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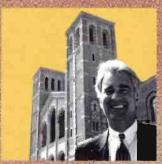
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MICHAEL BLACHLY, DIRECTOR OF UCLA PERFORMING ARTS, HAS A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON LIVE PERFORMANCE. WHILE ASSEMBLING THE REMARKABLE TALENTS FOR EACH SEASON'S PERFORMING ARTS SERIES MAY SEEM A DAUNTING TASK, MICHAEL HAS MANY OTHER HATS TO WEAR. AMONG THE MANY OTHER FACETS OF HIS CAREER, HE IS A PROFESSOR AT THE UCLA ANDERSON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, A MEMBER OF THE UCLA CHILD CARE SERVICES BOARD, SITS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, AND IS A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE OF ARTS ADMINISTRATORS.

WE ASKED MICHAEL TO GIVE US HIS IMPRESSIONS OF LIVE MUSIC PERFOR-MANCE, BOTH PAST AND FUTURE. HERE HE PRESENTS A FASCINATING LOOK AT THE STATE OF THE MODERN CONCERT EXPERIENCE.

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN THE WAVE AT SOME OF THE SMOOTH JAZZ CONCERT EVENTS OF 1999, ENJOY!



Michael Blachly Director of UCLA Performing Arts

BY MICHAEL BLACHLY

Presenting "pop" artists and attractions in a concert format has come a long way in the past thirty years. Prior to the mid 1960's most of the musical entertainment dollar being spent on live events was focused on dances. As an evolution from the Big Band era, musical artists that were making a living playing before live audiences were appearing on bandstands and in ballrooms across the country. As television began giving artists a concert-type profile with one or two songs being played on shows such as American Bandstand. The Ed Sullivan Show and other variety shows, the concert format gained an entree' into the minds of those seeking live music in their discretionary time. From this point forward, dances were joined by performances where audiences were seated and showing their appreciation for artists in ways other than moving to the latest hits.

These concerts were being presented by a small group of independent promoters, colleges, universities and private clubs. It was also during this period of time that racially mixed concert bills began being accepted in a wide range of cities. Up until then, most of the acts touring were racially segregated, as were the audiences. However, as the crossover between rock, pop, jazz and blues became blurred and young artists began incorporating elements of these diverse genres into their compositions and performances, the world of live concert entertainment opened even more widely than it had been. Concert

settings became a place where individuals were communicating with one another regardless of one's ethnicity.

new identity was established and the population attending live musical concerts was growing. Musical artists began evolving from the smaller ballrooms and clubs into larger arenas and stadiums. The large arena became more and more popular for the presentation of musical artists. Tours began adding technical support staff for handling lights, sound and special effects. Stage designs became more and more elaborate. Themes would define a tour based on an artist's most recent record. Support for the artist and the product was provided by record labels with the intent of keeping a record active on the charts during the time that the artist was performing in front of thousands of audience members nightly. Merchandise became a part of the touring economy in the form of commemorative tee shirts, sweatshirts, pins, hats, jackets, and other miscellaneous items based on the popularity and magnitude of the individual artist and his/her/their audience size and scope.

One outgrowth of this expansion has been the desire of many artists to again return to the smaller venues. One of the drawbacks identified by those performing in these large spaces is the lack of contact with the members of the audience that are present. The stages are often large in scale, distant from the first rows of the audience, separated by barricades and security personnel, and invisible due to the intensity of onstage lighting to illuminate the artist to all in the house. In addition, there is little artistic expression for those in the furthest reaches of these spaces as they cannot be seen or experienced from the stage at all. Indeed, an

attempt to extend the artist into these spaces has recently been electronically enhanced through the use of large screen video projections. In a somewhat strange and unique way, this is reminiscent of the early televised concert delivery to a mass audience. This, in part, led to the broad evolution of the concert environment that led to performers being removed from their audiences in the larger

THE RIGHT PLACES

Consequently, more and more intimate spaces such as those employed by The Wave Concert Series are finding success for both the artist and the audience. In particular, some of the mid-sized venues still have a sense of intimacy based on the design of the space. The Hollywood Bowl is one such location due to the effective design of the natural slope of the seating focused on a stage highlighted by natural environs and a dramatic architectural acoustical shell. Another such venue, although smaller in audience capacity is the Greek Theatre. The Greek is highlighted by effective sound and light reinforcement that can be modified for each touring ensemble without having to make substantial changes to the focal point that exists for the audience as they view the artist on stage.

Smaller sized performance spaces include UCLA's Royce Hall, The Cerritos Center for the Arts, Orange County Performing Arts Center and Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza. Each of these spaces creates an ambience for the artist and audience that relates to club engagements with the advantage of sophisticated sound and light enhancement that the larger stage setting in these theaters can accommodate. The formal concert environment also allows the performer to appear in a setting that is

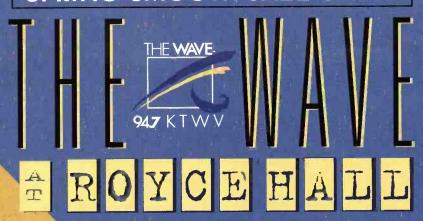
free of extraneous noise that can interfere with the performance.

s identified by the success of the Tenth Anniversary WAVE Concert in August of 1997, the UCLA Tennis Center proved that creative environments can be constructed to make an ideal setting. The incorporation of food, beverage, service and merchandise outlets within the venue yet away from the stage, proved that a concert can coexist alongside all of the elements that members of the audience want. In addition, seven thousand plus seats in an intimate arrangement gave the artist on stage and the members throughout the audience a sense of togetherness that enhanced the evening from both sides of the proscenium.

It is venues with care and concern towards both the performer and the audience member that are encouraging to those of us that grew up on the live concert performance. By reestablishing the close relationship between the stage and the seating, the connection that makes a performance more enjoyable for both parties can exist. As more and more artists indicate that this is the type of environment in which they want to appear, there will be greater incentive for audiences to grow in numbers.

Through The Wave's presentation of their artists in more intimate concert settings, a great service is being provided for all of us. Insight into what makes a good live performance experience for the artist and the audience is present. By utilizing smaller spaces, such as those that were being used some thirty-plus years ago, an artist and an audience member can, again, relate with one another through the common bond of music.

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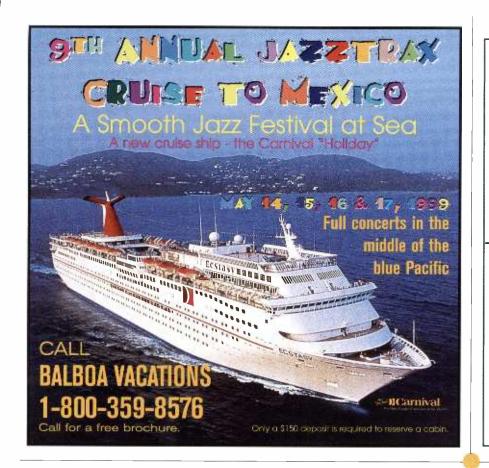
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Music Notes keeps its eyes on the artists that make the music. We'll let you in on what they're up to... on and off stage, so you can get a better picture of the people behind the music.

hen Kenny G releases an album, he usually takes up residency in the number one position on the Billboard Contemporary Jazz chart



for the next year or so. It has even been suggested that he get his own chart to make it fair for everyone else. This time around, his "Greatest Hits" collection stayed up there from late '97 through the better part of 1998. The record that broke the streak was Will Downing and Gerald Albright's collaboration, "Pleasures of the Night." That happened to be the second time Gerald Albright replaced Kenny G. Kenny got his big break for a solo career while he was the saxophonist for the leff Lorber Fusion. Kenny was signed to his own record deal while in the band and the rest is history. When Kenny left the band, Lorber replaced him with Gerald Albright, leff has also been instrumental in the careers of saxophonists Dave Koz, Eric Marienthal, Paul Taylor and the late Art Porter.

ow that Phil Collins has released his "best of" compilation entitled"... Hits," a bevy of R&B artists are now in the studio paying homage to those hits. Wyclef Jean, Montell Jordan, Warren G, loe and Coko Gamble are some of the arists recording tunes for the Collins tribute album due in the first half of this year. Gamble, who cut "Easy Lover" for the disc, says Collins "represents a time when music crossed color lines."

emember when albums were about the size and shape of this magazine? They had big cover art, big liner notes and a big black vinyl disc in the middle. Those days have been downsized and stuffed in a CD jewel box. You can bring back the smell, however. A company called Demeter markets 84 fragrances of, well, stuff, Dirt, leather, lobsters and paperback books are among their scents. They also re-produce the smell of record vinyl. Now you can buy that CD box-set of jazz classics, give it a spritzand it will smell as good as old.

ave Grusin and Larry Rosen met when they were both playing in Andy Williams' band. Grusin was the pianist and Rosen was the drummer. They went on to form

GRP Records, which stood for Grusin Rosen Productions. They have since sold the company and started a new recording label called N2K. The new owners of GRP kept the initials, but say they now stand for: Great Records Period.

hat saxophone riff in the Entertainment Tonight theme song is the reedwork of Everette Harp.

rian McKnight's brother Claude is a member of the group Take 6.

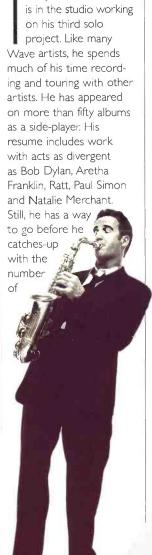
uitarist J.K.'s full name ■ is Joel Kipnis. He was born and raised in Paris, where his father, Claude worked as a professional mime. That may explain all the silent letters in his name.



n the last edition of Air Waves, we reported that guitarist Grant L Geissman wrote the definitive book on Mad Magazine collectables, called Collectibly Mad. We have since learned that the book is a collectable itself. The only copies still in print are two-hundreddollar limited editions signed by Geissman and the late Mad publisher William Gaines.



rumpeter Chris Botti on his third solo project. Like many Wave artists, he spends much of his time recordas Bob Dylan, Aretha Still, he has a way catches-up with the



Eric Marienthal

recordings on which guitarist Lee Ritenour has appeared. Lee can be heard on nearly two-thousand recordings as a studio musician. In fact, the two have even crossed paths, both contributing to Eric Marienthal's latest release, "Walk Tall."

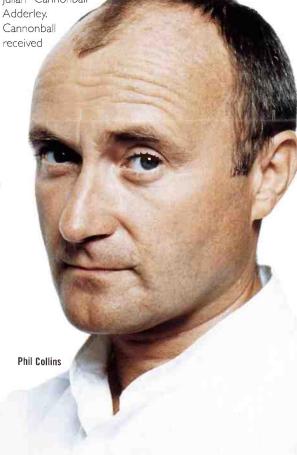
peaking of "Walk Tall," Eric's new CD is a tribute from one saxophonist to another. The album pays homage to one of the greatest alto saxophonists in jazz history, the late Iulian "Cannonball"



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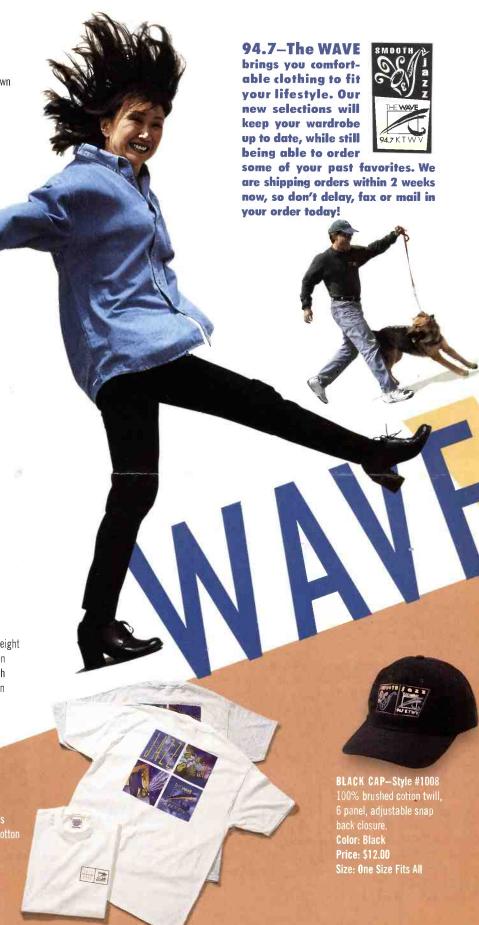
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The WAVE since 1994...but radio is not the only facet of her professional career. She's also been in the motion picture and TV industries for nearly as long as she's been in radio, and currently is part of the team that creates "Melrose Place."

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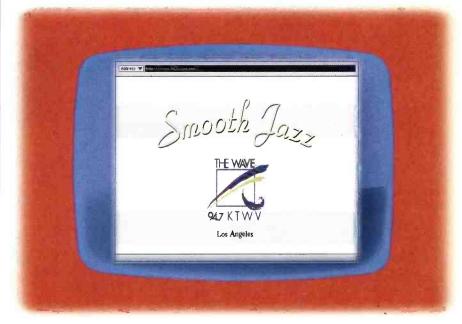
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