, 2021 - Jazz & Beyond sends **completed postcard schedule for the festival** (Aug. 13-29) to the printer. It lists 27 events sponsored by the Festival (Mile High Jazz Band Assoc.), 8 performances by musicians during the Open Studios Tour (Aug. 21-22) that are not listed in the 27, and 12 "extra events" during the festival that are NOT sponsored by the Festival (typically those hosted by a presenting facility such as a restaurant or the Farmers Market).

Sunday, July 25, 2021 - Annual Meeting - Mile High Jazz Band Assoc. Assoc. holds its **Annual Membership Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom**.