

## Come Applaud for the Mendonoma Idol 2007 Live and Onstage!

Saturday, September 29, Doors open at 6 p.m. Performance at 7 p.m.

On this night \$1000 worth of prizes will be awarded! The adult Mendonoma Idol 2007 will walk away with a check for \$500 and a \$500 savings bond will be awarded the junior winner.

Contestants in the Junior competition are Joselyn Malik, Suzanne Kritz, Elise Allen, Davina Rose Allen, Shayna Wilson, Iliana Sanchez, and Rachael Kritz. Competing for the Adult prize are Candace Moore, Paige Fulkerson, Gina Jimenez, Phil Atkins, Velea Buck, Tim Johnson, Laurie Kreger, and Ana Sanchez. This year's judges are Jan Harris, Gayiel Von, Haidi Hatfield, Bill Brown aka Willie B., and Lynn Bevier.

Returning as the Host and Master of Ceremonies will be Liz Redfield aka "The Lizzard in the Radio" whose "Lizzard's Lounge – crank it up & rip the knob off" can be heard week days from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on The Tide, KTDE 100.5 FM.

The production is being co-directed by Amie Heath, KTDE Station manager, and Tony Ariola, host of Teo's Tunes. This year will also feature a choral performance sung by all the contestants, as well as solo performances by last years' winners, Keelyn O'Brien and Haidi Hatfield. Musical accompanists are Don Krieger, Wayne Harris, and Sue Bohlin.

Like last year's event, Mendonoma Idol 2007 will help raise funds for much needed equipment upgrades for the radio station.

Tickets available now & going fast at the Gualala Arts Center, The Dolphin Gallery, Aquascape Plus, and The Tide Radio Station. General seating tickets are \$20 for Adult & \$10 for children under 12 yrs. Or get up close with ringside seats with cabaret table seating for \$35 for adults & \$25 for children under 12 yrs old. Last years Mendonoma Idol event sold out, so get your tickets today! Gualala Arts Local Eyes Series, in conjunction with local radio station, KTDE 100.5 FM, "The Tide" are proud to present "Mendonoma Idol 2007."

## Premier Performance in Tribute to The Modern Jazz Quartet

Saturday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.



A tribute to The Modern Jazz Quartet featuring Larry Vuckovich, piano, and Noel Jewkes, reeds, (co-leaders), Tommy Kesecker and Herb Gibson, vibes, Josh Workman, guitar; Eric Golub, violin, Buca

Necak, bass, and Akira Tana, drums will perform the rich and gorgeous compositions associated with the MJQ in a world premier performance in the Coleman Auditorium.

Among the compositions planned for the evening are: *Django*, *Bag's Groove*, *Skating In Central Park*, *Concerto De Aranjuez*, and *Thinking Of You MJQ* by Vince Guaraldi, plus original compositions by Noel Jewkes.

For over four decades, since the 1950's, the elegant Modern Jazz Quartet reigned supreme in the jazz world, filling major concert halls around the globe. All of its members – John Lewis, piano, Milt Jackson, vibes, Percy Heath, bass and Connie Kay, drums – are now deceased. They ranked, along with the Duke Ellington and Count Basie Orchestras, the Dave Brubeck Quartet, and the Miles Davis, Stan Getz, and Louis Armstrong groups, as one of the most successful jazz ensembles in history for performances and record sales.

For this performance, organized by Fred Adler, Larry Vuckovich and Noel Jewkes will be joined by vibraphonist Herb Gibson.

Herb has studied with the late Milt Jackson, the world-renowned vibes genius, formerly in the MJQ. Herb Gibson, truly a part of



the historic "fabric of jazz music in America," has recently recorded, "Blue Vibes." The spotlight also will be on vibraphonist Tommy Kesecker who returns to Gualala for the fourth time and who is building a dedicated group of fans due to his performances in the Whale and Jazz Festivals. New to local jazz aficionados is the superb guitarist Josh Workman.

Rounding out this international group of musicians is Akira Tana, on drums, who has played and recorded with major artists such as the Heath Brothers, and Lena Horne. Buca Necak, best known for his record, "Jumping at the Border," is a frequent collaborator with Larry Vuckovich. Eric Golub on viola and violin has played modern jazz with Bobby Hutcherson, Sadao Watanabe, Tom Harrell, and Balkan gypsy with Larry Vuckovich.



Internationally renowned jazz pianist Larry Vuckovich has a history with Gualala also, as a part of the Redwood Coast Whale and Jazz Festival.

Co-leading with Larry for this very special night is Noel Jewkes on reeds. The original compositions by Jewkes are strikingly rich in texture and nuance.

This outstanding program is part of the on-going Jazz Series, in association with Fred Adler, of KTDE 100.5 FM local radio, and Gualala Arts. Tickets are now on sale for \$30 each. Price goes to \$35 on the day of the performance.

