

The **2017 Amelia Island Jazz Festival** concerts promise to explode with exciting swinging jazz, played with passion, expertise and soul by many of today's leading jazz artists. This year's headliners are **Roseanna Vitro** with a vocal tribute to Ella Fitzgerald and international jazz flautist **Néstor Torres**. In addition we are proud to present the return of the hot and exciting Latin band, **Trio Caliente**.

"Come to the 2017 Amelia Island Jazz Festival and become part of an amazing jazz experience.

Each year's talent roster is the best line-up we can assemble and this year makes no exception!

Be prepared for extraordinary jazz music which includes our headliners and many other guest surprises."

-Les DeMerle, Artistic Director, Amelia Island Jazz Festival



"I feel honored to be selected as the official artist for the Amelia Island Jazz Festival. Listening to jazz and blues during the painting process gives me the energy to create intense artwork."

~Alfred "Alex" Gockel (2017 AIJF official artist) PARK WEST GALLERY

A not for profit 501(c)(3) corporation, the Les DeMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival distributes proceeds toward a scholarship program to fund college educations for aspiring jazz musicians and works to provide a rich, diverse azz offering to the Amelia Island area.



The Amelia Island Jazz Festival

provides a rich, diverse cultural offering to the Amelia Island area by exposing thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds to the sounds, excitement and vitality of great jazz — a uniquely American art form.

Music is performed by jazz greats as well as fresh, up-and-coming young talent.

Performances are staged in several venues around Amelia Island: the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, the newly opened Sandbar & Kitchen, Horizons Gourmet Restaurant, the Amelia Island Wine Company, Sliders Beach Bar & Grill as well as Amelia Park.

The cornerstone of the Festival is its **Educational Programs** led by Les **DeMerle**, the Festival's Artistic Director. These programs include Jazz in Schools, Jazz for Kids and Jazz for Seniors.

The Festival's educational programs culminate in the **Amelia Island Jazz Festival Scholarship**. This financial award goes to deserving high school musicians who demonstrate strong potential to perform jazz at the collegiate level.

2017 Artwork by Alfred "Alex" Gock

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Amelia Island Convention & Visitors Bureau 102 Centre Street Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 (904) 277-0717

> At the Door (If not sold out)

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Exciting Concerts, Clinics & Jam Sessions

October 8-15, 2017

Néstor Torres Jazz flautist Néstor was inspired by



and Tito Puente. He began studying flute at age 12. In 1981, he hooked up with a Latin act called Hansel and Rau and moved to Miami, where he's been based ever since.

people like Cal Tjader, Dave Brubeck,

Torres signed a multi-album contract with Polygram Records and released his first album "Morning Ride", in 1990, It was a Top Ten best-seller.

Torres' style is an exotic mix that takes the listener through American. Brazilian, and Afro-Cuban jazz. In 1994, Torres recorded "Burning Whispers" for Sony Latin Jazz, a newly formed label; albums like "Talk to Me" and "Treasures of the Heart" followed by "Shanachie" and "This Side of Paradise".

Roseanna Vitro



Roseanna is a soulful communicator, showcasing a thirst for swinging hard and possessing an ear for melodic invention. Her strengths include rhythmic acuity and freespirited spontaneity, often heard in her improvisations, using both scat syllables and lyrics.

Ms. Vitro's signature energy and grace can be heard on a host of recordings.

Her show at the 2017 Amelia Island Jazz Festival is a tribute to the 100th birthday of Ella Fitzgerald.



Les DeMerle & **Bonnie Eisele**

The Dynamic Les DeMerle Band with Bonnie Eisele

Renowned drummer, band leader and Jazz Festival Artistic Director, Les has played with Harry James and The Manhattan Transfer. In the words of Downbeat magazine. DeMerle and powerhouse vocalist. Bonnie Eisele, are: "Upbeat from the downbeat, one of the most exciting acts on the jazz scene today".

2017 Schedule of Concerts & Events



Sunday, October 8 • 2 - 4 pm Jazz in the Park - Free Concert at Amelia Park

Park Street near the YMCA (between 14th and Citrona. Fernandina Beach, FL) Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. BBQ available by Gilbert's Underground Kitchen

Featuring: the exciting **21** piece University of North Florida Jazz Ensemble II directed by Dennis Marks

Monday, October 9 • 7 - 9 pm Jazz Festival Sponsor Party

Horizons Gourmet Restaurant 5472 First Coast Hwy, - Amelia Island, FL

A very special evening is hosted by Les DeMerle - drums and Bonnie Eisele vocals, plus special guests.

By invitation only for Bronze Saxophone Sponsors and above

Go online and become a Saxophone Sponsor Today!

Tuesday, October 10 • 5 - 7 pm

Wine Tasting & Jazz

The Amelia Island Wine Company 4924 First Coast Highway, Suite 1 - Amelia Island, FL 32034

Featuring: Multi Instrumentalist Bill Prince - Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet & Flute and Doug Matthews - Piano

Hosted by AIJF Artistic Director Les DeMerle - Drums

Tickets: \$30 per person

Concert events are open seating. VIP tickets guarantee seating	VIP Jazz Passes available online
within the front row sections.	\$252 (\$280 Value)
All ticket levels include access to	access to all General Admission events (except the 'Sponsor Party' - Oct. 9)
the Jam Session. Schedule subject to change	www.ameliaislandjazzfestival.com

Wednesday, October 11 • 7 - 10 pm

Jump, Jive And Wail/Swing Night Concert & Dance

The Sandbar & Kitchen (formerly Sandy Bottoms) 2910 Atlantic Ave. - Fernandina Beach, FL - Main Beach

Featuring: The Dynamic Les DeMerle Little Big Band with Bonnie Eisele - vocals, Steve Strawley - trumpet,

Clarence Hines - trombone. Al Waters - saxophone, Doug Matthews - piano. Ernie Ealum - bass. Les DeMerle - drums

Tickets: \$30 per person (Cash Bar - Food Available)

Thursday, October 12 • 7 - 10 pm

Hot Latin Jazz - Concert & Dance

2910 Atlantic Ave. - Fernandina Beach, FL - Main Beach

Roseanna Vitro - A Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald

Fernandina Beach Golf Club 2800 Bill Melton Road - Fernandina Beach

Starring: Roseanna Vitro, a soulful communicator, showcasing a thirst for swinging hard and possessing an ear for melodic invention. Tonight she dedicates her vocal talents to Ella Fitzgerald.

Also featuring ART OF THE TRIO with special guests The Les DeMerle Trio - Les DeMerle drums, Mike Levine - piano, Dennis Marks - bass

10:30 pm - 'til...

Late Nite Jam at "Dizzy's Den"

Sliders Beach Bar & Grill (upstairs) 1998 S. Fletcher Ave. - Fernandina Beach

Bebop, Blues & Beyond by FSU Jazz Ensemble with Kevin Jones

Late Nite Jam Sesson \$20 per person

(Snacks and Beverages available)

General Admission \$45 per person

VIP \$65 per person

(includes Late Nite Jam)

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Saturday, October 14 • 7 - 10 pm

Néstor Torres in Concert

Fernandina Beach Golf Club 2800 Bill Melton Road - Fernandina Beach

Starring: Grammy Award winning Néstor Torres' rhythmic and mellifluous flute sound remains apart in a class all by itself.

Also featuring ART OF THE TRIO with special guests The Les DeMerle Trio - Les DeMerle - drums, Mike Levine - piano, Dennis Marks - bass with special guest Bonnie Eisele vocals, Sam Rodriguez - percussion

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Sunday, October 15

Seating 1: 11 am • Seating 2: 1 pm

Dixie to Swing Jazz Brunch at Horizons

Horizons Gourmet Restaurant 5472 First Coast Hwy, - Amelia Island, FL 32034

Featuring: The Spare Rib Six, J.B. Scott - trumpet Bill Prince - clarinet, Dave Steinmeyer - trombone, Mike Levine piano, Dennis Marks - bass, Les DeMerle - drums plus Bonnie Eisele - vocals and Special Guests

Tickets: \$60 per person (Includes Special Jazz Festival Menu. Cash bar available)







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Scholarship Winner

VIP \$65 per person

(includes Late Nite Jam)

Dynamic Les DeMerle

Little Big Band

The Sandbar & Kitchen (formerly Sandy Bottoms)

Featuring: Trio Caliente - Flamenco,

Tickets: \$30 per person (Cash Bar - Food Available)

Friday, October 13 • 7 - 10 pm











