

Hillsborough hosts 2nd annual jazz fest

Musicians, locals swing to music

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Days after a liver transplant, Durham resident Mable Payne found herself dancing to the syncopated pulse of jazz music, much to the surprise of her doctors.

Her illness caused her to miss last year's inaugural Cool Jazz Music Festival in Hillsborough. But a year later, nestled among the foliage surrounding River Park, Payne and her family — avid fans of everything jazz — were treated to a day of music during which the sound of big bands traded fours with the beautiful weather.

Organizer Geoffrey Hathaway estimated that 1,000 people, many who are now sporting their first sunburns of the season, gathered for the event's sophomore offering Saturday.

The event, put on by the Orange County Recreation and Parks Department, featured acts ranging from middle school jazz bands to seasoned veterans playing an array of musical styles. But they all had one unifying theme: It's gotta swing.

The Cedar Ridge High School jazz band chose to open its set with the classic Weather Report song "Birdland," a '70s fusion hit.

"We didn't start by playing bluesy stuff because we're all very hyperactive," said sophomore Anna Smith, an alto saxophone soloist.

"It just works better when we play real jazzy, fast stuff. Everybody just really got into it."

Hathaway said the event was an opportunity for young players like Smith to see and meet college and professional musicians.

"It inspires you to be that good, and it makes you want to work harder, to sound like them and to



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Lois Deloatch sings with the Gabe Evens Trio at the Cool Jazz Festival on Saturday in Hillsborough. The event featured a wide variety of local acts.

have as much fun as them — and to just go out and wow everybody," Smith said.

But band director Patricia Quigley said that for many people Smith's age, jazz is simply off the musical radar, which casts doubt on the future of the music.

"If we don't fund it, it's going to go because there are so many media influences on kids," Quigley said.

"If they don't get it in school and aren't turned on to it, I don't know that we'll save it."

Payne's daughter Sharon said that until recently, a wealth of jazz radio stations in the area provided ample opportunity to see great jazz acts.

During the big band era, jazz might have been more mainstream, but vocalist Susan Reeves noted that today, the average listener seems more likely to gravitate toward straightforward rhythms.

Reeves, a Hillsborough resident who studied music at Duke University, said she was eager to help concert organizers put on a show that, unlike other jazz festi-

vals, uniquely showcases only jazz musicians.

"I think we have gotten to a point in our society where challenging music, whether it be classical or jazz, has become underappreciated," said Reeves, who recently performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland.

"It takes effort, it takes intelligence, it takes desire to understand it and then to appreciate it."

But the patient listener, Reeves said, will be rewarded by the vast emotional range of jazz music.

"(Listening to jazz is) part of being a whole person," Quigley said.

"And our culture, I'm scared, is losing that."

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Carrboro children get green

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School and town officials, with some help from Smokey the Bear, planted the seed of environmental concern in the hearts of students Friday, hoping that the town's tradition of tree preservation will continue to blossom in the future.

"We hold the world in our hands, we hold our future," children from Carrboro Elementary School sang in celebration of Arbor Day.

During the planting ceremony, Carrboro marked its 21st recognition as a Tree City USA — an honor presented to the town for its commitment to preserving and continuing the growth of its tree populations.

Orange County Forest Ranger Jacob Pressley presented the award to Mayor Pro Tem Diana McDuffee.

"It's especially important for young kids to get exposed, to understand the importance of trees and forestry," he said.

Pressley said Carrboro is one of 62 cities in the state — including Chapel Hill — and one of 3,000 nationwide to be a Tree City USA.

In order to become a Tree City, Pressley said Carrboro had to establish a community tree ordinance and a town board that works to preserve the area's greenery.

"We encourage developers to conserve trees," McDuffee said.

Carrboro also must celebrate Arbor Day each year to be eligible for the award.

And while the guidelines only require a town to spend \$2 per town resident on trees, Carrboro spends \$2.80.

"What strikes me about this area is that you don't see those whole subdivisions just placed down in the sun without trees," McDuffee said.

"(Arbor Day) helps the community, the air and the trees, which we really need," said former Texas resi-

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JACOB PRESSLEY, ORANGE COUNTY FOREST RANGER

dent Bobby Montez who doubled as Smokey the Bear for the event.

The environmentally conscious bear was cheered by students when he arrived, and with shovel in paw, he helped students plant a Dogwood sapling on the school grounds.

"I think planting a tree is a lot of fun," student Ashlan Jones said after seeing the tree into the earth.

Smokey also congratulated the three student winners of the Arbor Day poster contest. Several students read the Arbor Day proclamation, which states that trees are valuable natural resources and

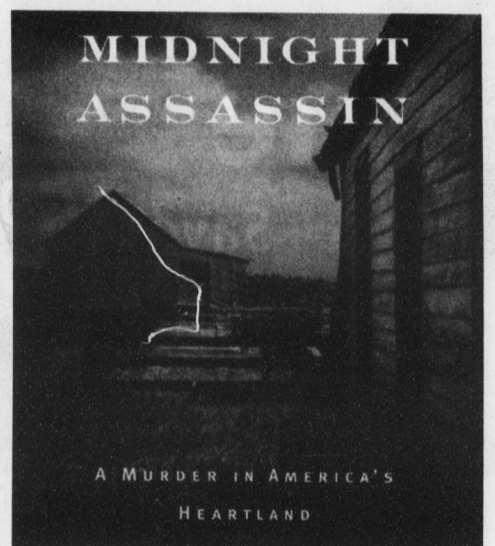
contribute to high property values, as well as spiritual renewal.

"I really enjoyed Arbor Day because everywhere I've lived so far there's been trees," student Jordan Saffer said. "And I just love the way they take CO2 out of the air."

The Tree City USA award is provided by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

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Wednesday, April 20
GAA Membership Drive, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, The Pit
This is one of your last chances on campus to join the GAA for half price. There's no better way to stay connected to Carolina after graduation!

Senior Class Last Blast, 2:00-7:00 PM, Bell Tower (rainsite Carmichael Gym)
Come climb the Bell Tower from 2:00-7:00 PM. Starting at 4 PM we'll have a free BBQ dinner with all the trimmings for the first 800 seniors, music, games and more! Admission is FREE!

Thursday, April 21
Event TBA - check your email.

Friday, April 22
Senior Dinner, 7:30-10:00 PM, Main Dining Room at Spice Street
What better way to celebrate your senior year than with a four-course meal and live music? Plus, your ticket includes admission to the ball! This is guaranteed to be a night to remember. Tickets are \$35 per person and are on sale at seniors.unc.edu and alumni.unc.edu until April 19.

Senior Ball, 10:00-2 AM, Spice Street
End your senior year the right way! This is the last chance you'll have to join the senior class for a formal event. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and three cash bars will be open as we dance the night away one last time. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple and will be on sale online at seniors.unc.edu and alumni.unc.edu until noon on April 21st.

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