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KEEP YOUR MOJO WORKIN'...JOIN US ON FOURTH MONDAYS MONTHLY!!

TRIBUTE TO LEGENDARY SONNY ROLLINS ON MEMORIAL DAY

JOIN US MEMORIAL DAY!

MOJO JAZZ JAMBALAYA

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25th anniversary

MAY 25TH **6:30 PM**

Rebecca Barry & Friends

Tribute to Sonny Rollins

SEE YA @

"CARMEN'S CLUB"
522 Dauphin St. in Mobile, AL

Tickets selling fast at
mojojazz.org

Join fellow MOJO members and friends on MEMORIAL DAY for an incredible live concert featuring the music of legendary jazz saxophonist, SONNY ROLLINS by acclaimed music educator and performing artist, Rebecca Barry & Friends at "Carmen's Club"!

Walter Theodore "Sonny" Rollins (born September 7, 1930) is a retired American jazz tenor saxophonist who is widely recognized as one of the most important and influential jazz musicians. In a seven-decade career, Rollins recorded more than sixty albums as a leader. A number of his compositions, including "St. Thomas", "Oleo", "Doxy", and "Airegin", have become jazz standards. Rollins has been called "the greatest living improviser". Due to health problems, Rollins has not performed publicly since 2012 and announced his retirement in 2014.

"I love teaching [and performing] music," Barry said. Barry teaches saxophone, trumpet, trombone, clarinet and the flute as well as classes in music history and appreciation. Rebecca Barry & Friends have one explosive Sonny Rollins tribute concert in store for you and your guests. It's a great opportunity to end your holiday evening with a bang, while keeping your MOJO workin'...get your tickets today at mojojazz.org. We're jazzed to see y'all at "Carmen's Club" this Memorial Day!

"Slow down, 'cause where you're going
is gonna be there when you get there...
and nothing happens until you get there, baby! Str8 ahead!!
Carmen Brown, Legendary Broadcaster
& MOJO Muse, 1947-2023



Join us for the Celebration!

⚡ **The Eats:** Members will receive a \$10 Voucher for the Food Truck at the May JJ!

⚡ **The Fast Track:** From intermission until the final note, our online ticket window for the next Jazz Jambalaya will open exclusively for members in attendance.

⚡ **Coming Soon:** a new ticket portal to improve the online experience

Save the Dates

We've got a soulful year ahead. Mark your calendars for these headliners:

- June 22: Voices of Freedom Jazz Band
- July 27: "Aren't We?" Jazz Band
- September 28: The Big One. Our MOJO 25th Anniversary Event. You definitely don't want to miss this milestone.
- December 28: The Grand Finale. We're hosting a special New Year's Party to swing our way into 2027.

Member Perk: Catt's Crib

Remember, Catt's Crib is available for member reservations. It's the perfect way to elevate your MOJO experience.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MO' FUN ...STR8 AHEAD!

Presented by Greene & Phillips Injury Lawyers

Jazz Art Writers South Festival

Join Us
 May - June 2026
 Opening Night: May 14

JAWS Youth Celebration
 5:30 - 8 pm
 Rodning Gallery & Marx Library Auditorium
 Awards Ceremony and FREE Reception!

Free Concerts!

- The Jazz Studio**
 May 14 @ 5:30 pm
- The Excelsior Band**
 Featuring Will Phillips
 May 14 @ 6 pm
- The Chip Herrington Jazz 5**
 June 4 @ 6 pm
- LaDarrel Bell & Friends**
 June 11 @ 6 pm

ALL Concerts will be free and in the Marx Library Auditorium

Letters & Songs
 An Author's Book Festival
 Marx Library Auditorium & RM 181
 May 30 @ 11 am - 3 pm

Receive a FREE Swag Bag with a Donation

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Gulf Coast Grooves

May 30th, 2026 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

GULF COAST GROOVES
 SATURDAY, MAY 30, 6-9PM + MARDI GRAS PARK

Roll off the free concert series with Rock and Reggae stars, unforgettable performances, food trucks, vendors, and an evening of good music and great energy!

Entertainment Schedule

- 6:15 PM - Easy Star All-Stars (Reggae)
- 7:30 PM - Letters to Cleo (Rock)
- DJ Blayze

Gates open at 5 p.m. Tents, glass bottles, and alcohol are not allowed.

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SUMMER CAMP ROUNDUP

March 27, 2026

Summer break is just around the corner! Students can find creative and educational enrichment in the camps listed below. Sign up for a class with one of the Mobile Arts Council's Member Organizations today! Click on anything in blue for more information.

All Bellingsworth Gardens, they offer 4 Nature Nauts Summer STEM Camps. Their hands-on activities foster critical thinking and problem-solving skills and include nature art projects. Their camps encourage exploration and adventure while teaching the importance of the natural environment.

Garden Sprouts Camp is an introduction to the world of plants for young nature lovers ages 5 - 7 years. Campers will discover and explore gardens, water, and wildlife while developing observation skills and an appreciation for the outdoors. Campers can look forward to hands-on activities, nature walks, games, and crafts. June 16 - 18 (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM) Members: \$75 / Non-Member: \$100

Garden Guardians Campers ages 9-11 will investigate garden ecosystems, water, and wildlife while learning how to care for and protect the natural world. Campers can look forward to hands-on investigations, outdoor exploration, teamwork, and stewardship projects. June 23 - 25 (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM) Members: \$100 / Non-Member: \$125

Eco Kids Camp introduces young nature explorers ages 5 - 7 years to the basics of caring for the environment. Campers will explore plants, water, and wildlife while developing observation skills and learning simple ways to help protect the natural world. Campers can look forward to hands-on activities, nature walks, games, and creative projects. June 30 - July 2 (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM) Members: \$75 / Non-Member: \$100

Eco Leaders Camp builds an environmental awareness for curious explorers ages 8-11. Campers will investigate ecosystems, water, and wildlife while learning how human actions impact the environment and how they can help protect it. Campers can look forward to hands-on investigations, outdoor exploration, teamwork, and conservation projects. July 14 - 16 (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM) Members: \$100 / Non-Member: \$125 for more information and to register, click here.

Members Workshop

Cellphone Photography with Richard Dollison

Get the most out of your cellphone camera
 We will focus on subject selection, lighting and composition

Saturday, June 20 & 27 2026
 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
 sign-up today to secure your spot
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**DID YOU
KNOW?**



Studies have shown that listening to jazz music can lower your heart rate and reduce cortisol (stress) levels. The complex harmonies and upbeat tempos are known to stimulate the brain waves, increasing creativity, and even boosting the body's immune system.

INTERESTING FACT

May Jazz History & Facts:

May 19 - Recording Milestone: Count Basie recorded "Pound Cake" on this day, featuring solos by Lester Young and Harry "Sweets" Edison.

May 19 - Legendary Collaboration: Sarah Vaughan recorded "Nice Work If You Can Get It" with Miles Davis.

Artist Birthdays: Saxophonist Sonny Fortune was born in Philadelphia, PA in May.

Emergence of Jazz: Jazz, often described as a blend of African traditions, blues, and marching bands, grew in popularity in the early 1920s after WWI as a form of joyful expression, often referred to as the Jazz Age.

Roots of Jazz: The roots of jazz began in New Orleans as early as the 1880s, influenced by African musical traditions in Congo Square, which preserved rhythmic elements.



Music represents nature. Nature represents life. Jazz represents nature. Jazz is life.

— Sonny Rollins —

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