



# The Swinger

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HERBIE HANCOCK, composer-pianist and one of the brightest names in the roster of contemporary jazzmen, will come to town with a stellar septet on Sunday evening, December 3 under the sponsorship of the Hartford Jazz Society. Nobody acquainted with current jazz history has to be told that Herbie Hancock was five years the pianist of Miles Davis' groups, or that he has recorded, not only under his own name, but also in recording units headed by such top-notchers as Wes Montgomery, Kenny Burrell, Lee Morgan, Bob Brookmeyer and Freddie Hubbard. His septet includes some of the most talented and best known of today's jazzmen:

Julian Priester, trombone	Bennie Maupin, reeds
Pat Gleason, moog synthesizer	Eddie Henderson, trumpet
Buster Williams, bass	Billy Hart, drums

The concert will take place in the Hartford High School auditorium, 55 Forest Street, at 8:00 p.m. Part of the proceeds will be devoted to Hartford High Fine Arts Department program established to benefit students throughout the Greater Hartford area. (More information may be obtained through the Hartford Jazz Society, 73 Lebanon Street, Hartford (06112) or the HJS 'phone 242-6886).

ROY AYERS and the Ubiquity's concert at the November HJS meeting might have been a happier occasion. The band arrived two hours late because of transportation difficulties. A number of would-be listeners lost patience and departed before the music began. The sound system achieved a decibel count that left some ears hanging limp like wilted lettuce and chipped a section of paint from the ceiling. It must be said that the music was provocative, a blend of "modern" sounds, the instrumentation consisting solely of rhythm contraptions -- vibes, moog, drums and bongos, with no horns of any kind. The group was attired in funny hats and burlesque costumes ...It was, withal, an interesting evening.

"ALL STAR SWING FESTIVAL" is the title Timex has chosen for a TV show to be transmitted over NBC (Channel 30 locally) at 10:00 p.m., Wed., November 29. Among the performers: Benny Goodman's Quartet, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Earl Hines, Bobby Hackett, Doc Severenson, Dave Brubeck, Maxie Kaminsky, Barney Bigard, Tyree Glenn, Cootie Williams, Willie "the Lion" Smith, Joe Williams and Ella Fitzgerald. All will be crowded into 50 hurried minutes, so don't expect much from any individual. TV, as always, pays its respects to America's one contribution to world music with a fleeting wave of its moneyed palm.



THE COLLABORATION, successful Hartford jazz troupe which scored heavily on the 11<sup>th</sup> annual HJS cruise down the Connecticut River, is scoring likewise in Big Time. They make their Manhattan debut today (November 27) at the famous Village Gate in Greenwich Village. Their manager, incidentally, is HJS member, Abe Kouler, faculty advisor of the Mattatuck Community College Jazz Club in Waterbury. Watch this band. It is already a favorite in colleges and universities throughout New England.

BITS & PIECES: Randy Weston has returned from Morocco and is fulfilling engagements in the States with his "African Rhythms," a recent booking having been at High Point Inn, Lenox, Mass., where he was greeted by a party of HJS members...A "Fats Waller Reunion," presenting members of the old Fats band (Herman Autrey, Al "Buck" Casey, "Red" Balaban et al.) is being held by the Connecticut Traditional Jazz Society at Holiday Inn, Meriden, Saturday evening, December 2.

AULD SCOTTISH-CHINESE REFRAIN: "There's a shpot in me hot that no coolie may oon."