Jack Kleinsinger Presents
Highlights in Jazz!
In cooperation with NYU program board

Monday, April 21st -- 8 P.M.

SOPRANO
SUMMIT

BOB WILBER / KENNY DAVERN

George Duvivier
Bob Rosengarden
Marty Grosz

The Great
Ellington
Reunion

AL HIBBLER
Sonny Greer
Russell Procope
Francis Williams
Brooks Kerr

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566 La Guardia Place at Washington Sq. South
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**Theater**

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OFF-OFF BROADWAY FESTIVAL — A two-hour street performance at noon in Duffy Square on April 21 will inaugurate the sale of tickets for the annual Off-Off Broadway Festival of plays. Festival tickets, called Passport, are on sale now in town. The $5 Passport contains admissions to no fewer than 20 shows during the two-week festival, which runs from May 3 to 18. The Off-Broadway theater in which the events are held is at 70T W. 41st St., between 7th and 8th Aves.

**Dance**

11, 12

DANCING IN THE SPRING — Dance performances are blossoming everywhere like spring flowers. Alvin Ailey's City Center-Dance Theater started kicking up its heels last week. This week, both arriving on the same night were the Ballet Russe de France, with a two-week engagement at the Metropolitan Opera House, and Arthur Mitchell's Juilliard Theater of Harlem, for a three-week engagement at the Uris (opening-night gala will have Marian Anderson, Brook Peters, Olga Tseyon, Aretha Franklin and Shirley Verrett taking part). In addition, there's the Broadway Festival of Dance at RKF Theater, this week featuring the New York City Ballet.

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**Music**

13, 20, 22, 24

JAZZ TRIBUTE — The Great Ellington Reunion, the first of a couple of jazz tributes this week, will be held tomorrow at the Brooklyn Bowl, 109-35 67th Rd., Corona, Queens. NYU's Loeb Student Center. Brooks Kerr, who resides at the keyboard, is uniquely qualified to conduct the tribute. At the age of 12, Kerr had the entire repertory of Duke Ellington at his fingertips and today he is regarded as the Ellington authority. (The Duke himself wishes he had to call Kerr for an argument about which key one of his pieces was written in.) Today, at 2, he will play, and will continue until the wee hours. The New York Jazz Association's 15th anniversary, which will pay tribute to the Rev. John Gensel, will be held at 7. The Rev. Gensel, from St. Peter's Church, is the pastor of New York's jazz community. He has inspired the music of many jazz musicians (e.g., John Coltrane and Duke Ellington) and is a leader in the religion of jazz. The congregation of the Freezer will include Lonnie Johnson, the Zoot Sims Quartet, Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers, and many more.

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**Art**

26, 27, 30

LODOW SNOWDON'S PHOTOS — Tony Snowdon, the weekly photographer who married his way into the British royal family, may not be the greatest photographer of his generation, but he has been around a good deal and snapped his shutter at everything from white whales to glamorous women and even scuba divers in mental hospitals. An exhibit entitled "Assignments," including more than 250 of his pictures taken for leading magazines and newspapers over the past 38 years, will open Wednesday at B. Altman & Company. Lords Snowdon will personally meet the public on opening day, as well as on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at appointed hours.

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**Children**

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**Miscellany**

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PETROSAUR — A startling sight meets the eye of visitors to the Museum of Natural History these days. Dangling in the towered dome of the Roosevelt Rotunda is a hastily-made replica of the pterodactyl, an extinct flying reptile that shared the world with the dinosaur some 150 million years ago. This enormous but astonishingly graceful creature, whose remains were recently discovered in Texas, has not impressed. Consider that the wingspan of a F-4 Phantom interceptor is a mere 33 feet, 5 inches.

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**TV-Radio**

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**Hot Line**

New York: He's back, singing as only he can. The one and only AL HIBBER returns to the spotlight at a guest appearance at the Great Ellington Reunion program, sponsored by Jack Kleinsinger as part of his "Highlights in Jazz" series at the New York University. Monday, April 21, 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the box-office of the New York University Student Center, 656 La Guardia Place, at Washington Square South.

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**Ellington's Music at NYU**

The Brooklyn, New York, University, Loeb Student Center, and Washington Square Park will present a concert of Ellington's music on Tuesday, April 22. The program, 75 Years of Jazz, has been prepared for bi-centennial presentation. It's a fun-raising event and the $5 hard ticket will enable you to other events in the future. (Open rehearsals, jam sessions, etc.)

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**New York**

Telephone lines: this week's principal means of communication with clubs, were wiped out in a fire, so for updated info call JAZZLINE: 721-4711-3592. The shows are off June 7 for a week with Lionel Hampton, Dave Brubeck, Mercer Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Earl Fatha Hines, Carmen McRae, and the proverbial many more. For more information call near sell-out at this writing. The New York Jazz Repertory Company will present a concert at Carnegie Hall, April 18. The program, 75 Years of Jazz, has been prepared for bi-centennial presentation. It's a fun-raising event and the $5 hard ticket will enable you to other events in the future (open rehearsals, jam sessions, etc.)

Jack Kleinsinger's "Highlights in Jazz" will present Soprano Summit of Bob Wilber and Kenny Davern. Also on the bill will be the Great Ellington Reunion with Brooks Kerr, Russell Procope, Sonny Greer and Francis Williams, and Al Hibber. That's at the New York University Student Center, April 21. The Village Vanguard presents the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis Jazz Orchestra. The Brooklyn Brass in Norman Connors and Jean Carn April 9-12. Charlie Rouse Quintet April 14-15. Cedar Walton and the Nature of Sound. Aire, will be at Fisher Hall April 13. Freddie Hubbard and Novelia Nelson do a concert April 20. The second of Town Hall's...
To Jack
Luck alone
Angelo

[Image of a man in a suit and tie]
JAZZ RIFFS
Yvonne Fabri

THE PAST LIVES ON

As you've probably noticed, many of the jazz events these days are nostalgically oriented by the comebacks of old "greats" or by tributes to the giants. I have many psycho-social theories about why our modern times have reverted to an historical replay but I'll leave that rap for an article in itself (or for your ideas which I'd love to hear). One major event that undeniably set the wheels in motion in the music-revival business was the death of Duke Ellington, a household name, a man who had lived through so many eras with continued success and popularity. The loss of our musical master somehow brought to light the virtue of the legacy he and so many of his contemporaries bequeathed us.

What more fitting tribute could have been arranged than "The Great Ellington Reunion", presented as part of a twofold bill by Jack Kleinsinger at New York University last Monday evening? Five out of six members of the group were former Ellingtonites and the sixth (Brooks Kerr), who sat on the Duke's throne at the keyboard, has known the entire Ellington repertoire since age nine. Frank Williams, the mainstay of the Ellington trumpet section of the mid-forties, played the meatiest mutes in town, while Russell Procol, clarinet and alto sax player, held on to the final note of "The Mooche" with the baddest breath going (that's a compliment). Sonny Greer is still the cool drummer who brushes and beats on his double-snared drum set with second-nature kind of ease and has the control to refrain from quantitative overplaying even when it comes to tempi blocks. Aaron Bill played some good supportive bass lines but remained relatively in the background, as many bass players tend to do (another lengthy topic requiring investigation). Especially noteworthy was a vocal by Kerr called "If You Can't Hold The Man You Love, Don't Cry When He's Gone". This was more exciting than most of the low-key numbers in which the absence of Ellington's energetic spirit were noticeably experienced. The later addition of singer Al Hibbler brought back fond memories of great tunes of old, but it just did not lay right. The highest element of enjoyment was the recollection of Edward Kennedy Ellington's great effect on our musical heritage. It seems fitting that April 29th, his birthday, has been set aside as Ellington Day.

Preceding a break was an interlude in which Peter Dean, a former manager, did a few tunes with some of the Soprano Summit (second group on the program) members. He came on singing "Nuts About Screwy Music" and performed in keeping with this theme. I personally could have done far better without this and I assume the squirming audience felt likewise.

The Soprano Summit came on as a surprising and welcome boost to the energy of the evening. Bob Wilber and Ken Davern played soprano saxes and clarinet superbly with Marty Grosz excellently on rhythm guitar and ukelele. Drummer Bobbie Rosengarten and bassist George Duvivier completed the high quality of the swinging soiree that raised the roof. The music was old New Orleans horn tunes of Sidney Bechet, Jimmy Noone, etc., which were refreshingly presented with a whole new sound that was spirited and uplifting. The arrangements were very structured, charted and rehearsed but the sweet sounds flowed and filled each moment with such admirably peaked precision that the lack of spontaneity was not missed. Soprano Summit has released its first album on the World Jazz label - a must for every collection. Kick off your shoes in preparation - the beat is irresistible! Good Chops! Good Sounds! Good Going!
HIBBLER CLIMAXES
MAGIC MONTH IN JAZZ

By Ed Watkins

April not only brought May flowers (and I'm out looking for 'em), but it brought jazz in infinite abundance and variety. Which was right on the beam nature-wise since April was officially designated Jazz Month in New York and even ended up with Duke Ellington Day in New York City.

And speaking of the Duke, the man for whom he wrote many a song, Al Hibbler, returned to the spotlight April 21st singing as inimitably as ever before a packed NYU "Highlights in Jazz" audience. The Great Ellington Reunion, as it was called, not only brought back the jazz greats and lots of Ellingtonia but contributed to my own personal collection of magical moments of the month.

Sonny Greer performing on drums at NYU. Mr. Nonchalance himself — this man is really tops in taps, the Bojangle or Astaire of percussion. And, at the same concert, the irrepressible Peter Dean singing and wriggling through "Dr. Jazz," making it once again the classic it is. To top off that night, the show-stopping Soprano Summit doing things like "Oh, Sister, Ain't That Hot!" (If you haven't heard this group, give a listen to their new World Jazz disk.)