

Step Into The Starlight

The Third Annual Ella Fitzgerald Music Festival honors "The First Lady of Song," who was born in Newport News in 1918.

Education is an important component of the festival. Members of the CNU Jazz Ensemble and artists from the Festival will travel to Newport News schools to perform and talk about the history of jazz and the contribution of Ella Fitzgerald.

Thousands of school children will be exposed to jazz and will learn about the woman who recorded more than 250 albums and won more Grammy awards than any other jazz performer in history.

The Festival also presents three public concerts by some of the best known figures in the jazz world today. All of the performances will be held in the intimate 400-seat Gaines Theatre on the CNU campus.



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Diana Krall

Saturday, April 29,
8:00 pm

Jazz artist of the year. Best jazz vocalist. Best new talent. Best female vocalist. These are the kind of accolades that have been bestowed on pianist-vocalist Diana Krall by critics, jazz aficionados, magazine articles, and legions of Krall fans themselves. What a brilliant choice for the Festival: Diana has performed in tributes to Ella in both Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. Diana says that she was raised on Fats Waller, Jimmy Rowles is her musical "grandpa," and she learned emotional directness from Tony Bennett. Krall simply sings songs the way they're supposed to be sung; with devotion to the lyric and attention to the groove. • \$30.00

CNU Jazz Club

Following the Diana Krall concert, don't miss the Woody Beckner Group in the "CNU Jazz Club" adjacent to Gaines Theatre

Spyro Gyra

Friday, April 28,
8:00 pm

One of the most successful commercial jazz bands in the past 20 years, Spyro Gyra challenged the conventions of mainstream music. Long before there was an official radio format dedicated to the genre, Spyro Gyra was putting "smooth" into "jazz," blending soul, jazz, pop and world beat influences. Since their late 70s breakthrough, the band has produced twenty-two albums, an incredible legacy for any musical group.

Special Guest: The CNU Jazz Ensemble

Keeping good company with Spyro Gyra, the CNU Jazz Ensemble has a style all its own, the strawberry in the champagne. • \$25



Norman Brown

Wednesday, April 26, 8:00 pm

A jazz natural since an early age, Norman Brown was just eight years old when he'd play his brother's guitar in his absence. "When I picked up the guitar for the first time, it just touched me. It felt like a part of me. That feeling has continued to grow with time." Norman Brown cites his major influences as George Benson and Wes Montgomery, and is considered one of the most talented guitarists of this century, not only by his fans but also by his musical peers. In summary, his music... "just floats you away."

The Jae Sinnett Trio

Opening for Norman Brown, percussionist Jae Sinnett with pianist Allen Farnham and bassist Terry Burrell blend their fresh, electrifying and polished musical skills into an exceptional artistic balance, creating a wide range of unusual and unexpected sounds and rhythmic combinations. The Trio maintains a high level of excitement at every moment. • \$20



Advance Ticket Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please mail tickets to the following concerts:

Concert	Number of Tickets	Total Cost
Diana Krall, \$30 per ticket	_____	\$_____
Spyro Gyra, CNU Jazz Ensemble \$25 per ticket	_____	\$_____
Norman Brown, Jae Sinnett Trio \$20 per ticket	_____	\$_____

Total Amount Enclosed \$_____

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