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ROLAND KIRK, the multi-reed genius and multi-jazz giant, will be the concert guest of HJS on Sunday evening, April 12th, bringing the quintet with which he recently toured several nations in Europe. Few jazzmen have approached Roland Kirk's record. Item: In the most recent Critic's Poll conducted by "Down Beat" he was chosen as the No. One performer on miscellaneous instruments, and placed among the top five in the alto and tenor saxophone, clarinet and flute categories. Item: His two most recent records both received five stars in "Down Beat," his "Volunteered Slavery" album (Atlantic SD-1534) being cited as a record "no serious collector should be without." The last time he appeared before HJS, people had to be turned from the door.

NOTE: The concert will be held at Teferes Hall, 159 Blue Hills Avenue, beginning at 8 PM. Admission fee for members, \$2.50, for non-members, \$3.50. (Members include those whose 1969-70 dues have been paid.)

JUNIOR MANCE pleased everyone at the March meeting. Call him a Leprechaun or a Haile Selassi, you have to call his music fun. His companions were Bassist Martin Ravera and Drummer Charlie Crosby (deputizing for Oliver Jackson, who couldn't turn down a last minute European engagement). Lincoln Kaye of "The Courant" rhapsodized: "...glorious riffs and runs and stutters and sostenuto trills. He gently heckles other people's solos with lispings little squibs." Ron Georgeff of "The Times," a bit more prosaic, wrote of Junior's playing: "nothing radical, but as main a mainstream as you can get, flavored with funkiness." HJS member Al Wilson joined to give robust vocal treatment to a ballad and a blues. (A word of praise to HJS member, Dick Taylor, trumpeter and sound technician: The sound was excellent.)

THE RAFFLE being conducted by HJS will help to finance the bringing of top jazzmen to HJS concerts. It's a "must," and both members and friends are urged to buy raffle tickets, sell raffle tickets and talk raffle tickets. Prizes are: (1) Four-day cruise for two to Bermuda; (2) portable cassette recorder and player; (3) \$50 gift certificate at G. Fox & Company.

RANDY WESTON, often a guest of HJS in yesteryears, has opened a nightclub, Pepe's, in Tangiers, Morocco, where he's a favorite. (Art and Janet Fine of HJS had a reunion with him in Tangiers last year.)

Randy, though contented, bemoans the lack of jazz records in Morocco. You could win his gratitude by contributing any you can spare. Give them to Art Fine at a HJS meeting and he'll ship them overseas.

NOTES from the back of an unpaid electric bill: Gene Rodgers is back in the general area. He can be heard in a swank place at Agawam called Caesar's (Dress optional, but togas preferred)...Tossed about in an automobile accident, Louise Long (Mrs. Earl) was confined to Hartford Hospital some weeks, but may have been released by now. Her address: Trescott Hill Road, East Canaan, Zip 06024...For jazz on local radio, there's Peter Lee Anderson's "Jazztime" Monday and Saturday evenings from 8 to 1 AM through WHCN (FM 105.09)...

A NEW IDEA, "Dinner and Jazz," is being tried out at the Lantern House in Manchester. For \$7.95 the patron is offered dinner (choice of stuffed shrimp, roast beef, roast chicken) and music (8 PM to 12 M.) by Eddie French and the Port Pleasant Jazz Band. Drinks are "on the House." For further info, call 643-5709.

WELCOME these new HJS members: Ronald F. Armstrong...Arthur R. Barlow...Michael C. Libman...Mrs. Eleanor E. Morris...Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Pennell.

JAZZ VESPERS at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in The Great City, where HJS friend, Rev. John Gensel, is jazz pastor, are in their fourth year. They are held at 5 PM each Sunday. When you're in NYC of a Sabbath, drop in. Jazz groups who will take part this month are: Joe Klee Group (April 5), Jual Curtis Quartet (the 12th), Jim Magnusson Group (the 19th), Woody Shaw Quintet (the 26th).

JAZZ ON RADIO AND TV: Channel 24 at 10 PM, April 27 will telecast one hour of the third annual Quinnipiac College Jazz Festival...Station WTIC-FM will broadcast four hours of the festival from 8 PM and midnight on April 20.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS are being conducted by Willis ("Voice of America") Conover in the Grill Room of the Hotel Roosevelt, NYC (2 to 5 PM.) The band of 16 men, composed of "Tonight" TV performers and other top Manhattan jazzmen, is led by Trumpeter Bill Berry, several times an HJS guest. HJS members are welcome at a reduced entrance fee, \$2.00, by showing their membership cards.

"HOW CAN YOU SAY you miss me when I never went away?" (Old Refrain)

FOR INFORMATION regarding the April 12th Roland Kirk concert or regarding raffle tickets (including checks for those already sold) address: The Hartford Jazz Society, 73 Lebanon Street, Hartford, Conn., (06112). The telephone: 242:6886.