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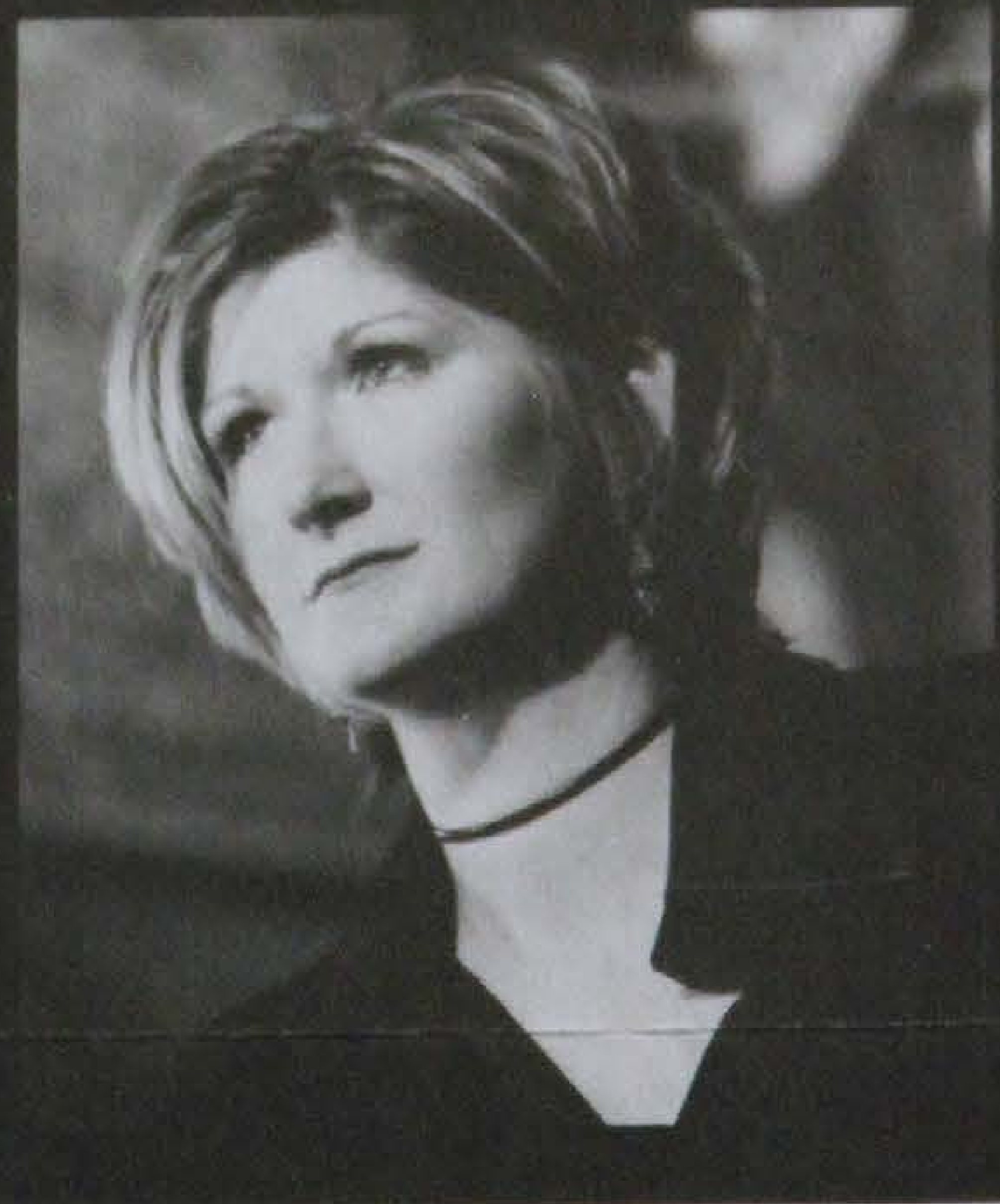
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**THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2003 - 8 P.M.**

**I Love a Piano**



**McCoy  
TYNER**



**Dena  
DeROSE  
Trio**

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# WOMEN IN JAZZ

By Elzy Kolb



Dena DeRose

**HOT OFF THE PRESS:** SHEILA ANDERSON, host of WBGO's "Sunday Morning Harmony," and Manhattan Cable's "The Art of Jazz," has a fun new book, "The Quotable Musician: From Bach to Tupac" (Allworth Press). Sheila says, "Musicians are the funniest, irreverent, most down-to-earth people," which made it hard to narrow the material to about 1,000 quotes. However, "I went out of my way to find quotes by women. It's a male-dominated industry, but men are not the only ones with something to say."

**May Tributes:** The sublime pianist/composer/arranger Mary Lou Williams was born May 8, 1910. Pianists Joanne Brackeen, Bertha Hope and Francesca Tanksley honor her memory 5/30 at Tribeca Performing Arts Center. (Tuba icon Howard Johnson introduced me to Francesca about five minutes after I moved to New York, back in the day. She immediately became a favorite, and just keeps sounding better. Her first CD as a leader, "Journey" [Dreamcaller], is popping up on radio play lists.) ... Pianist Renee Rosnes fronts her own

trio at the annual Mary Lou Williams fest in Washington, 5/9; she appears with Jim Snidero's group at Smoke 5/2-3. Renee sounds good on two new CDs: The Drummonds' "Pas de Trois," [TrueLife], and Snidero's "Strings" [Milestone]. ... Celebrate the life of vocal pioneer Jeanne Lee at Vision Fest, 5/21-26; pianist Amina Claudine Myers is among the featured artists. Visionfestival.org has the complete schedule.

**Scene:** Trumpeter Ingrid Jensen co-leads Project O at the 55 Bar 5/25. The band's CD, "Now as Then" (Justin Time), will be out 6/10. Ingrid says they'll record the 55 gig, it may be Project O's next release. ... Pianist/singer Dena DeRose and her trio-plus-one appear 5/15 at Pace University's Highlights in Jazz series. The "plus one" is legend McCoy Tyner. Dena's latest CD, "Love's Holiday," (SharpNine) blends standards and originals. ... On her new CD, "Arise," pianist Lynne Arriale delivers a great version of "American Woman." Who knew this rock chestnut could sound so good? Lynne's at the Jazz Standard 5/17-18.

**Heard:** Also new: "Chasing Paint," (Arabesque) by saxophonist/composer Jane Ira Bloom, inspired by artist Jackson Pollack. ... "Rezos," from singer/composer Bobi Cespedes (SixDegrees). ... "Obbligato," Mary LaRose sings material ranging from Ayler to Bjork (CIMP).



Jane Ira Bloom

## HIGHLIGHTS IN JAZZ

### PACE UNIVERSITY DOWNTOWN/MAY 15

The theme of this month's show is "I Love a Piano," and you couldn't find more diverse talents on the same instrument if you tried. Pianist/singer Dena DeRose's status as an overnight sensation was hard won over the course of a dozen years. Bouts with arthritis and carpal tunnel syndrome forever changed her playing style and unintentionally created a unique singer, while scuffling for gigs in New York further steeled her determination to succeed. Pianist McCoy Tyner is one of the few great jazz musicians to be commonly identified by his first name. Now 64, he hasn't quite reached elder statesman status, but is constantly honored by fans and his peers. As always, a "surprise guest" is promised, but how he or she will follow these two is anyone's guess. MS

