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Woodstock ~ Multnomah {East Meets West}

"Jazz In The Village"



It's amazing how many of us in Portland either work or live in or around the Woodstock and Multnomah neighborhoods.

Since that is the case, we thought it would be fun to introduce our sister communities to each other through the unique language of jazz.

The ones who will benefit the most are those that miss the thriving neighborhood jazz clubs like the Hobbit, Parchman Farm, Jazz de Opus, and Brasserie Montmartre. We are in the research and development phase of a one-of-a-kind jazz series that would make mainstream jazz a mainstay of our neighborhood music scene.

We are in search of jazz enthusiasts willing to make the trip across the Willamette River, east or west, to experience the very best that Portland jazz musicians have to offer. We are also looking for performers, nightspots, advertisers, radio stations, neighborhood businesses and corporate sponsors to help make this series a reality.

For weary travelers or those who haven't recently visited the "Other Side", maps, passports and green cards will be available at the door of each venue.

While we started with the notion of a monthly jazz event in each neighborhood, our latest goal is to have one great jazz event in Woodstock and Multnomah every week. It has been suggested that we stagger the events so that you can go to a Friday night gig in Woodstock (for example) and a Saturday night gig in Multnomah.

If you would like to be a part of this great celebration of the Portland jazz scene, please mail your proposal to the letterhead address. You can also e-mail "Jazz In the Village" promoter Don Snedecor at don@multnomahpost.com.

*These events will benefit the Jazz Society of Oregon. We are hoping to reestablish a retired-musicians fund. For more information about the Jazz Society, visit their website, www.jsोजazzscene.org. For a history of jazz in Portland, read the book and listen to the companion CD **Jump town: The Golden Years of Portland Jazz 1942-1957**. For a larger perspective on this musical genre we highly recommend the box DVD set of **Ken Burns' PBS series "Jazz."***

