

# FOR THE LOVE OF JAZZ

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**Greetings from For the Love of Jazz!** We hope this finds you safe and in good health. Here is a quick note to check in with you and let you know what the FTLOJ board has been up to since our world changed so dramatically earlier this year.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have had to cancel all concerts and events for the foreseeable future. This includes our monthly Reno Little Theater concerts and Community Jam Sessions, our Edna Benna Concert Series at the Sands, and the Paa Kow clinic and performance in collaboration with Artown (more information on Paa Kow on page three).

In the meantime, the board is finding creative ways to get our members and supporters their jazz fix. I am pleased to report we have several new board members who bring their youthful energy to FTLOJ. Rachel Perkins, Dylan Coleman, and Chris Casaceli are working hard to modernize our social media outreach and online presence. In addition to their work on the board, all three are very talented musicians!

As the pandemic has shifted our focus toward online content distribution, we are thrilled to announce our brand new FTLOJ YouTube Channel. Chris Casaceli is producing professional live performance videos at Tanglewood Productions with our friend Mike Eardley (further details about this exciting new project can be found on page two).

Finally, we recognize that jazz is black music – music that reflects the sorrow, joy, pain and exhilaration of the pioneers who created it. In recognition of this vital and transcendent art form, and with deepest respect to those who brought it into the world, we would like to state that For the Love of Jazz stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter. FTLOJ will always strive to present this singular art form—one we revere and believe to be a profoundly significant part of American culture.

I encourage everyone to tune in weekly to our radio program “Saturday Night Jazz” which I host with my longtime partner, Dallas Smith on KNCJ 89.5 each Saturday from 6:00-10:00 where we feature many of our local artists as well as classic recordings and the latest releases.

To stay updated about all things jazz in Northern Nevada, go to the FTLOJ website at <http://www.renojazz.org/>.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank You!  
Scot Marshall  
President, For the Love of Jazz

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## About Us

For The Love of Jazz is Northern Nevada's premier jazz nonprofit organization. We believe that jazz has the power to enrich, educate, and enlighten. With this in mind, we pride ourselves on bringing world class jazz performances to the Reno/Tahoe area and promoting our stellar local music community through online performance videos and live concerts.

## New FTLOJ YouTube Channel is now live!

Our first **Live Studio Session** features a trio of musicians from **Tristan Selzler's Reno Jazz Syndicate** including **Miguel Jimenez Cruz** on drums, **Zachary Teran** on bass, and of course, **Tristan Selzler** himself on piano. Check out their performance of Tristan's original composition, "Junedance," here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkY\\_TawC5zs&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3wnQmGLnTfJYFk342N1Ad1mNbGzx2hpjYfeXK5YzCnA9Oo9nTonIDFC4I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkY_TawC5zs&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3wnQmGLnTfJYFk342N1Ad1mNbGzx2hpjYfeXK5YzCnA9Oo9nTonIDFC4I)

### Our Vision

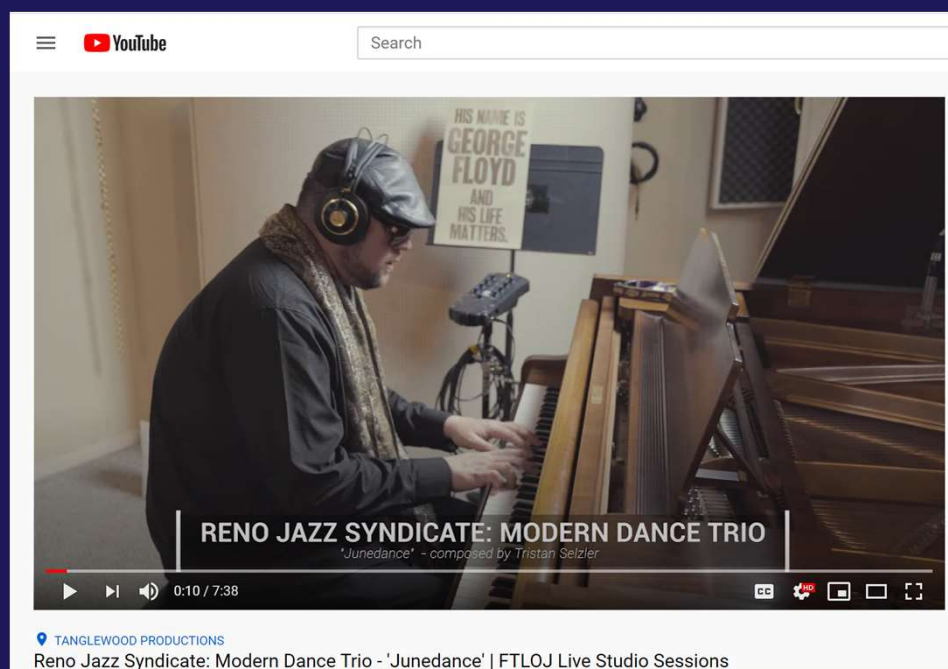
Our local musicians have been some of the hardest hit professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic. With all our concerts and events postponed for the foreseeable future, FTLOJ, like so many other organizations, has decided to invest in our online presence with the creation of a new YouTube Channel. Our goal is to produce professional quality music performance videos that will benefit our amazing jazz musicians, our fans and supporters, and our community as a whole.

Through our new online presence, we are committed to providing a platform for jazz musicians in our community to promote themselves and their music to a broad online audience. This channel will also provide our audience with world class jazz performances they can enjoy at home and share with friends. Recorded and filmed at **Tanglewood Productions**, each video will be professionally produced, providing our musicians with a marketing product that would otherwise be difficult to procure. We believe that through the continued support of our donors and members, we will be able to sustain this project indefinitely with **weekly video uploads**, expanding video topics to jazz education, visiting artist interviews and recordings, and eventually, live concerts.

Reno is home to a rich jazz history and a vibrant jazz scene full of talented musicians, students, and educators. It is time to take advantage of modern technologies and show off our jazz community to all of Nevada, the west, and even the world. We hope you will enjoy the variety of jazz and jazz-informed music we will be presenting. Be sure to like, subscribe and comment so we can provide the content that you want to see. **Remember, supporting our YouTube channel supports the whole Reno jazz community!**

## FOR THE LOVE OF JAZZ MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you to all of our generous donors and members. For more information on how to become a member and support For The Love of Jazz, go to <http://www.renojazz.org/> and select the "MEMBERSHIP" tab.





## LAUGHING PLANET

We would like to thank Tim Helion, owner of Reno's **Laughing Planet** restaurants for his continued enthusiastic support of our Reno jazz community. The University location is host to the Wednesday night UNR Jazz Department Jams, as well as many FTLOJ sponsored events, including the monthly Reno Jazz Community Jam and on-going UNR and FTLOJ sponsored small-group concerts. Many jazz "heavies" have performed at his UNR venue including Adam Benjamin, Tal Cohen, Ralph Alessi, and Allison Miller. So until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, and the University location is re-opened, we encourage you all to support Laughing Planet Midtown through online orders and take-out! Thank you!

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### **Paa Kow, Afro-Jazz Fusion Drummer, Postponed to Artown 2021**

For the Love of Jazz was excited to be presenting the **Paa Kow Afro-Jazz Fusion Drumming Clinic** in conjunction with Paa Kow's Artown performance as part of the Monday Night Music Series line-up this July. While all Artown music events have been postponed, **FTLOJ is delighted to announce Paa Kow will be coming to next July's Artown 2021 Festival for both the clinic and performance!**

Paa Kow, dubbed "Ghana's most artistic drummer", blends rhythm and artistry from his native roots in Ghana with modern jazz, creating his own unique Afro-fusion sound. He plays a custom, hand-carved, traditionally inspired Ghanaian drum set that is the only one of its kind in the world. His music and teaching explore West African drumming rhythms and techniques while telling his story of growing up in Ghana. Paa Kow's performance is a celebration of rhythm backed by bright brass jazz harmony and improvisation; an exceptional cultural and musical experience you won't want to miss.

**Be sure to watch Artown's 2020 July 1st opening night video "Extravaganza" which will feature Paa Kow** and over 20 other postponed national and international artists in a compilation of short performance video presentations. The 2-hour "Extravaganza" special will air on Nevada Sports Net from 7:30 pm-9:30 pm and then will be available on Artown's social media platforms. For more information visit Artown's website at <https://artown.org/>.

