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The RICHARD DAVIS QUINTET will be guests of HJS on Sunday, January 20th at the Roberts Center Theatre in West Hartford. For several years voted Number One bassist in polls conducted by "Down Beat" and "Playboy" magazines, Richard Davis has reformed his quintet after returning from Russia where he toured as the bass stalwart of the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis invasion. His album, recently released, "The Philosophy of the Spiritual", is being praised as perhaps the greatest demonstration yet produced of virtuosity on the bass viol. His group consists of Marvin Peterson, trumpet; George Adams, reeds; Stanley Cowell, piano; and Sonny Rollins' former drummer, Freddie Waits. Underline these particulars; 8:30 on the evening of Sunday, January 20th, at the Roberts Center Theatre. (Entrance to parking lot on Trout Brook Drive just north of the Boulevard.

ODDMENTS & SUNDRIES: "Mademoiselle" magazine in its December issue, much of it devoted to jazz, paid HJSSa compliment for its promotion of the Music That Moves. John Birchard, and HJS pioneer, now on the staff of station WELI, New Haven, was welcomed by old friends when he attended the December HJS concert which featured an all-star quartet comprising of Frank Vess, Roland Hanna, Ben Riley and Ron Carter... Adman "Dewey" Dow of HJS recommends a versatile band, Jazz Cooperative (led by Jack Stewart), heard every Friday and Saturday nights at the Stockbridge Inn, Stockbridge, Mass., near Tanglewood... The Norman Macklin Quartet has been chosen to open the new "Pendulum Lounge" at the Shoreham Motor Hotel on Asylum Street. Drop in, 9pm to 1am any Thursday, Friday or Saturday to hear one of the best jazz groups in town.

BE THERE when the band starts playing (and "dance off both of your shoes when they play those Jellyroll Blues") at the HJS Valentine Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening, February 23, at Tobacco Valley Inn. The band will be that HJS and national favorite, HOUSTON PERSON'S with guest attraction---recording star, Etta Jones. This will be a night to remember, and we've arranged a very reasonable price, too. Call the HJS number, 242-6886 or after 6pm, call Mable Macklin, 243-0162, for choice tickets and tables. Food...Fun...Fancy Footwork...and music you won't be able to resist.

REVIEWERS are going to have a difficult time with Duke Ellington's book, "Music Is My Mistress". It's a travelogue, a picture album, but the Great Man comes through as a bit naive. His biographies say more than his autobiography. Better try Stanley Dance's "The World of Duke Ellington" and Barry Ulanov's "Duke Ellington".



NCSTALIGIA NOTES: Ten years ago this month, HJS played host to the Port Pleasant Jazz Band, which had HJS members cutting the rug of the old Johathan Temple on Blue Hills Ave. Five years ago this month HJS heard the Benny Powell Sextet, its members having been Harold Vick, Milton Sealey, Richard Williams, Eugene Wright and Omar Clay, with Leon Thomas added to sing the blues.

DIZZY GILLIESPIE will be honored at this year's Quinnipiac Inter-collegiate Jazz Festival. The dates are April 19-21. Some HJS members, as in the past, will probably attend. For information write Charles Kistler, Box 261, Quinnipiac College, Hamden, Conn. 06518.

WELCOME these new members; Joseph L. Arfin...Art Barlow...Richard R. Denault...Raymond Medina...Charles Miliken... Stephen Piechota...B.T. Rooney...Gene Solon.

SOMERS STATE PRISON was again entertained by HJS in December. It was said by authorities to have been the only mass entertainment the prisoners had during the year, and a more enthusiastic audience had never been seen by the entertainers. The troupe included Kitty Kathryn (they loved her) with a band composed of Lew West, Norman Macklin, Billy Hooker and Lew Mobley. Accompanying the musicians into the prison (and lucky to get out again) were Lucy Marsters, Mable Macklin and Sam Johnson.

REVISED BY-LAWS have been completed by a special committee (Lucy Marsters, Harry Lichtenbaum and George Malcolm-Smith) and accepted by the Board of Directors at its January meeting. Copies are available to members who request them by mail ---write 73 Lebanon St., Hartford 06112. A brief meeting of members will be held at 7 o'clock sharp prior to the Valentine Dinner-Dance in February, the purpose being to accept or reject (in part or in whole) the revised by-laws.

SHOWBOAT 1, a seven day cruise on the SS Rotterdam, May 25-June 1 featuring on board the following artists---Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Oscar Peterson, Bobby Hackett, James Moody, Dakota Staton, Jimmy Tyler, Carl Warwick and Leonard Feather. For further information call Art. Fine at 242-2942.

"AND LEFT ME NOTHING but a fine-tooth comb." (Old Refrain) G.M.S.