



# The Swinger

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THE "JAZZTET," Art Farmer's and Benny Golson's group which was a recorded joy of the early 'sixties, will be revived Sunday evening, December 10 for the special edification of the Hartford Jazz Society. The place, again, will be Jonathan Hall, 700 Blue Hills Avenue, and the personnel will be this truly all-star gathering:

Art Farmer, "one of a handful of great trumpeters to emerge in the 'sixties" (Encyclopedia of Jazz) and, incidentally, a former member of the bands of two renowned Hartfordites, Horace Silver and Gigi Gryce.

Jimmy Heath, reed man who was not only one of the pioneers of Bop (with Gillespie, McGhee, Miles Davis) but has fit into the grooves of Junior Mance, Friedrich Gulda, Milt Jackson et al.

Cedar Walton, pianist of the old Farmer-Golson Jazztet, more recently of Sonny Rollins' group.

Mickey Roker, drummer, who has quickened the pulses of such performers as Sonny Rollins, Mary Lou Williams, Milt Jackson, Ray Bryant, Gigi Gryce and Cliff Jordan.

THE NOVEMBER MEETING still echoes pleasantly in HJS ears, thanks to the tasty performance of Jerome Richardson's Quintet (Roland Hanna, Garnett Brown, Grady Tate and Ben Tucker). Quit blubbering if you missed it. It's nobody's fault but your own.

INMATES OF THE STATE PRISON were accorded a treat by HJS a week ago when the Society sent Bessye Proffit and Emery Smith's Quartet to Somers. Nine hundred men clapped, stomped and screamed in delight. The performers, besides Bessye and Emery were Bernie Bentley (tenor), Paul Brown (bass) and Mike Duquette (drums).

THE RAFFLE now in progress will help to support such projects as the prison concert, the Berkeley scholarship, and bring top talent to HJS meetings. Sell, sell, sell those tickets. By the way, the first prize -- three days in Bermuda -- includes not only a stay at the island's finest hotel, the Princess, but also air transportation directly from Bradley Field to Bermuda.

MUSIC HERE & THERE: The Trinity College Jazz Band will be heard at the Austin Theater, on the campus, Friday evening, December 8...Rial Ogden's FEJB (Fiercely Enthusiastic Jazz Band) is playing the first Sunday

afternoon and evening of each month at Carville's...All members of HJS are invited to a concert by Don Friedman (remembered most favorably as a member of Clark Terry's group which played the HJS concert in July) on Tuesday evening, January 9 at the University of Hartford. (Thank you, Robert W. McCurdy of the U of H.)...The second half of the televised HJS concert by Toshiko will be transmitted over Channel 24 (Educational Network) at 10 PM, Monday, December 11 and again at 3 PM, Sunday, December 17...Two hours of jazz are being transmitted by Trinity students from Station WRTC-FM (89.3) from 10 PM to midnight each Monday, Wednesday and Friday...And look for Johnny Birchard's WTIC jazz shows in the schedules of your local newspaper.

GEORGE HOEFER, a pioneer jazz critic and collector, well known to HJS members because of his visit several years ago to the Society, died last month. His last article in "Down Beat" was a report on the recent Eastern Jazz Conference in New York City, during which HJS members renewed his acquaintance. He was a good man.

WELCOME these new members: Wallace Dean...Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Green... Alvin Hayes...Kitty Kathryn (Ah there, Kitty)...Frederick J. Krampetz ...Joseph Riley...E. H. Rocklyn.

THE BEST of latest LP's, according to HJS member Dave Waid of Milwaukee (which is down the road a piece from Hartford): JOE WILLIAMS with the MEL LEWIS - THAD JONES band ("Some parts unimpressive, though Broonzy's 'Keep Your Hands' and Duke's 'Never Come Sunday' and 'It Don't Mean a Thing' are well worth the tab.") DON PATTERSON with BOOKER ERVIN ("Patterson is brilliant and Booker is, as always, a fine musician.") SONNY ROLLINS in his first Impulse release after "a bad deal from Victor" ("Sonny shows why he rates as a major artist, but the bright light of this one is Ray Bryant, who nearly steals the show.")

AND, OH YES, spread those raffle tickets. The more raffle now, the less hassle later.

"TAKE BACK your heart. I ordered liver."

(Old Refrain)