

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MEDFORD
Sunday, March 12, 2023

JAZZ VESPERS

4:00 PM

ERIC POLLARD QUARTET



The Photography of Fran Yates

PROGRAM

Opening Music	Eric Pollard Quartet
Welcome	Murray Richmond
Reading	Murray Richmond
Music	Eric Pollard Quartet
Meditation	Murray Richmond
Art Notes	Fran Yates
Closing	Murray Richmond
Music to Go Home By	Eric Pollard Quartet

Thank you, Friends, for the generous freewill offerings that you put in the entrance basket in order keep our Jazz Vespers program going.

Our Guest Musicians this Month are:

Eric Pollard
Leader & drums

Eric Pollard is a recent transplant to the Rogue Valley but has quickly established himself as one of the most sought after musicians in the area. As a drummer and multi-instrumentalist, he has toured the world with acts like LOW, Retribution Gospel Choir, Sun Kil Moon, Nikki Lane, HALEY & JP Harris among many others. He is also the driving creative force behind the rock and roll band, Actual Wolf.

Peter Anastos
trumpet

Peter Anastos is a trumpeter, composer, and arranger. He has many original compositions to his credit. In 2005 he formed his own group in the Bay Area, *Peter Anastos & Iter*, which features his original work and has since produced two albums. Over time he incorporated the influences of his Greek heritage into the music and added a bouzouki to the instrumentation which allowed the band to expand its experimental horizons beyond that of the hard bop originals. Peter has also written arrangements for big bands,

including the big band at the Jazz Conservatory in Berkeley, CA. Peter has played with such notables as Karrin Allyson, Steve Erquiaga, and Frank Martin. He currently plays with SOJO, the Timberline Express Big Band, and his own small ensembles at La Baguette in Ashland. Peter and his wife, renowned flutist Angela Koregelos, moved to Ashland in 2018.

Mark Hamersly bass

Locals know Mark Hamersly as the swingiest sideman in Southern Oregon. If you're a Jazz fan then you've probably already seen Mark on classical guitar, or the upright bass, always maintaining a high standard of performance in the Rogue Valley. You might find Mark at La Baguette Music Cafe, The Wild Goose, Grape Street Bar and Grill with the Southern Oregon Jazz Orchestra, or the Britt Performance Garden. In Santa Cruz and Monterey, he was a regular in the swing band "Wally's Swing World", working at five star hotels, and the San Jose and Monterey Jazz Festivals, performing with Wynton Marsalis, Dan and Matthew Brubeck, Smith Dobson, and Brazilian vocalist Claudia Villela.

Gordon Greenley saxophone

Saxophonist Gordon Greenley performs with various local acts and theatre groups. As a musician with Carnival Corporation's subsidiaries, Holland America Line and Princess Cruise Line, he has had a variety of performance experiences spanning the globe. He has appeared with Maceo Parker, Wayne Bergeron, Jack Johnson, Ronnie Cuber, Frank Emilio Flynn, Gary Foster, Larry Harlow, Lorna Luft, Bobby Shew and others.

The Photography of Fran Yates



Fran Yates is a Nature and Wildlife Photographer with a particular emphasis on the American Mustangs of the West. It wasn't until retirement and an Introduction to Digital Photography course at a local community college that Fran became interested in photography. And, it wasn't "love at first sight." Initially, all those dials and settings were very confusing. Then, one day in 2014 while photographing a snowstorm, it all came together. She became entranced with what she saw and being able to capture it for others.

Fran and her husband, George, moved to Rogue Valley Manor in 2021 and her work has evolved to include the birds and flowers of Oregon, as well as the lushness of the forest, the waterfalls, and the Oregon Coast.

"I have learned to take my camera with me on my daily walks around RVM. I never know what I will see that appeals to my eye. There is beauty everywhere. I do know that if I don't take my camera, I will wish I had."

A perfect day for Fran is spent outside, observing and photographing. She loves to share her personal vision and experiences. "Fran's photographs may be viewed and purchased at <https://fran-yates.pixels.com/>

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