

Is This Jazz? Be-Bop on the Breeze

If leaves could choose a type of music to accompany their fall to the ground, they'd choose jazz. And every fall, RI accommodates their last wish with a swinging soundtrack.

Newport has a good slate of music coming up. Norey's continues its weekly Thursday night jazz series featuring a rotating cast of ensembles including the **Alan Bernstein Jazz Quartet**, the **John Monllos Quartet** and the **Dino Govoni Q'tet**. Every week from 10am - 1pm the **Chris Vaillancourt Trio** presents a Sunday Jazz Brunch at the Hotel Viking. And The Parlor in Newport is hosting the **Swinglane Orchestra** every third Wednesday of the month, a great chance to see a big band live.

The Pumphouse in Wakefield is bringing back its First Sunday Jazz Series, which kicks off on September 9 with **Sonic Surfers** featuring **Dan Moretti** on sax, **Steve DeConti** on guitar, **David Zinno** on bass and **Marty Richards** on drums. Head up north to Woonsocket, and you'll find plenty of jazzy beats at Chan's. September 22 will host the homecoming concert of jazz guitar master and recent RI Music Hall Of Fame inductee **Frank Potenza** with a quartet featuring **Paul Bouley** on keys, brother **Joe Potenza** on bass and **John Anter** on drums. November 16 will see the **Debra Mann Quintet** take the stage with Dino Govoni on sax/flute, **Jay Azzolina** on guitar, Dave Zinno on bass and Marty Richards on drums. They'll be celebrating the release of their latest CD, *Full Circle*, which features the music of Joni Mitchell.

Providence has soul, and even more killer music. Askew Restaurant continues its jazz offerings with the **Dave Murphy Quartet** on September 15. The **Joe Potenza Quartet** returns to Backstage Kitchen + Bar at Hotel Providence featuring world class musician and Cumberland native **Cory Pesaturo**. Also, the "Is This Jazz?" series continues its run at AS220 with a couple of fall shows including **Baba Yaga** and the **Luna Collective** on October 5, as well as **Pocket Aces**, which features local favorite guitarist **Eric Hofbauer**, and the **ITJ Collective** on November 2. Lastly, The Veterans Memorial Auditorium will be hosting award-winning trumpet player and international superstar **Chris Botti** on October 3. Visit thevetsri.com for tickets and details.

Happening Around Town:

The John Allmark Jazz Orchestra; *first Monday monthly @ The Met (Pawtucket)*

Is This Jazz?; *first Friday bimonthly @ AS220 (Providence) isthisjazz.tumblr.com*

Groove Merchants; *Mondays @ Fifth Element (Newport)*

Jazz Jam; *Tuesdays @ Ten Rocks (Pawtucket)*

Groove E Tuesday; *Tuesdays @ Murphy's Law (Pawtucket)*

Jazz At The Parlour; *Sundays (jam held every third Sunday) @ The Parlour (Providence)*

Modern Sound Series; *last Sunday monthly @ Tea In Sahara (Providence)*

Leland Baker Quartet; *Wednesdays @ Acacia Club (Providence)*

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