Jack Kleinsinger Presents Highlights in Jazz!

In cooperation with NYU program board

Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 8pm

A CONCERT for SATCHMO

Bobby Hackett • Vic Dickenson
Herb Hall • Marty Napoleon
Arvell Shaw • Oliver Jackson
and Brooks Kerr

Guest of Honor:
MRS. LOUIS ARMSTRONG

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566 La Guardia Place at Washington Sq. South
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Tribute to Satchmo

Jack Kleinsinger's Highlights In Jazz paid tribute to the immortal Louis Armstrong with a Concert for Satchmo at New York University's Loeb Student Center.

The guest of honor was Mrs. Lucille Armstrong, who reminisced about her life with Louis on stage with Billie Conover, of the Voice of America. Musicians who appeared at the event included those who were associated in some way with Satchmo through the years.

They were: Bobby Hackett, trumpet; Vic Dickenson, trombone; Herb Hall, clarinet; Marty Napoleon, piano; Arvell Shaw, bass; Oliver Jackson, drums; and guest artists: trumpetist Doc Cheatham and pianist Brooks Kerr. The entire concert was broadcast by the Voice of America.

On Broadway

By Allan McMillan

The Voice of America will record Jack Kleinsinger's "Highlights In Jazz" concert titled "A Concert For Satchmo." The guest of honor will be Satchmo's wife, Lucille Armstrong. Musicians who will be paying tribute to the great trumpeter are Bobby Hackett, Herb Hall, Vic Dickenson, Marty Napoleon, Arvell Shaw, Oliver Jackson and Brooks Kerr. The event takes place at NYU's Loeb Student Center on January 7th at 8 P.M.

Satchmo To Be Honored

On January 7, 1976 Jack Kleinsinger's "Highlights In Jazz!" will pay tribute to jazzdom's most revered personality by presenting a concert to Louis Armstrong. Guest of Honor that night will be Mrs. Lucille Armstrong, who was married to Satchmo for thirty-two years.

Musicians who will be appearing include those who were associated in some way with Louis through the years. They are: Bobby Hackett (trumpet), Vic Dickenson (trombone), Herb Hall (clarinet), Marty Napoleon (piano), Arvell Shaw (bass), Oliver Jackson (drums) and guest pianist Brooks Kerr.

The concert will take place at 8:00 P.M. at NYU's Loeb Student Center, 566 LaGuardia Place (Eisner & Lubin Auditorium), at Washington Square South, NYC. Tickets are $5.00, $4.00 for students and $2.50 for students to the student balcony.
LOUIS ARMSTRONG TRIBUTE
BRINGS OUT JAZZ GREATS

BY ED WATKINS

The new year in jazz started out just fine before the first week was over with "A Concert for Satchmo" at NYU. Besides the all-star jazzmen onstage, the audience included everyone from Maxine Sullivan and Johna Jones to 92-years-young Eubie Blake.

Before the occasion the musicians were those who had worked closely with Satchmo at one time or another: Bobby Hackett on trumpet, Vic Dickenson on trombone, Marty Napoleon on piano, Oliver Jackson on drums, and Arvell Shaw on bass. In addition, Herb Hall was on hand with his mellotone clarinet and 22-year-old Brooks Kerr tickled the ivories, singing the songs Louis used to sing with the words that only he used.

The group started off in high with Louis' own "Struttin' with Some Barbecue." Pretty soon Arvell Shaw was out in front playing bass guitar and scattin' his way through Gershwin's "Summertime" in a way that drove the crowd wild. Surprise guest Doc Cheatham came out to play one of the sweetest trumpets this side of jazz heaven. He was soon joined by other great trumpet, Bobby Hackett himself, and the entire group swung out on "Back Home Again in Indiana."

Guest of honor Mrs. Louis Armstrong led off the second half of the program as she conversed onstage with Willie Conover of the Voice of America (the historic occasion is being air-dated overseas). Lucille reminisced about Louis' touchings and humorous and then brought Eubie Blake up from the audience to accept a Satchmo Memorial Medal. She also presented impresario Jack Kleinsinger with a personal memento.

The audience shouted for Eubie to play, and sure enough he sat down at the piano and launched into his own "Classical Rag" followed by excerpts from Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and "The Man I Love." The whole audience stood up and applauded.

It was a hard act to follow, but the group returned to solo swing "You Know You Can Count On Me," with dapper, debonair Oliver Jackson particularly delightful on drums. Vic Dickenson next proved that he could not only "Wrap Your Troubles In Dreams" with his trombone but also with his husky, rhythm voice.

Marty Napoleon played a nifty piano on one of Louis' favorites, "St. Louis Blues," and the tribute ended warmly and appropriately with "Home," "When the Saints," and "Sleepytime Down South." Satchmo himself looked down and smiled.

"A CONCERT FOR SATCHMO": Bobby Hackett and his trumpet will join a contingent of jazz greats in a tribute to Louis Armstrong Jan. 7 at 8 p.m. at N.Y.U.'s Loeb Student Center, Washington Square South. Guest of honor will be Mrs. Lucille Armstrong, widow of the late great entertainer who lived in Corona.
At Loeb Center...  
A Tribute to Louis Armstrong  

By JOE KLEE

Louis Armstrong was a legend in his own time. He was a performer applauded by audiences, respected by musicians, and decorated by royalty while he was still here to enjoy it.

Since his death there have been many tributes to Satchmo. Some were doomed to failure because they set out to imitate the great Satchmo—and there is no way to imitate a performer of Armstrong’s caliber.

Recently, though, there was a tribute to Armstrong that did itself proud—Jack Kleinsinger’s Highlights in Jazz program at Loeb Student Center of New York University held earlier this month. There is no jazz musician whose playing has not been influenced either directly or indirectly by Armstrong or his disciples. They sometimes restrict themselves to Louis’s repertoire or sometimes they just jam.

With musicians like Bobby Hackett, Vic Dickenson, Herb Hall, Mary Napoleon, Arvell Shaw, Oliver Jackson, Doc Cheatham and Brooks Kerr, there could be no doubt about their capabilities. If anyone of the players were not at the top of his form, it can be charged to the emotionality of the occasion.

The important thing was that these musicians, like Armstrong, realized that the real strength of traditional jazz is to be found in those polyphonic improvised ensembles that used to knock us out at Jimmy Ryan’s or Nick’s or The Central Plaza. Sure there were solos. Some of them, particularly Vic Dickenson’s trombone work on “Wrap Your Troubles In Dreams,” were indeed highly commendable but when that ensemble of Louis’s jumped into “Back Home Again In Indiana,” “You Can Depend On Me,” of the obligatory “When The Saints Go Marching In...” these were the special joys of the evening. A particularly touching note was provided by Hackett who, while trading choruses with Doc on “Indiana,” quoted from “Nobody Else But You,” an early hit record for Louis Armstrong.

Brooks Kerr, young pianist and singer whose group has been the house band at Gregory’s for more than a year, covered the vocal Louis. I question his inclusion of the minstrel-show-esque “Me and Brother Bill” in place of such possible gems as “Georgea Bo Bo” or “Heebie Jeebies.” Or, if the minstrel show type theme is necesary, Louis and Zilmer Randolph wrote a much better one than “Brother Bill” in “Ol’ Man Mose.”

There was no need to question Kerr’s performance. Without aping Louis’s vocal sound, he had mastered Satchmo’s timing, phrasing and inflection.

Ms. Lucille Armstrong, a very gracious lady possessing much of her late husband’s charm, was interviewed by Voice of America’s Willis Conover and gave some interesting glimpses into the private Louis Armstrong.

W.K.C.R.’s top jazz disk jockey, Phil Schaap, who runs the sound for Highlights in Jazz prepared a tape of highlights from Louis Armstrong’s recorded career played before the show and during intermission. The live music on stage kept pace with the excellence of the music on the tape; but while no one was looking, drummer Oliver Jackson stole the show. His supporting role throughout the program was little short of marvelous and when he did get around to a drum solo in the closing “Saints” it was well-grounded in the tradition of Zutty Singleton and Sid Catlett and other drummers who had been part of Louis Armstrong’s career.

And somewhere in the vast sun-soaked spaces above Loeb Student Center a gravel voice was heard to say “Oh, Yeah.”

The Voice of America will broadcast Jack Kleinsinger’s “Highlights in Jazz” concert, “A Concert For Satchmo,” which takes place at New York Univ., Jan. 7. Guest of honor will be Lucille Armstrong, with music furnished by Bobby Hackett, Vic Dickenson, Herb Hall, Marty Napoleon, Arvell Shaw, Oliver Jackson and Brooks Kerr.
"A Concert for Satchmo"

Folks, believe me when I tell you Jack Kleinsinger really produced a marvelous concert for Louis Armstrong Wed., Jan. 7, 1976 at N.Y. University. The weather was falling but it didn’t stop the great fans of Satchmo’s from attending the concert. The auditorium was filled to capacity.

The concert for Satchmo was well organized, and I must extend sincere congratulations to the wonderful musicians who were: Bobby Hackett, Vic Dickenson, Herb Hall, Oliver Jackson, and Brooks Kerr.

Piano stylist Brooks Kerr did a sentimental piano solo in tribute to Satchmo. Brooks played some of Louis’ compositions that haven’t been heard before such as: “Me and Brother Bill,” recorded 1938; “Back in Town Blues,” and others.

Brooks Kerr is a very young musician, but likes to play and hang out with the older musicians. He’s smart because they’re very informative to him. Brooks told us a story told to him by Jack Bradley, Director of the Jazz Museum in New York at the Empire Hotel (Lincoln Center). Brooks said Jack said in 1931 Satchmo visited Memphis, Tenn., and during that time the racial scene was not too good. So Louis and his group played there and Pops dedicated a tune to the chief of police of the city and what do you think the tune was? “I’ll Be Glad When You’re Dead You Rascal You.” (Smiles)

One of the great highlights of “A Concert for Satchmo” was when Willis Conover (radio personality of the Voice of America) introduced Mrs. Louis Armstrong who was Guest of Honor, after which both of them sat on the stage and Mr. Conover did a very informal relaxed interview with Mrs. Armstrong—without notes which was most effective.

One of the questions asked Mrs. Armstrong by Mr. Conover was, “What kind of person was Louis?” Mrs. Armstrong’s reply was, “Louis was very gentle and soft and slow to anger, but when he did get angry he crumbled!!” Mrs. Armstrong also spoke of how Louis loved people and would answer all of his fan mail personally.

“A Concert for Satchmo” was simply marvelous.” I wish the concert could be repeated, and we congratulate all the people who made it possible and the folks who came from far and near in the rain to pay tribute to one of the world’s greatest artists, Mr. Louis Armstrong. As our darling Mrs. Louis Armstrong said at the concert, “One day we hope to see a statue of Louis on Broadway.” Wouldn’t that be wonderful!!

Mr. Kleinsinger’s next great jazz highlights on Broadway will be Wed., March 17 at N.Y.U., “Accent on Percussion,” featuring such greats as Tony Williams, one of America’s favorite drummers, with Sonny Fortune, Lew Soloff and Eddie Gomez along with Ray Barretto, Latin soul brother No. One with Eddy Martinez and Patti Wicks. Information: 598-3757. Get your tickets before they all get away!

Jack Kleinsinger happens to be one of the most dedicated individuals on the jazz scene and works very hard in cooperation with N.Y.U. program board to bring to the people the very best Highlights of Jazz, featuring the best jazz artists in the country. Jack, we love you and appreciate what you’re doing for the betterment of our beautiful art form “Jazz”!! We wish you and associates a very healthy and happy new year!
"A CONCERT FOR SATCHMO"

What better way to celebrate the start of America's bicentennial year than with a "Concert for Satchmo," A Goodwill Ambassador throughout his lifetime, Louis was also a 4th of July baby, born at the turn of the century.

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Musicians who will be appearing at the event include those who were associated in some way with Louis through the years. They are: Bobby Hackett (trumpet), Vic Dickinson (trombone), Herb Hall (clarinet), Marty Napoleon (piano), Arvel Shaw (bass), Oliver Jackson (drums) and guest pianist Brooks Kerr.

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Vic Dickenson

SOHO WEEKLY NEWS

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Two recent Hollis Frampton films, Vernal Equinox and Summer Solstice, open in a most minimal manner. (At the Whitney Museum, 945 Madison Ave., through Jan. 13, beginning at noon daily, $1 admission, 794-0680). Then the films of Milos Forman may titillate you with Forman's new wave of the Sixties, ironic style, humor and social perceptions. Hot on the heels of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, 1000 Eyes pulled together two film evenings of Milos: Black Peter and Loves of a Blonde (tonight) and Firemen's Ball and Taking Off (Jan. 14). (At Carnegie Hall Cinema, 887 Seventh Ave., noon on, $2.50 757-2131). Jazz fans consider a Concert for Satchmo, several Louis Armstrong-esque musicians gather to play tribute to the good will Ambassador. (At NYU's Loeb Student Center, 566 LaGuardia Pl., 8 p.m., $4-$5, 598-3757).
To Jack:
With Thanks & Many Happy New Years

Bobby Hackett
To Jack -
A good friend &
Wonderful Chap
Sincerely
Marty Napoleon