



# The Swinger

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"ALL STAR" is a term much abused as applied to jazz bands, but here is one that deserves that designation -- and it will appear at the Hartford Jazz Society meeting Sunday eve, November 3 (Teferes Hall, 159 Blue Hills Avenue):

- \* Jerome Richardson, versatile reedman, formerly with Hampton, Hines, Hamilton, whose recent LP, "Groove Merchant" was given five stars.
- \* Roland Hanna, Benny Goodman's pianist in all recent American and European tours;
- \* Garnett Brown, trombonist, and best new young performer on his instrument according to "Down Beat" readers' poll;
- \* Richard Davis, Number One Bassist in the "Down Beat" international critics' poll, and most sought after man on his instrument;
- \* Grady Tate, outstanding drummer whom you see every week-night on the "Tonight" show, and one of the most "in demand" LP percussionists.

Miss this one and you'll be hanging your head on your turtle neck till next Whitsuntide. Be there at 7:30 for a business meeting. Music starts at 8:00. Also: The winners of the 1968 HJS scholarship at Berkeley School of Music (Laurence J. Baione and Howard J. Hyde) have been invited to be present.

THE BUS to take HJS members and friends to the second annual Conference of Eastern Jazz Societies, scheduled for Saturday, November 9, will leave the Trailways Terminal adjacent to the railway station at 1 o'clock. It will arrive in Manhattan (at St. Peter's Church, 54th and Lexington) in time for the panel discussion by top jazzmen, the classic jazz films of Ernie Smith and the jam session to be led by Joe Newman. After that, a tour of jazz spots. Cost of transportation and attendance at all events is \$8.00. Please send it to Hartford Jazz Society, 73 Lebanon Street, Hartford, 06112, before November 3.

JAKI BYARD did it again at the October meeting. With all that technique and all that showmanship he pleased everybody. Even pulled the old alto out of the bag for a number or two. And darned if he didn't get back the suit he left behind when he last played for HJS six months ago. (They're honest folk in Hartford.) With him were Drummer Sonny Browne (last here with Frank Foster's band) and Bassist Lisle Atkinson (whose solo of "High High the Groom" was a revelation in bass playing).

...Incidentally, Art Fine predicts that "Jaki Byard with Strings," soon to be released, will be one of the most highly praised platters of the year. He could be right, for the "strings" include Bassist Richard Davis, Cellist Ron Carter, Violinist Ray Nance, Guitarist George Benson.

"ASK THIRTY PEOPLE a question and you get 30 answers," Harry Lichtenbaum has decided after reviewing results of the questionnaire mailed HJS members early this month. Thirty answers were received. In general, members are satisfied, though each expressed some sort of reservation. Two-thirds prefer Sunday meetings; one-third Saturday meetings (though top musicians are, of course, engaged on Saturday nights). All but three approve of the musicians HJS has presented. The present table-sitting arrangement is approved by all. Admission charges, too. Many, however, wish meetings could start earlier and end earlier (most, of course, have to arise Monday morning clear-eyed and bushy-tailed).

MOST POPULAR JAZZMEN presented thus far by HJS, according to the questionnaire, are, in order: the Jacquet-Buckner group, Kenny Burrell, Roland Kirk, Clark Terry, Randy Weston, Earl Hines, Jimmy Owens, Jaki Byard, Marion McPartland, Howard McGhee, Frank Foster...Jazzmen members would like to hear at HJS meetings are Pee Wee Russell, Herbie Mann, Roger Kellaway, Stan Getz, Archie Shepp, Yusel Lateef and Carmen McRae.

ODDMENTS AND SUNDRIES: Gene Rodgers may be heard at the Windsor House on the Green in Windsor...Hartford's Gigi Gryce (now known as Basheer Qusim, for heaven's sake) has retired to Switzerland with his family, which includes three offspring known (lawks amighty) as Basheer Junior, Laila and Edthia...Channel 24 (Educational) on Tuesday evening, November 12, will present "The Rhythm Section," conducted by HJS member George Malcolm-Smith, and played by the Emery Smith Quartet...Bassist Cliff Gunn has joined the Phoenix Mutual Life...Sammy Johnson is recovering most satisfactorily from the eye operation.

WELCOME these new HJS members: Wilfred Anderson, Junior...Lincoln D. Chandler...Ahmed A. Dadi...Thomas D. Harris, IV...Mrs. Frederick L. Johnson...Ann Parkhurst...Walter Vaught...Virginia and John Zdebski.

"I DRINK to keep from worryin', I laugh to keep from cryin'. That's to keep the public from knowin' just what's on my mind."  
(Old Refrain)