

Piano News from Japan

"Yamaha and Kawai have recalled 20,000 pianos due to a problem with the pedal sticking, causing pianists to play faster than they normally would, resulting in a dangerous number of accidentals. The sticky pedal also makes it harder for pianists to come to a full stop at the end of a piece, making it extremely risky for audiences.

Although there have been a tremendous number of accidentals, fortunately it has so far caused no deaths.

Analysts are wondering if it will put a damper on their bass market and if they will be able to sustain sales.

Congress is also considering calling in the presidents of Yamaha and Kawai for questioning as to when the companies first learned about the treble."

SWCC VOCAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Bob Solheim, FFS Iowa

As Iowa Rep for FFS, I attended the two day vocal festival in the quaint community of Creston, Iowa. This is where Brian attended college, sang & got great instruction from the likes of Phil Mattson & others back in the mid 1990s. Mr. Mattson is retired. But his son, Lucas, is there along with other excellent vocal and instrumental instructors. The vocal jazz festival is now called FOX FEST. It is in its 15th year (including 2012).

The Eichelbergers of Columbia, Missouri also attended the Saturday evening session & we had time to visit. The event also included a great singing actress, Nancy King & her accompanist Steve Christofferson (on piano & melodica...a cross between a harmonica & keyboard). Steve played piano with his left hand & melodica with his right while Nancy sang beautifully, I might add. Then the Freshmen came on & were simply excellent! GREAT SOUNDS!

As Bob Flanigan often said: "We play a lot of colleges". So do the current guys & I am very THANKFUL they do.

The Four Freshmen...On the Road!

Check the Website: fourfreshmensociety.com or fourfreshmen.com for updates

For bookings: International Ventures Incorporated

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Please note: Dates subject to change without notice.

For information or questions call: Mel Meyers 419-380-8596

April 6, 2012

Norman, OK

Sooner Theatre, 101 E. Main Street, Show Time: TBA, Tickets: 405-321-9600

April 7, 2012

Quanah, TX

Quanah High School 501 West 7th Street

Show Time: 7pm, Tickets: 940-839-6257 or 940-663-5916

April 14, 2012

Norfolk, CT

Infinity Music Hall 20 Greenwoods Rd W

Show Time: 1pm, Tickets: 866-666-6306

April 15, 2012

Shippensburg, PA

H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center at Shippensburg University,

1871 Old Main Drive, Show Time: 3pm, Tickets: 717-477-7469

April 28, 2012

Bay Springs, MS

16th Annual Jazz in the Grove, Admission is free the Grove,

Concerts begin: 11am, Four Freshmen scheduled for 12:15,

Information: 800-898-2782

April 29, 2012

Brooklyn Park, MD

Chesapeake Arts Center (CAC), 194 Hammonds Lane

Show Time: 3pm, Individual tickets: \$22

Series Subscription available: 410-859-3308 (PAAL),

Individual tickets info: 410-636-6597 (CAC Events office)

May 19, 2012

Lewes, DE

Cape Henlopen High School Theatre, 1250 Kings Highway

Show Time: 7pm, Tickets & Info: 866-798-4483

May 20, 2012

Sellersville PA

Sellersville Theater, 24 West Temple Ave

Show Time: TBA, Tickets: 215-257-5808

June 22, 2012

Elkhart, IN

Elkhart Jazz Festival, 410 South Main Street

Show Times: TBD, Tickets & Info: 574-295-8701

June 23, 2012

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Elkhart Jazz Festival, 410 South Main Street

Show Times: TBD, Tickets & Info: 574-295-8701

July 8, 2012

Lewiston, New York

Art Park, 450 South 4th St., Show Time: 3pm, Box Office: 716-754-4375

July 14, 2012

Williams Bay, WI

Music By The Lake Ferro Pavilion with The Lettermen, 350 Constance Blvd.

Show Time: 7:30pm, Tickets: 262-245-8501 or 866-843-5200 (toll free)

July 18, 2012

Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 97 Kercheval Avenue

Show Time(s): TBA, Reservations: 313-882-5299

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July 28, 2012

Alto, NM

Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Road

Show Time: 8pm, Box Office: 888-818-7872 or 575-336-4800

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