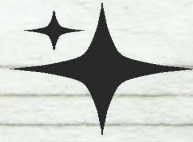
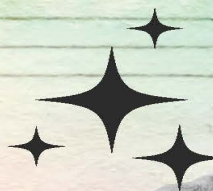
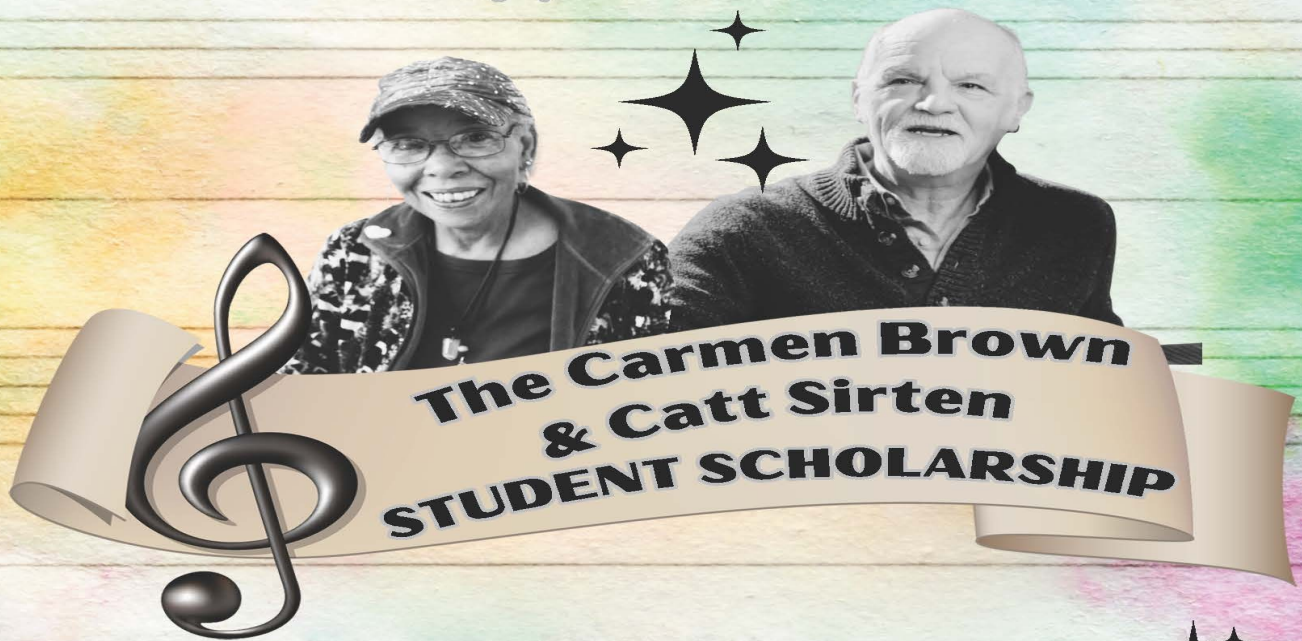




# Jazz Jambalaya



*Proudly presents the...*



## *3rd Annual Concert & Awards Celebration*



**Monday, April 27, 2026  
6:30-8:30 PM**

**"Carmen's Club"  
522 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL**



## **ABOUT THE OCCASION**



The Mystic Order of the Jazz Obsessed (MOJO), in partnership with Coastal Alabama Community College, is proud to award a pair of music scholarships named for Carmen Brown and Catt Sirten to help memorialize their contributions to the Azalea City's cultural viability. Tonight we are celebrating the 2026 scholarship winners, Zane C. Teel - 2026 Carmen Brown Scholarship Winner (Trombone & Guitar), and Owen Pierson - 2026 Catt Sirten Scholarship Winner (Bass). Both awardees will sit in with CACC's outstanding student jazz orchestra for a rousing celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month.

Starting in the 1980s, Carmen Brown and Catt Sirten were pillars in Mobile's media and cultural temple. Brown's Alabama Broadcasters Hall of Fame profile includes on-air and management positions at WBLX FM, WKRG FM, WKRG TV5, WHIL FM and WDLT FM, where she hosted "Smooth Jazz Sundays." Sirten helped form WZEW FM and his "Sunday Jazz Brunch" program remained popular for decades. Both earned awards from the Mobile Arts Council, and both passed away within months of each other in 2023. We're confident that they would share our pride in recognizing this year's stellar student recipients!

# Mo' Fun "Str8 ahead!"

- Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival (Foley): April 30–May 3, 2026, featuring live music.
- Alabama Gulf Coast Songwriter Fest (Foley): May 8–9, 2026.
- The Jazz Studio: A Program of Excelsior Band Preservation, Inc. **NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT** begins 11 am, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ Spring Hill College Fine Arts Bldg. Info at [excelsiorbandpreservation.org](http://excelsiorbandpreservation.org)
- Essential Rhythms Music Festival (Fairhope): May 16–17, 2026.

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birmingham, al

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new orleans, la

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026  
THE PEOPLES ROOM OF MOBILE  
78 Saint Francis Street, Mobile, AL 36602  
Doors 6:30 Showtime 7pm

Tickets available on [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com)  
Visit [symonefrench.com](http://symonefrench.com) for more information

**\$25**



Check out [mobileartscouncil.org](http://mobileartscouncil.org) to stay up to date on a host of happenings in support of local artists! LoDA ArtWalk is held monthly in downtown Mobile, AL on second Fridays.

# Did you know it's *Jazz Appreciation* **MONTH?**

April is a monumental month for jazz lovers, designated globally as Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM). Established by the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History in 2001, this month-long celebration honors the rich heritage and ongoing evolution of jazz.

## Key Observances:

- **Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM):** Celebrated throughout April to encourage people of all ages to study, listen to, and participate in jazz.
- **International Jazz Day (April 30):** The culmination of JAM, organized by UNESCO to highlight jazz's role in uniting people worldwide.
- **New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival:** This iconic "Jazz Fest" celebrates the birthplace of jazz with massive performances and cultural events, beginning in late April.
- **Births of Jazz Icons:** Several foundational jazz artists were born in April, including:
  - **Duke Ellington (April 29):** A prolific composer and bandleader who composed over 1,000 arrangements.
  - **Ella Fitzgerald (April 25):** Known as the "First Lady of Song" for her purity of tone and impeccable scat singing.
  - **Billie Holiday (April 7):** Nicknamed "Lady Day," she is revered for her unique vocal delivery and improvisational skills.
  - **Herbie Hancock (April 12):** A legendary keyboardist and composer who helped define post-bop and jazz-fusion.
  - **Charles Mingus (April 22):** A highly influential double bassist and composer known for his complex arrangements.



# 2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Please Print:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBERSHIP     | <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL | <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY (2) \$60 |

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MOJO Membership P.O. Box 748 Mobile, AL 36601-0748

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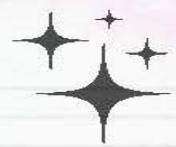
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# **KEEP YOUR MOJO WORKIN'!**

- Join our network of Jazz Lovers and receive discounts on admission and at select local vendors.
- Like MOJO's Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Share MOJO postings to help broaden awareness and participation.
- Become a "MOJO Jazz Angel" by sponsoring the band...we'll help you plan an awesome evening for you and your special guests!
- Support our community partners: Mobile Arts Council; The Jazz Studio: A Program of Excelsior Band Preservation, Inc.; Gulf Coast Ethnic & Heritage Jazz Festival; NspireU On-Air; and the University of South Alabama's Annual J.A.W.S Festival.
- Purchase an instrument for a promising music student...they are the future of jazz!

## *Acknowledgements*



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# Happy Birthday

*Cheers to all WOTD members  
and everyone celebrating  
their birthday in April!*



**Scott Chavers**  
**Nicole Chestang**  
**Bob Dimm**  
**Kathy Etheredge**  
**Paul Hopper**  
**Joe Occhipinti**  
**Dale Pfeiffer**  
**Annette S. Plastaras**  
**Denise Quintanilla**  
**Karen Reed**  
**Pam Waleri**  
**David Wiik**  
**Libba Vanderbeek**

**C'MON BACK NEXT MONTH**

**MAY  
25TH**

**6:30  
PM**



**Rebecca Barry  
& Friends**

**Tribute to Sonny Rollins**

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!**

Tickets available now at  
**[mojojazz.org](http://mojojazz.org)**