

NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

Jazz Listening 9/20/2011 Notes

1. Belly Roll

Album: Lil' Ol' Groovemaker ... Basie!

Composer: Quincy Jones

Artists: Count Basie Orchestra

Soloist: Frank Foster – tenor sax

Recorded: 1963

Personnel:

William “Count Basie” piano

Trpts: Snooky Young, Fip Ricard, Al Aarons, George Cohn, Don Rader

Bones: Henry Coker, Grover Mitchell, Benny Powell, Urbie Green

Saxes: Eric Dixon, Marshall Royal, Charlie Fowlkes, Frank Wess, Frank Foster

Guitar: Freddie Green

Bass: Buddy Catlett

Drums: Sonny Payne

This was a great band with several amazing players in every section. Listen to how these musicians played their parts. How they used dynamic shading in every phrase. Marshall Royal was one of the best lead alto players ever. Snooky Young was one of the best lead trumpeters ever. Sonny Payne was a powerful drummer who could play the softest softs – listen to his hi-hat snap at every dynamic level!

2. Belly Roll

Album: Basie and Beyond

Composer: Quincy Jones

Artists: LA studio musicians

Soloists: Randy Kerber – piano, Oscar Brashear – trpt., Ernie Watts – tenor sax

Recorded: 2000

Personnel:

Trumpets: Gary Grant, Warren Luening, Rick Baptist, Oscar Brashear,
Wayne Bergeron, Jerry Hey

Bones: Charlie Loper, George Bohannon, Bill Watrous, Bill Reichenbach,
Reggie Young

Saxes: Dan Higgins, Gary Foster, Ernie Watts, Pete Christieb, Jack Nimitz

Piano: Randy Kerber

Guitar: Paul Jackson Jr.

Bass: Chuck Berghofer

Drums: Vini Calaiuta

Another amazing group of musicians! These are many of the best in LA!

3. Amaroso

Album: The Legend, Count Basie and His Orchestra

Composer: Benny Carter

Artists: Count Basie Orchestra

Soloists: Frank Foster – tenor sax, George “Sonny” Cohn – trpt., Sonny Payne – drums
Recorded: late 1950’ or early 1960’s
Personnel: nearly the same as 1. Belly Roll.

4. Salt Peanuts

Album: NHS Jazz Band Studio Recording at Los Medanos College
Composer: Dizzy Gillespie, Kenny “Klook” Clarke/Arranger: Mark Taylor
Artists: Northgate HS Jazz Band
Soloists: Zach Halperin – trpt., Rami Hindiyat – trombone, Dustin Smith - alto sax
Recorded: 2000

5. Salt Peanuts

Album: The Quintet
Composer: Dizzy Gillespie, Kenny “Klook” Clarke
Artists: Dizzy Gillespie – trpt., Charlie “Bird” Parker – alto sax, Bud Powell – piano,
Charles Mingus – bass, Max Roach – drums
Soloists: Dizzy, Bird, Bud and Max
Recorded: 1953

6. Salt Peanuts

Album: Diz ‘N Bird at Carnegie Hall
Composer: same
Artists: Dizzy Gillespie – trpt., Charlie Parker – alto sax, John Lewis – piano, Al McKibbon
– bass, Joe Harris- drums
Soloists: John Lewis – piano, Bird – alto, Diz – trpt., Joe Harris – drums
Recorded: 1947

7. Salt Peanuts

Album: NHS at CMEA Jazz Festival, Aragon HS, San Mateo
Composer: Same as #4
Artists: Northgate HS Jazz Band
Soloists: Same as #4
Recorded: 2000

8. Chucho

Album: Tanga
Composer: Paquito D’Rivera
Artists: Mario Bauza and His afro-Cuban Orchestra
Soloists: Pablo Calogera – baritone sax, Marcus Persiani – piano, Paquito d’Rivera – alto
sax
Recorded: 1992

9. Chucho

Album: Paquito D’Rivera Presents “Cuba Jazz”
Composer: same
Artists: Paquito D’Rivera – soprano sax, J. P. Torres – trombone, Andy Narell – steel pans,
Chucho Valdez – piano, carlos Emilio Morales – guitar, Carlos Del Puerto – bass, Luis
Conte – perc., Horacio “El Negro” Hernandez – drums, Miguel “Anga” Diaz – congas
Soloists: Paquito D’Rivera – soprano sax, J. P. Torres – trombone, Andy Narell – steel pans,
Chucho Valdez – piano, Carlos Del Puerto – bass
Recorded: 1996

10. Chucho

Album: Tropicana Nights

Composer: same

Artists: Paquito D’Rivera – alto sax, Jimmy Bosch – bone and a big band

Soloists: Oscar Feldman – tenor sax, Jimmy Bosch, William Cepeda, and Luis Bonilla – trombone, Paquito D’Rivera – alto sax

Recorded: 1999

11. One Mint Julep

Album: Colors of Latin Jazz ... Cha, Cha, Cha

Composer: Rudolph Toombs

Artist: Poncho Sanchez

Soloists: David Torres – organ and piano, Francisco Torres – bone

Recorded: 2004

12. One Mint Julep

Album: Anthology

Composer: Rudolph Toombs

Artist: Ray Charles with his Big Band

Soloist: Ray Charles – organ

Recorded: 1961

Ray Charles’ version was not the original but it was a #1 hit on the R&B charts in 1961.

13. La Fiesta

Album: Publisher’s Demo

Composer: Chick Corea/arranged: Michael Phillip Mossman

Recorded: 2010