

## **Fifth Annual Jazz And Olive Festival**

On Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, the center of the arts-and-wine community of Los Olivos will again be filled with people eager to enjoy the annual Jazz and Olive Festival. Like last year's event, which drew 660 enthusiasts, the Festival will offer great food, wine, and, of course, live jazz.

Long known for its beautiful surroundings, art galleries, and restaurants, for the last five years Los Olivos has also been the site of the annual Jazz and Olive Festival. The ticket for this event lets participants enjoy the culinary art of thirty "O'chefs", taste the wonderful wines poured by twenty of the area's wineries, watch cooking demonstrations by professional chefs, and hear live jazz performed by nationally and internationally known musicians.

The "O" in O'Chef stands for olive-related, and each of these amateur or professional chefs prepares an olive-based specialty ranging from olive breads to hors d'oeuvres, which they offer with tastings of the wines for which the region is so well known.

And all of these palate pleasures are accompanied by the superb live jazz of Stefan Karlsson, Bob Sheppard, Mark Ferber, Tom Warrington and Larry Koonse. Enthusiasts who are not already familiar with the music of these artists can read their artistic bios below, or easily find their bios and accomplishments on the internet.

Those who arrive earlier in the day will be able to visit the Los Olivos art galleries and shops, or drive and bicycle through the Santa Ynez Valley's beautiful rolling hills, horse ranches and vineyards. At 1:00 p.m. they can enter the event area, receive their free souvenir wine glass and plate, and then move from canopy to canopy to sample the vintners' and chefs' offerings with music in the background, . Or they may take their plates and glasses to the shady seating areas in front of the band to focus on their artistry.

Tickets for this festival are only \$40 and last year's event drew 660 people. This year there will be a limit of 550 people, and those who are planning to attend are encouraged to purchase their tickets in advance from the Judith Hale Gallery in Los Olivos, or at the Book Loft in Solvang. People living outside the area may obtain tickets by downloading the order form from [www.losolivosrotary.com](http://www.losolivosrotary.com) and faxing the form to (805)325-2375, or by calling (805)325-2345.

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## Musician Biographies

**Stefan Karlsson-** is back again after last years fantastic performance on the piano. Stefan is a member of the Eddie Gomez trio and quartet, along with the legendary Jimmy Cobb. They tour frequently in Europe, Japan and the United States. In 1993 Stefan signed an exclusive agreement with Equity Music and his music has been featured in movies and television. His discography includes 54 recordings with seven CD's. He has performed with Herb Ellis, Jesse Davis, Clay Jenkins, Marc Johnson, Carl Fontana, Tom Warrington and many others. Stefan is a professor of music at the University of North Texas. He has also been part of the Stanford Jazz workshop since 1992 working as a clinician and performer. He lives in Denton, Texas with his wife and two children.

**Bob Sheppard-** The Jazz and Olive Festival is honored to have the saxophonist Bob Sheppard as part of this great group. Bob is best known as the sax player for Steely Dan. Currently he is a member of the Peter Erskine Trio. He toured with Chick Corea for two years and has played with Ricky Lee Jones, Manhattan Transfer, Elvis Costello, Randy Newman, Randy Brecker, Freddie Hubbard and Nat Adderly. Bob appeared as a featured soloist with Joni Mitchell and Steely Dan's World Tour 2000. In addition to being an accomplished saxophonist, he is an impressive multi-instrumentalist playing flutes, clarinet, and bass clarinet. As an educator, Bob is affiliated with the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music.

**Larry Koonse-** New to the Festival this year is guitarist Larry Koonse. Larry has been a featured soloist with the L.A. Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Boston Pops. He toured extensively with John Dankworth backing up Cleo Laine. He has toured with Wayne Marsh, Bob Brookmeyer, and has worked with Billy Childs, Eddie Daniels, Lee Konitz Bob Sheppard, Toots Theilman and many others. Larry is also a member of the Los Angeles-based Weller Brothers Band, and is co-leader of the Los Angeles Jazz Quartet. Larry also finds time to teach guitar at the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia.

**Tom Warrington-** Back again is the exciting and inventive bassist Tom Warrington. Tom is one of the busiest acoustic and electric bass players in Los Angeles. Tom began his career playing with Buddy Rich in New York City. He has worked with Stan Getz, Dave Liebman, Freddie Hubbard, Joe La Barbara, Mose Allison and Arturo Sandaval. Tom is heard on many movie and television scores, and is a featured artist on the soundtrack of Jodie Foster's "Little Man Tate". He has performed at the renowned Playboy Jazz Festival with Randy Brecker at the Hollywood Bowl. Tom teaches jazz music at UNLV, and has published a variety of musical and instructional materials for the rhythm section.

**Mark Ferber-** Mark also returns to The Jazz and Olive Festival as the drummer for this exciting group. Mark lives and performs in New York City and Los Angeles and he maintains an active international schedule. His playing credits include Lee Konitz, Dave Liebman, Don Byron, Norah Jones, Billy Childs, Bud Shank, and Larry Goldings. Mark can be heard on recent recordings with various artists on Soul Note, Fresh Sound/ New Talent, Sunnyside, Omnitone and Steeplechase Records. Mark is a part-time instructor for the City College of New York, and the School of Improvisational Music.