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**Kevin Hays Trio, the newest release**

Posted by: eJazzNews Reader on Friday, August 25, 2006 - 12:22 PM

A subtle combination of the ability to innovatively re-adapt classical material and the technique to profoundly improvise over it: on **For Heaven's Sake**, jazz pianist **Kevin Hays** performs a selection of some of his favourite and most fundamental standards of the history of the jazz, revisited through Hays' very personal renderings, where he proves his fine penchant for arrangements, a mature awareness of his talent, a great sensitiveness and a high-levelled piano technique drawing close to names like Bill Evans and McCoy Tyner. Moreover, it provides a remarkable musical understanding among the members of the trio, appreciated bass player **Doug Weiss** and finest drummer **Bill Stewart**: that is why the present recording is really unique, also in respect of the previous works of the New York piano player.

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CD Reviews: Steve Wiest Big Band, "Excalibur"

Posted by: admin on Friday, August 25, 2006 - 12:20 PM

By Edward Blanco

Arabesque Recordings recently announced the release of *Excalibur*, the debut album from trombonist, composer and arranger Steve Wiest. *Excalibur* is an album of new and exciting big band music from an eighteen-piece ensemble providing a blistering big band sound and powerful orchestrations. Wiest serves as Director of Jazz Studies and Trombone at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and is currently touring with the Maynard Ferguson Big Bop Nouveau Big Band as a member. A seasoned musician, composer and arranger, Wiest contributes five original charts, provides the arrangements for all of the eight numbers and performs all of the trombone solos on this set.

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 PHILIPPE SAISSE TRIO - DO IT AGAIN (RENDEZVOUS)
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 EUGE GROOVE - CHILLAXIN' (NARADA JAZZ)
 NICK COLIONNE - ALWAYS THINKIN' OF YOU (NARADA JAZZ)
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CD Reviews: Billy Hart "Quartet" CD-2006 High Note

Posted by: admin on Friday, August 25, 2006 - 12:19 PM

Billy Hart is recognized as one of the finest small ensemble modern jazz drummers on the globe. He's a mover, shaker and a lyrically minded composer. With his quartet, Hart commandeers a high-impact session, consisting of multi-directional passages and memorably melodic choruses. In addition, saxophonist Mark Turner and pianist Ethan Iverson generate a complex sequence of call/response motifs amid an abundance of climactically designed dynamics. Hart's scope incorporates asymmetrical parts; fire and brimstone along with probing harmonic intervals that sustain repeated listens. A job well done, indeed... – Glenn Astarita

Billy Hart: drums; Mark Turner: tenor saxophone; Ethan Iverson: piano; Ben Street; bass.

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VOICES FOR HOSPICE

Posted by: editor on Friday, August 25, 2006 - 11:23 AM



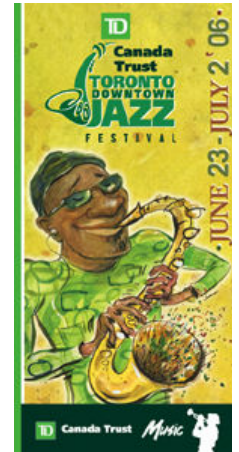
Well-known artists Bill King & the Jazz Divas perform with Men of Note Choir at November 14th Benefit Concert

Markham, ON – Evergreen Hospice is very pleased to announce that it's second annual VOICES FOR HOSPICE benefit concert will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, 7:30pm at Markham Theatre, 171 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham.

"We are thrilled to have this amazing line-up of performers for this year's concert," says Hal Hill, Producer of this year's VOICES FOR HOSPICE concert. "With such a diverse range of music being presented, there is certain to be something for everyone."

Concert guests will enjoy the sounds of:

Bill King – A multi-talented pianist-composer-publisher-photographer and Jazz FM 91.1 radio host who has numerous recording and production credits to his name. Bill has worked with legends like Oscar Peterson, Janis Joplin, The Pointer Sisters, Linda Ronstadt, Herbie Hancock and Martha Reeves. Bill is a driving force in promoting Canadian jazz and was instrumental in bringing together some of Canada's best women jazz artists to perform on the Real Diva I and II CD's.



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- 07:30 PM The Jazz Generation performs "Great Women of Jazz" (2:00)
- 09:00 AM Purchase Sumer Jazz Institute (14:00)
- 07:30 PM The Jazz Generation performs "Great Women of Jazz" (2:00)
- 07:45 PM Vince Seneri At Zanzibar Blue With Randy Brecker, Dave Valentin, & Paul Bollenback (0:00)
- 09:30 PM Y-Jazz Quartet featuring Christine for Billie Holiday tribute (3:00)

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