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16th Annual Oregon Coast Jazz Party Oct. 4-6

Oregon Coast Council for the Arts celebrates 16 years of the annual Oregon Coast Jazz Party, held October 4-6 at the Newport Performing Arts Center in Newport. The party celebrates great live jazz – and the dedicated fans who love it – in the beautiful town of Newport, on the central Oregon coast. Expect multiple sets from renowned jazz stars, nightcap performances, and jazz education during your stay.

OCCA is the founding organizational sponsor of the event, and partners with local businesses and more than 75 volunteers in its production. This extraordinary jazz party is supported by underwriter Rev. Carol Stubbs Smith, with support from Columbia Bank, Newport News-Times, Milt Bernhart Travel, Oregon Coast Piano Services, Just Jazz, and the 2019 Jazz Club, Jazz Hotels, jazz partners, patrons and friends.

The Lineup

Music directors Holly Hofmann and Ken Peplowski, both of whom will also perform this year, present a 2019 roster featuring Roxy Coss on soprano sax, tenor sax and flute, Dena DeRose on vocals and piano, guitarist Larry Koonse, drummer Lewis Nash, Houston Person on tenor sax, Terell Stafford on trumpet, Nicki Parrott on bass and vocals, pianist Randy Porter, vocalist Veronica Swift, drummer Matt Wilson, bassist Martin Wind, pianist Mike Wofford, Dave Captein on bass, and Gary Hobbs on drums.

Education at the Party

The party also features a free lecture and demo with pianist and vocalist **Dena DeRose** at **9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5** in the David Ogden Stiers Theatre; admission is free. It's no small accomplishment to be thought of as "the most creative and compelling singer-pianist since Shirley Horn," but that's exactly how Joel Siegel of the Washington City Paper described her. She awes her audiences and music critics with her facility on the piano and her swinging, soothing vocal style – and is also the professor of jazz voice at the Jazz Institute of the University of Music and Performing Arts in Graz, Austria.

Tickets, Seating, Discounts

All seating is reserved; ticket prices vary by session. Buy tickets online at <u>oregoncoastjazzparty.org</u> or through the PAC box office, 777 W. Olive Street in Newport or at 541-265-2787. See more about the musicians, learn more about the event, and download the brochure on the Oregon Coast Jazz Party mini-site at <u>oregoncoastjazzparty.org</u>.

For local jazz fans who want to join the party, OCCA offers discounts on sessions 3, 4, and 7; OCCA members get discounts on all sessions. Get your locals or OCCA member discounts on tickets at the Newport Performing Arts Center box office, 777 W. Olive Street, or by calling 541-265-2787.

Oregon Coast Jazz Party 2019 Jazz Club members include Jim & Sue Douglas, Marty Esposito, Frank & Michelle Geltner, Robert & Melissa Good, Judith Hendricks, Jocelyn Howells, Susan Knowlton & Don Bourque, David & Anne Noall, George & Margot Pearson, and Vern Schervem. OCCA is also grateful for the support of the many jazz partners, musician and youth sponsors, patrons and friends who also contribute. For more information and tickets, visit oregoncoastjazzparty.org or call (541) 265-2787.

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