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A TRULY "ALL STAR" QUARTET, and one billed in Manhattan as "an exciting new force in the world of jazz," will be the guests of HJS on Sunday evening, December 16. Each member of the group is well known to jazz fans: Roland Hanna (formerly with Benny Goodman, Charles Mingus and the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis band), Frank Wess (eleven years reedman and flutist with Count Basie), Drummer Ben Riley (percussionist of everybody from Woody Herman to Thelonious Monk) and Ron Carter (bass mainstay of such bands as those of Miles Davis, Gil Evans, Sonny Rollins and Herbie Mann). Recently organized, this group is certain to make a mark in the realms of the true & righteous. Here's your opportunity to be among the first. To repeat: Sunday evening, December 16, 8:30 o'clock, at St. George Hall, 433 Fairfield Avenue. Be there.

THOROUGHLY ENJOYABLE was the concert by the Berklee Faculty Concert Jazz Orchestra staged last month at the Roberts Memorial Theater. Exhilarating, exciting and exulting, it swung through a varied and highly polished program that aroused hopes for the rebirth of the big bands of the past. Winners of the annual Bessye Proffitt HJS scholarship at Berklee -- Frank Schiavone and Pat Thompson -- were remarkably at ease performing with the pro's.

CUT OUT AND PASTE on your mirror: The HJS Valentine Dinner Dance, with Houston Person's dance band is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, at Tobacco Valley Inn. If you'd like tickets in advance or information regarding the party, call HJS 242-6886 or Mabel Macklin (after 6) at 243-0162.

QUINNIPIAC'S Intercollegiate Jazz Festival (April 19-21) will be dedicated to, and feature, Dizzy Gillespie. HJS members have attended previous Quinnipiac jazz weekends and some may attend the next one. For info: Charles Kistler, Box 261, Quinnipiac College, Hamden, Conn. 06518.

NOSTALGIA NOTE: Ten years ago this month, the HJS meeting was enlivened by a quartet comprised of the renowned Oliver Jackson (drums), Norm Macklin (piano), Fred Tinsley (bass) and Matt Emerzian (vibes)...Five years ago this month, the meeting featured the Benny Powell Sextet with Blues Singer Leon Thomas, the group having included Reedman Harold Vick, Pianist Milton Sealey and Brubeck's Bassman Eugene Wright.



FROM THE PRESIDENT: Twenty-one HJS members showed up at Roberts Theater on a bright, warm Sunday evening to hear one of the most pleasant big band sounds heard in the Hartford area in some time. Strangers seem more appreciative than members. It has been several years since the majority of those attending an HJS event were members, though the Society has offered a varied program of the best in modern music, and has increased its publicity and advertising. If you have any suggestions as to how more members can be attracted to HJS meetings and concerts, please address them to me at 9 Nutmeg Lane, Bloomfield. Meanwhile, plan to be present at this month's meeting. It will be exciting. -- Arthur T. Fine.

BIRTHDAYS: Joe Williams (Dec. 12), Clark Terry (14), Ray Bryant (24), Jerome Richardson (25) and Earl "Fatha" Hines (28). Note that all have been HJS guests.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN: Dues are due. There are advantages in being a paid-up member -- lower admission fees to HJS events, the opportunity to participate in special HJS affairs and other privileges. Do it now while it's on your mind. The address: Hartford Jazz Society, 73 Lebanon Street, Hartford (06112).

"YOU'VE GOT ME VODOOED. Like the siren Circe, you have me at your mercy."

(Old Refrain)