

FEATURE: JAZZ ARTIST FRANK BANG JUDY CARMICHAEL HONEY HOUNDS KID ROYAL BAND - DAVID KIKOSKI CHRIS WALKER STREAMING EVENT PICKS FESTIVAL UPDATE

# JESSE JONES JR~

### Miami native and saxophonist extraordinaire Jesse Jones Jr. continues

to be on the forefront of a burgeoning jazz renaissance in South Florida. With his infectious positive attitude and dynamic stage presence, he is one of those hidden treasures that you can't help but share with the world.

As a young boy in Miami, Jones would listen to a Liberty City neighbor practice his sax while playing along with Cannonball Adderly albums. "I loved that sound and knew right then I was going to be a musician for the rest of my life," he recalls. In the sixth grade, Jones was given a C-melody saxophone by his mother and he quickly learned the instrument, being completely self-taught. While in eighth grade he also learned how to play bassoon and had switched to alto.

After his graduation from

Mississippi Valley State

the opportunity to develop his showmanship skills. Besides playing the sax, clarinet and flute, Jones sang, tap danced and did comedy skits... and found that he had a natural gift for engaging a crowd. "I just love to perform and make people feel good and satisfied with what they are hearing and seeing." After serving out his four-year term in the military, Jones lived in Boston for a while in the early 1970s before returning to Miami, where he has since been a major part of the city's jazz scene ever since.

# With his younger brother, the late great trumpeter Melton Mustafa,

North and South America where he was given

Jones started the Melt-Jess Jazz Quintet. Influenced by their parents' turntable collection of James Brown, the Marvelettes, the Temptations and – much later – George Clinton ("Anything that had a funk to it, and was blues, we played it"), Jones rode to early-career gigs with Mustafa in dad's old station wagon. After Mustafa joined Count Basie, Jones (who also played with his brother's big band) formed his own quartet. In 1996, he signed a record deal and produced his first CD, Soul Serenade. A busy decade or so

later, Jones released the So Then Collection in 2007. His Father of Scat Hop CD in 2010 featured southern scat stylings on a hard funk base with smoking saxophone and R&B rhythms. His latest single, the funky party track "Cabbage Alley," was released earlier this year.

In addition to working with his own quartet, Jones frequently gigs with other performers and bands. His ability



# **FLORIDA** AZZ ALLSTAR

to captivate the audience with the classics, and adapt them to his own swinging interpretations, is legendary. Through his decades of performing, Jones has performed with Donald Byrd, Blue Mitchell, Dextor Gordon, Joe Williams, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Eartha Kitt, Clark Terry, Allan Harris, Ira Sullivan, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Monty Alexander, to name just a few. He has toured throughout the U.S. and abroad in Italy, Israel, China, Austria, Greece and Russia. In 2009 Jones was inducted into the South Florida Jazz Hall of Fame, and he is a founding member of South Florida's Sunshine Jazz Organization.

Jones' Quartet brings brilliant ensemble work and top-quality music. The intricate arrangements showcase the fact that pianist Brian Murphy, bassist Paul Shewchuk and drummer James Cotmon know each other very well. A phenomenal reed player, Jones is equally adept on alto, soprano and

baritone saxophone, as well as flute. He combines the hard-bop influence of Cannonball Adderley, the funk of Hank Crawford, and the sweetness of Paul Desmond. Their influences. evident in Jones' riffs, are topped with some truly unusual scat jazz singing both vocally and through his horns. The humor knows no language barrier since these are not words but sounds in the universal language of music. His appearance at the Sankofa Iazz Festival will feature a tribute to Melton Mustafa.

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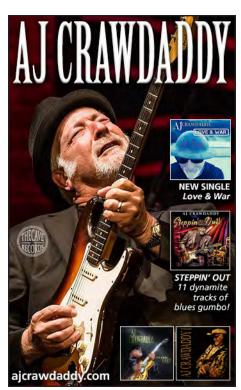
SUNDAYS BLUE ROOSTER SARASOTA

## Kid Royal Band

With a career in music spanning almost 25 years, St. Petersburg, FL-based Chris "Kid" Royal has a history in a genre where history is important and somewhat uncommon for

his age. Royal's mother Linda was a singer who had members of The Band and Janis Joplin's band sitting in at her gigs. Through her, Royal was introduced to Lightnin' Hopkins, B.B. King, John Lee Hooker, and many others, inspiring him to begin a musical career of his own. He quickly became known locally as a guitar prodigy. He began his career with the likes of Chicago Pete (Jr. Wells, Albert Collins) and Douglas Watson (son of Muddy Waters' piano player, Lovie Lee) at age 15. Leaving his native Ontario, Canada for Austin, TX the following year, Royal met the great Clifford Antone. (Antone's in Austin is considered by many to be the home of Texas blues). Antone was so impressed that he asked Royal to stay in Austin to learn more about the blues. At festivals around the globe including the Montreal Jazz Festival and Norway's Notodden Blues Festival, Royal has opened for such acts as Eric Burdon and Peter Frampton. He has also played alongside such luminaries as Jeff Healey, Eric Gales,







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APRIL 17 8-10PM https://southflorida jazz.org/concert/ david-kikoski-quartetfeaturing-eric-alexander/

#### Dave Kikoski

Growing up in a musical family in Milltown, NJ, Dave Kikoski was introduced to the piano at age six. Throughout middle and high school, he continued to cultivate his love for piano, and moved on to

working with local jazz and rock groups. After earning a bachelor's degree in piano performance from Berklee College of Music, Kikoski moved to New York City and began playing regularly with renowned players such as Roy Haynes, Bob Berg, Red Rodney and others. His first professional recording session was on Randy Brecker's 1986 album In the Idiom, and in 1989 Kikoski recorded his debut album, Presage, a high-octane trio set with Eddie Gomez and Al Foster. During the 1990s, Kikoski's growing reputation as worldclass pianist allowed him to work and record as a leader. He also served as an invaluable sideman alongside an enviable cast of jazz luminaries. In 2001, Roy Haynes invited Dave to join his all-star lineup Birds of a Feather. The band received a Grammy nomination for Caribbean Jazz Project in 2004. Beatlejazz, a project produced and arranged by Kikoski and percussionist Brian Melvin, has released four albums so far, and toured extensively. Along with releases from his trio, with collective Opus Five, and with numerous other jazz greats, Kikoski played on the Mingus Big Band album *Live at the Jazz Standard*, which won a 2011 Grammy. To date, Kikoski has played on over 100 records including 14 under his own name. This South Florida Jazz Organization





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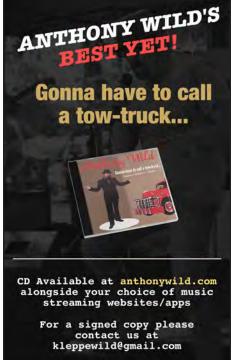
# **Frank Bang**

Born Frank Blinkal and raised in the blues hotbed of Chicago, Frank Bang found himself working at Buddy Guy's Legends club while in his twenties. He was soaking up invaluable knowledge from the clientele and getting an education that few ever receive. While numerous touring bands came through the club, regulars included Junior Wells, Otis Rush, and Lonnie Brooks. "I started there in 1991," Bang recalls. "I did everything from change the merchandise to paint the place. I even cooked brunch during blues festival weekends with Sam Guy, Buddy's

brother. Buddy Guy, Magic Slim and The Teardrops and many other blues greats that walked through the doors of Legends changed my life forever. It all came full circle when I joined Buddy Guy's band in 1999. It was an incredible experience, playing with Buddy every night for five years... touring every summer with B.B. King, seeing the world, playing with your idols and inspiring the greats that inspired me was life-changing for me." Ready to make his own statement, Frank Bang & the Secret Stash released four blues-rock CDs, culminating in 2013's acclaimed Double Dare. A reset in 2017 with a new band, The Cook County Kings led to his first-ever true blues record, The Blues Don't Care. Featuring a who's who of great Chicago blues sidemen, the CD received tremendous worldwide airplay including a No. 1 debut on Sirius XM's Bluesville station. More at frankbang.net.







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## Chris Walker

If anyone were to continue the legacy of Al Jarreau,

it's the man who served as Jarreau's Musical Director, co-vocalist and bassist for more than 20 years. In 2019, Chris Walker released his homage to Jarreau, We're In This Love Together - Celebrating Al Jarreau. Walker got his start as a member of his family gospel group, The Walker Brothers, and started playing bass at age eight – even learning to play upside down like one of his early heroes, Jimi Hendrix. After graduating from the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Houston, Walker lucked into a full college scholarship when the school's dean heard him play at a jam session. While attending the famed New School, Walker was afforded the opportunity to play with the likes of Ornette Coleman, Art Blakey, Bob James, Jimmy Heath and Cassandra Wilson. His musicianship garnered him two jobs: Musical Director for R&B songstress Regina Belle, and touring with Ornette Coleman. After two years of juggling, Walker eventually opted to stay with Belle as she afforded him more opportunities to sing. This ultimately led to his successful solo debut. First Time produced two Top 5 singles, "Giving You All My Love" and "Take Time," which also reached the Top 30 on the pop charts. His second release, Sincerely Yours, included

"How Do You Heal A Broken Heart," co-written with the legendary Carole Bayer Sager. Walker is also part of Joined at the Hip with **Bob James** and Kirk Whalum: and he performs regularly on Dave Koz's cruises. More at chriswalker music.com.



#### FESTIVAL UPDATE

APRIL 3, 2021 • MIAMI Sanofka Jazz Festival

APRIL 10, 2021 • ZEPHYRHILLS Pigz in the Z'Hills BBQ & Blues

MAY 28, 2021 • SEBASTIAN
Earl's Memorial Day Weekend Fest

AUGUST 13, 2021 • Brooksville Spirit of Woodstock

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SEPT 23, 2021 • NEW SMYRNA BEACH New Smyrna Beach Jazz Fest

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OCTOBER 15, 2021 • BROOKSVILLE Camping with the Blues

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DECEMBER 3, 2021 • BRADENTON Bradenton Blues Fest

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MAY 12 • BROWARD CENTER • NICOLE HENRY: IT NEVER ENTERED MY MIND

APRIL 1 STAGE 904 JACKSONVILLE

APRIL 28 MUSIC ON MAIN SESQUICEN-TENNIAL PARK JACKSONVILLE

APRIL 29 JAX RIVER JAMS RIVERFRONT PARK JACKSONVILLE

# **Honey Hounds**

Taking inspiration from Jacksonville's rich southern rock history, the Honey Hounds are making a name for themselves. This booty shakin' blues trio was formed in 2015, when guitarist/vocalist Nick Izzard invited drummer/songwriter Tyler Watts to busk the streets of St. Augustine. By nightfall, they were playing at a local venue as N.W. Izzard, and they quickly became regulars on the southeast Florida circuit. Two busy years later, bassist Nathan Ranew joined the group and the Honey Hounds were born. Their debut *No Sleep* had a progressive, almost pop feel. Its followup, 2017's EP *Midnight Magic* was a slower record, closer to the roots of the blues. At the end of 2019, after two solid years of relentless touring, their current release *The Flame* showcases the group's electric chemistry and dynamic,

vor their music with a taste of rock n roll (Among their influences, Watts names John Bonham, Ginger Baker and Ringo Star, while Izzard cites Jimmy Page and Eric Clapton), while embracing the roots of soul and funk. Their balancing of the righteousness and mysticism that embody these far reaches of the musical spectrum is an impressive blues aspiration. More at honeyhoundsmusic.com.



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# **Judy Carmichael**

Grammy-nominated pianist/vocalist Judy Carmichael is one of the world's leading interpreters of stride piano and swing. Count Basie nicknamed her "Stride," acknowledging the command with which she plays this technically and physically demanding jazz piano style. Carmichael's vocal debut on her 2008 CD Come and Get It features her singing everything from Peggy Lee-inspired standards to humorous takes on Fats Waller tunes. Her first all-vocal

CD, I Love Being Here With You, followed. It was also her first with someone else (Mike Renzi ) playing piano. A California native, Carmichael moved to New York in the early 1980s and has maintained a busy concert schedule throughout the world ever since. She has toured for the United States Information Agency, and in 1992 she was the first jazz musician sponsored by the United States Government to tour China. The New York Times referred to her as "astounding, flawless and captivating," and she's played venues from Carnegie Hall to the Peggy Guggenheim

Museum in Venice... all in addition to numerous radio and TV appearances, and private recitals for everyone from Rod Stewart to Robert Redford to President Clinton. She has served on a variety of music panels at the National Endowment for the Arts, and is now celebrating her 20th year producing and hosting her NPR Show, *Judy Carmichael's Jazz Inspired*. This Steinway Artist's 2017 memoir is entitled *Swinger!* A Jazz Girl's Adventures from Hollywood to Harlem. More at judycarmichael.com.







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