Thursday, October 11th
8:00 P.M.

RETURN OF THE JAM SESSION

Billy Taylor • Herb Ellis
Al Grey • Buddy Tate
George Duvivier • Joe Morello

at N.Y.U. Loeb Student Center
566 LaGuardia Pl. at Washington Sq. South  Tel. 598-2027
Tickets: $7.50
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Music: Jazz Highlights: Armstrong to Gillespie

The 12th season of the "Highlights in Jazz" series got off to a brilliant start Thursday evening at the Loeb Auditorium with a program that covered such basic contributors to the jazz repertory as Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Coleman Hawkins and Dizzy Gillespie.

The evening was not initially intended to be such an overview of jazz history. Jack Kleinsinger, the series producer, had announced it as "The Return of the Jam Session." But as the program began to fall into place — with the appearance as "surprise guest" of the pianist Joe Bushkin and the trumpeter Glenn Zottola from the St. Regis Hotel, where they are performing a salute to Louis Armstrong; with the presence on stage of two veterans of the Count Basie Band, the saxophonist Buddy Tate and the trombonist Al Grey, playing "Broadway" and "Jumpin' at the Woodside"; with the decision of the bassist George Duvivier to play a bass solo on "Body and Soul" as a tribute to the man he calls his "mentor," Coleman Hawkins, and with Joe Morello, the onetime drummer with the Don Braden Quartet, making one of his extremely infrequent appearances in New York to wind up the evening with a long and virtuosic drum solo on Mr. Gillespie's "Night in Tunisia" — the jam session idea was largely forgotten.

It became a wide-ranging program, moving from Dixieland to swing to bebop, performed in genuinely all-star fashion. Mr. Tate and Mr. Grey added Ellington to the evening with a richly evocative treatment of "Mood Indigo" in which Mr. Tate, normally a saxophonist, showed himself to be an unusually polished and imaginative clarinetist.

The pianist Billy Taylor had been assigned the task of explaining and illustrating the term jam session. But by the time he got to that, the evening had already become a remarkable succession of individual set pieces.

John S. Wilson

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JAZZ

By PETER KEEFNEWS

In addition to the usual plethora of outstanding musicians showcased in the city's jazz nightclubs, the fall season promises a number of exceptional concert experiences for the discriminating jazz fan.

Two distinctive pianist-composers will be leading large ensembles in late October: Muhai Richard Abrams at the Public Theater on Oct. 26 and 27, and Abdullah Ibrahim at Cooper Union on Oct. 28.

Carnegie Recital Hall institutes a monthly Saturday night jazz series tomorrow with bassist Reggie Workman's sextet. Upcoming are violinist Leroy Jenkins on Nov. 10, and clarinetist Alvin Batiste on Dec. 8.

ANNIE ROSS

At Michael's Pub.

A highlight of the season promises to be the solo concert by the phenomenal vocal improviser Bobby McFerrin, set for Dec. 6 at the Ritz.

Another idiosyncratic virtuoso, piano great Cecil Taylor, will probably be performing at Irving Plaza before the end of the year, although details have not yet been confirmed.

The hard-working people at the Jazz Center of New York have scheduled an Asian-American Jazz Festival for Oct. 19-21. And the equally hard-working Jack Kleinsinger, who this week launched the 12th season of his Highlights in Jazz concert series at NYU's Loeb Student Center, promises a saxophone extravaganza for later this year.

In the clubs, pianist Roger Kellaway kicks off an eight-week series of duets tonight at Upstairs at Greene Street. And one of the big stories of this or any other season is the return of Annie Ross, one of the great jazz vocalists, who can be savored at Michael's Pub through Nov. 10.
ON JAZZ

HIGHLIGHTS — For those of us who enjoy climbing out of the smoky world of nightclubs once in a while, two important jazz concert series should provide some relief. The two series run approximately monthly, present eight jazz concerts each and are as different as Germaine Breezy and Roy Eldridge (although some of us see stronger similarities there than meet the eye). In order of seniority, they are Jack Kleinsinger's "Highlights In Jazz" and Carnegie Hall's "New Jazz At the Recital Hall."

Kleinsinger's series, now in its 12th year, steadfastly sticks to classic jazz — swing, bebop and the like. For a dozen years, it has been offering bountiful programs at a ridiculously inexpensive price ($7.50 per ticket this year, with discounts for subscriptions). The first four programs slated for this season are "Return of the Jam Session," with Billy Taylor, Herb Ellis, Al Grey, Buddy Tate, George De Fauve and Joe Morello (10/11); "A Jazz Portrait of Johnny Mercer," with Sylvia Syms, Al Cohn, Joe Newman and others (11/14); "Saxophone Spectacular." with Jimmy Heath, Johnny Griffin, Harold Ashby, Norris Turney and Joe Temperley (12/13); and "Women of Jazz," with Odessa, Chris Connor and Emily Remler (1/4/85). All of these concerts will take place at NYU's Loeb Student Center, all will feature a "surprise guest" (sometimes a bigger name than the featured names) and information can be had by calling (212) 598-2027.

The Recital Hall series will pick up

Tchicai, Marilyn Crispell, Derek Bailey, Maggie Nicols, Irene Schweizer and Pere Ubu's David Thomas at the Bloomsbury Theatre, Oct. 15-22 (it's going to be a busy Oct.)... By the way, the Art Ensemble of Chicago tour, which this page detailed some weeks back, was booked by N.Y.'s Outward Visions (soon to be L.A.'s Outward Visions)... Carmen McRae copped this year's Jazznote Award from the Russian River Jazz Festival for "outstanding achievement in a great American art form"... And, from the literary front, comes several items: Da Capo has just reissued Ira Gittler's important exploration of the bebop era, Jazz Masters of the 40s (which should set the stage for Gitter's new bebop book, due next spring), and Samuel B. Charters and Leonard Kunstadt's Jazz: A History of the New York Scene, a long out-of-print work which tells it where it is. Louisiana State University Press gives us Those Swinging Years: The Autobiography of Charlie Barnet, in collaboration with Stanley Dance. And Jazz, a nice-reading magazine from Florida, is the latest entry into the jazz periodical wars; we wish it luck (P.O. Box 8309, Gainesville, FL 32605, is the address).
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Jazz is good for the soul
Al Grey
To Jack

My Good Friend

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