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BASSIST MARCUS MILLER WAS THE

composer and producer of *Tutu*, the 1986 album by Miles Davis that launched the final phase of the trumpeter's historic career. Miller often pays tribute to his late bandleader, as he will in South Florida this month with his *Celebrating Miles* concert. Miller will share the marquee with veteran trumpeter Wallace Roney and his sextet, bassist and fellow Davis alum Ron Carter and young trumpet sensation Christian Scott.

The homage to Davis is less overt, yet still significant, on Miller's latest release, *A Night in Monte-Carlo* (Concord Jazz). The ambitious live CD features the bassist's ace backing band bolstered by L'Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo, and guest turns from trumpeter Roy Hargrove, guitarist-vocalist Raul Midón and turntable master DJ Logic.

"Blast!," Miller's fusion of funk and Middle Eastern music from his 2008 CD Marcus, kicks off the proceedings. The 50-piece Monte-Carlo Philharmonic embellishes the song's dramatic choruses. Miller and sax-ophonist Alex Han take compelling solos, and DJ Logic and keyboardist Federico Gonzalez Peña add sitar and tabla sounds.

It doesn't take long for Miles' presence to surface, as the ensemble launches into a modernized arrangement of "So What," a signature piece from Davis' 1959 landmark album Kind of Blue. The orchestra plays the classic intro by pianist Bill Evans, which leads to updated solos by Peña, Han and Miller, and contrasting trades between the philharmonic's soaring string section and the scratching DJ Logic. Miller's composition "Amandla," the title track to Davis' 1989 followup to Tutu, is also revived. Hargrove takes the lead, blowing a stratospheric trumpet solo amid the percolating rhythmic patterns of Miller and drummer Poogie Bell.

Other standards on A Night in Monte-Carlo include a beautiful reading of "I Loves You, Porgy" from Porgy & Bess, the George and Ira Gershwin opera celebrated on Miles' 1958 recording of the same name. Miller plays the timeless melody on fretless bass, accompanied by both the orchestra's string and horn sections. Presented as a dreamy ballad, the Jimmy Dorsey chestnut "I'm Glad



There is You" features lush strings and Hargrove's warm-sounding flugelhorn.

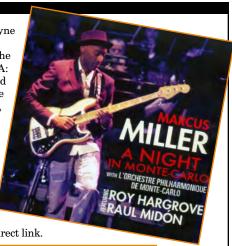
Midón wows the Monaco crowd with a stirring performance of his composition "State of Mind." The former Miamian accurately mimics a trumpet solo — one of his trademarks — in this trio setting with Miller and Peña. Midón further delivers the soulful goods on the concert closer, "Your Amazing Grace." Miller plays both bass and bass clarinet on this update of the traditional hymn.

But the live closer doesn't actually close the CD. Rather, the final selection is an instrumental studio arrangement of Lewis Allan's "Strange Fruit," the chilling portrayal of lynchings in the American south made famous by Billie Holiday in 1939. Miller actually creates every instrumental sound on the orchestrated piece except piano. That assignment is fittingly left to Herbie Hancock, the keyboardist who played in Davis' great

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mid-'60s quintet with Carter, saxophonist Wayne Shorter and drummer Tony Williams.

Davis' career evolution will neatly divide the upcoming, all-star Miami show. "Side A: Acoustically Speaking" will feature a sextet led by Roney, a Davis protégé who still plays the horn given to him by the late jazz icon. Carter, the bassist on *Kind of Blue*, will also add a lengthy career's worth of talent and history to that portion of the concert. "Side B: Tutu Revisited" will bring Scott's youthful trumpet to the fore to re-create Davis' latter fusion material, much of which featured sequencers and programming and was as steeped in R&B and pop as it was in jazz. And, of course, Miller, who played an integral role in shaping Miles' music of that era, will provide a direct link.



Marcus Miller will perform with Christian Scott, as part of Celebrating Miles, at 8PM Feb. 25 at the Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami. The Wallace Roney Sextet featuring Ron Carter will also perform.













LITTLE JAKE MITCHELL & THE SOUL SEARCHERS KICKIN' DEVIL CAFE, GAINESVILLE/FEB. 5 DOWNTOWN BAR & GRILL, PALATKA/FEB. 12

In 1960, Little Jake Mitchell and the Blenders were the first African-American band to play UF's Gator Growl. Blacks were not permitted to attend, but Mitchell insisted, bleachers were added and history was made. Fifty years later, the Gainesville-based soulman was honored at the event for his role in integrating the school's homecoming party. And Mitchell's still going strong, performing high-energy reads of classic soul-blues with his organ-and-horn-fueled combo The Soul Searchers. Little Jake learned from the best. A teen prodigy from Tampa, he toured with James Brown, Jackie Wilson and Sam Cooke,



won over audiences at the Apollo, and cut his first record for Chess in 1957. Some excellent singles followed in the mid-'60s and early '70s for Impact, Newtown and his own Golden Hit Productions. Still singing powerfully, Mitchell, 66, is enjoying renewed interest in his music. Look for him in March at the UK R&B Convention at the Orlando Radisson, BW

JACKIE RYAN BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, FORT LAUDERDALE/FEB. 9

California-based jazz vocalist Jackie Ryan makes her South Florida debut this month, and she'll undoubtedly gain new fans with her three-and-a-half octave range and ability to sing in Spanish, Portuguese and English. The ballad specialist's penchant for blending romance languages lies in part within her French, Spanish, Irish and Mexican ancestry, and is used to good effect on 2009's Doozy, which topped the Jazzweek charts for seven weeks. Any one of Ryan's performances—but particularly the title track to 2003's This Heart of Mine—displays her ability to phrase, articulate and sustain notes in ways that any singer or



instrumentalist would envy. For her Gold Coast Jazz Society show in Fort Lauderdale, Ryan will likely perform this and other selections from her latest CD. Best of Love Songs, in honor of Valentine's Day. She'll be accompanied by a quartet with South Florida roots: pianist Martin Bejerano, bassist Chuck Bergeron and drummer Graham Hawthorne, BM





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SUPER CHIKAN AND THE FIGHTING COCKS BRADFORDVILLE BLUES CLUB, TALLAHASSEE/FEB. 11 RIVERWALK BLUES FEST, BUBIER PARK, FORT LAUDERDALE/FEB. 13

James "Super Chikan" Johnson is a supremely skilled guitar slinger, but so much more. His instruments, which he handcrafts from gas cans, car parts or other cast offs, are hand-painted and tricked out with rhinestones and other adornments. And whether he's working a stomp-down groove or an insinuating slow-burn, the bluesman will have you cackling at his outrageous lyrics, punctuated by the shout of "Shoot that thang!" On his outstanding new CD, Welcome to Sunny Bluesville, Super Chikan tells tales of his youth on tunes such as



"Mama's Milk Cow Blues" and "Grandpa's Blues," and celebrates his musical heritage on "Hooker Boogie" and "Old Delta Blues Scraps." After winning Traditional Blues Album honors at 2010's Blues Music Awards for his album Chikadelic, he's been nominated this year as Traditional Male Artist of the Year and B.B. King Entertainer of the Year. BW

RICHARD JOHNSTON RIVERWALK BLUES FEST, BUBIER PARK, FORT LAUDERDALE/FEB. 12-13

With just drums and guitar, one-man blues band Richard Johnston keeps audiences boogying up and down Beale Street. A former IBC winner, Johnston apprenticed at Junior Kimbrough's famed Chulahoma, Miss. juke joint and befriended Hill Country blues masters such as R.L. Burnside and Jessie Mae Hemphill. In fact, the late Hemphill performed a duet with Johnston on his superb 2002 CD Foot Hill Stomp, which includes expert reads of tunes by Kimbrough, Burnside and Rainey Burnette. Johnston followed that album with 2004's equally affecting Official Bootleg No. 1, another helping of Hill Country romps



that was capped by a highly personalized read of Kimbrough's "Meet Me in the City." Johnston internalizes this powerful music, as he pulls unshakable grooves from acoustic or electric guitars including the cigarbox Lowe Bow-and sings in a voice that matches its majesty. Johnston will perform Saturday and Sunday the Riverwalk Blues Fest. BW

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BRAZILIAN TRIO WITH VIC JURIS MINIACI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, DAVIE/FEB. 12

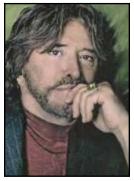
With two-thirds of the brilliant New York City-based Trio da Paz in its lineup, the Brazilian Trio is nowhere near as generic as its name. Bassist Nilson Matta and drummer Duduka Da Fonseca effortlessly shift gears from the guitar-based Trio da Paz (with Romero Lubambo) to this lineup with pianist Helio Alves, whose jazz sensibilities add swing to the trio's samba foundation. On the group's 2008 CD Forests, each musician takes a turn stating the melodic, harmonic and rhythmic course of Brazilian standards by Hermeto Pascoal and Milton Nascimento. And originals by all three stand up well alongside such classics. Matta's title track is an



environmental dedication featuring banner work by Da Fonseca: Alves' buoyant "Samba Allegre" spotlights exchanges between the simpatico rhythm section, and the drummer's "Flying Over Rio" is a sensitive ballad. This democratic trio of Brazilian natives will be joined for this South Florida Jazz Impressions concert by swinging guitarist Vic Juris. BM

MARK MURPHY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, VENICE/FEB. 13

In an era when marquee male jazz singers are scarce, Mark Murphy stands out. His knack for vocalese improvisations with lyrics and melodies, and his ability to croon, scat and even rap, have conferred enduring hipness upon the fearless jazz elderstatesman. Now 78, the Syracuse native first moved to New York City in 1954 after graduating from Syracuse University. He was likened to Mel Tormé by Milt Gabler, who produced his first two albums, but Murphy literally and musically forged his own path. Moves to Los Angeles and London preceded his return



to the Big Apple, where he recorded 1970s-1990s classic albums for the Muse label. Murphy's latest CD, Love is What Stays, includes covers from Johnny Cash to Oliver Nelson Coldplay. His Florida performance will feaduets with ture Sarasota-based vocalist Dee Weder and backing by the George Carroll Big Band. BM







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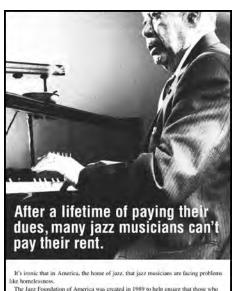
timey shtick. Redbone's 2006 release, Live at the Olympia, presents a 1992 full-band concert with renditions of classic tunes such as "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Up a Lazy River" and "Diddy Wah Diddy" highlight his whiskeyed baritone and fine guitar picking. Redbone's most recent studio recording, 2004's Anytime, illumined allbut-lost gems such as "Sweet Substitute." BW

GRETCHEN PARLATO CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, JACKSONVILLE/FEB. 18

The very best jazz vocalists find ways to blur the lines between singer and instrumentalist, something that the youthful Gretchen Parlato has already been doing for some time. Her latest CD, In a Dream, features snippets of the singer belting out tunes with perfect rhythm and pitch at age 2. Of course, there's also her current breathy ballad delivery, scat-singing and vocalese on originals and covers like Wayne Shorter's jazz standard "E.S.P." and the Herbie Hancock/Bennie Maupin composition "Butterfly." In 2001, Parlato became the first-ever vocalist accepted into the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Performance — by



a panel of judges that included Shorter, Hancock and Terence Blanchard. In 2004, she won the prestigious Thelonious International Jazz Vocals Competition. releasing her selftitled debut CD the following year. Shorter has said, "In an inconspicuous way, Gretchen plays the same instrument as Frank Sinatra." BM



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MARIAN PETRESCU TRIO HARRIET HIMMEL THEATER, WEST PALM BEACH/FEB. 22

Some of the most dazzling jazz pianists of the past two decades, like Jean-Michel Pilc from France and Hiromi from Japan, hail from outside the U.S. Add Romanian pianist Marian Petrescu to the list of impressive imports. The Bucharest native first appeared in a Jazz Arts Music Society (JAMS) of the Palm Beaches presentation in 2007, and members have been clamoring for his return ever since. A viewing of one of his YouTube videos, or a listen to his work on the 2009 Grammy-winning Resonance Big Band Plays Tribute to Oscar Peterson, explains why. Petrescu started playing at age 4; studied both jazz and classi-



cal music at a Swedish conservatory, and then graduated to Sibelius Academy in Helsinki before making his performance debut at age 15 at the Pori Jazz Festival in Finland. Mentoring French pianist Martial Solal calls Petrescu "the Horowitz of jazz piano," yet the talented Romanian's fleet fingers also recall jazzpiano giants Peterson and Art Tatum. BM

HOT TUNA W/ CHARLIE MUSSELWHITE AND JIM LAUDERDALE FLORIDA THEATRE, JACKSONVILLE/FEB. 27

A wing of The Jefferson Airplane, Hot Tuna combined the talents of guitarist Jorma Kaukonen and bassist Jack Casady in a context quite apart from the psychedelia of their other band. The side project allowed the longtime pals to showcase their mastery of old-time music and country blues by the likes of the Rev. Gary Davis, Blind Blake and Lightnin' Hopkins. After touring and recording with sidemen including harmonicist Will Scarlet and violinist Papa John Creach, Hot Tuna called it quits in 1979. But they reunited in the mid-'80s and have been at it ever since. Kaukonen also continues to delve into intricately picked blues and roots music



on his solo projects, and even teaches the craft at his Fur Peace Ranch in Ohio. On its current tour-with mandolinist Mitterhoff and drummer Scooter Warner— Hot Tuna plays in both electric acoustic settings. For this show, they will share the stage with harmonica great Charlie Musselwhite and singer-songwriter Jim Lauderdale. BW

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