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ROY AYERS and his Roy Ayers Ubiquity troupe will be guests of HJS Sunday evening, November 19th. The meeting is to be held at the University of Hartford's Cengras Campus Center (200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford).

HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY to get in on the ground floor, to be able a few years hence to say, "I told you so," for Roy Ayers is a positive comer into the big scene. The Roy Ayers Ubiquity's latest record was five-starred by "Down Beat" in a review which said, "Listen and rejoice...Ayers is hip and aware." The "Down Beat" review of Ayers' recent appearance at the University of Connecticut says, "This group is capable of playing it all -- soul, hard rock, ballads, blues -- and, most important, it all rings true...Roy Ayers' Ubiquity is an amalgam of the best from the worlds of rock and jazz, the most complete heard thus far." The group includes Vibraphonist Ayers (Chico Hamilton, Herbie Mann and Gerald Wilson's big band); Pianist Harry Wtaker (Wilson Pickett, Gene McDaniels), Drummer David Lee (Dizzy Gillespie, Joe Zawinul), Bassist John Williams (the "Tonight" show) and Guitarist Sam Brown (Gary McFarland). See you Sunday eve, November 19th at the U of Hartford. Be there.

Oddments & Sundries: Channel 24 PTV has been presenting "Jazz Set" on Wednesday and Saturday eves, recent shows having featured Randy Weston, Jimmy Heath and Rasheid Ali. Coming up Monday, November 20, 8 PM is one worth seeing, though not strictly jazz -- "Mabel Mercer, Bobby Short & Friends"...When you're in The Great City, you might visit the New York Jazz Museum at 125 West 55th Street...Quinnipiac College at Hamden is already working on its 6th annual Intercollegiate Jazz Festival, to be held in April. Last year's, attended by a Hartford Jazz Society delegation, was an all-star, all-out tribute to Clark Terry...Reviews of the movie, "Lady Sings the Blues," a Billie Holiday "biography," indicate that the moon pitchers have done it again -- made a sickly mess of a subject worthy of sincere and honest treatment...The Collaboration, the righteous troupe which contributed enjoyment on the 11th annual HJS Connecticut River Jazz cruise, may be heard at the Black Dog, Canton, on Wednesday eves...



The Caravan, 400 Woodland, is presenting a series of blues singers that will include Joe Williams, Arthur Prysock and (though not a blues specialist) Carmen McRae...Gary Burton, truly a "sensation" among vibraharpists, who has been winning all sorts of recognition with his four-mallet technique, will conduct a clinic in Hartford for the Creative Music Percussion Center on Saturday, November 18.

A "FATS WALLER REUNION," bringing together the boys who played with Fats in his recordings, will be presented by the Connecticut Traditional Jazz Club on Saturday evening, December 2 at Holiday Inn, Meriden. The personnel: Dick Wellstood (impersonating Fats), Trumpeter Herman Autrey, Trombonist Vic Dickinson, Clarinetist Bob Wilbur, Guitarist Al "Buck" Casey; Bassist "Red" Balaban and Drummer Buzzy Drootin.

ERNIE WILKINS' appearance in the HJS party in October was a musical, though not financial, treat. He and his stellar group deserved a bigger audience. Particularly noticeable was the absence of HJS members themselves. Not to strain the obvious, but the fact is that the greater the attendance, the greater the "take" at the box office; and the smaller the attendance, the greater the withdrawal from the treasury. If you missed Ernie Wilkins you missed an enjoyable evening. Don't miss Roy Ayers. And don't miss Herbie Hancock, who is booked for a forthcoming HJS evening.

WELCOME these new members: James L. Bennett...David E. Blackman... Francis and Janie DeBoise...Yvonne Murrell...C. Timothy Martin... Howard Pearson...Joe and Kitty Riley...James Walter Smith.

"I DIDN'T KNOW my date wore a plate till it came out in the conversation."

(OLD REFRAIN)