



The past, present and
future of JAZZ in Pittsburgh!

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Steeltown Jazz presents *Steeltown Jazz Storytellers* The past, present and future of JAZZ in Pittsburgh

When: Third Saturdays, February through June 2015
Doors at 6:45 PM. Performance at 8 PM.

Where: James Street Gastropub & Speakeasy, Second Floor Ballroom
422 Foreland Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

What: *Steeltown Jazz Storytellers* – the past, present and future of JAZZ in Pittsburgh

Who: Presented by James Street Gastropub & Speakeasy and Ahsek Media; in partnership with *Steel City Grooves: Celebrating Western Pennsylvania Jazz* presented by the Senator John Heinz History Center Volunteer Ambassador Program in collaboration with California University of Pennsylvania Music Department; hosted by the "Voice of Jazz in Pittsburgh," Mr. Bob Studebaker; and several local jazz musicians.

Tickets: VIP single tickets are \$50 per performance (\$60 at the door); General Admission single tickets are \$35 per performance (\$45 at the door); VIP series passes for all 5 performances are \$225 and General Admission series passes for all 5 performances are \$150 before February 14, 2015. Tickets are on sale at www.SteeltownJazz.com.

Pittsburgh, PA ... Steeltown Jazz is proud to announce its first season of *Steeltown Jazz Storytellers* beginning Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the **James Street Gastropub & Speakeasy** on Pittsburgh's northside. This exciting new series is dedicated to promoting the amazingly rich community of jazz in Pittsburgh, while working to ensure its future as one of Pittsburgh's greatest cultural assets.

On the third Saturday of each month, from February through June 2015, *Steeltown Jazz Storytellers* will present an evening with the past, present and future of JAZZ in Pittsburgh. Doors will open in the James Street Gastropub & Speakeasy second floor ballroom at 6:45 PM. Delicious food, signature cocktails and beverages from the full bar menu will be available for purchase. Ticketholders are encouraged to come early, settle in and enjoy the future of jazz as performed by young, up-and-coming jazz musicians from Pittsburgh.



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At 8 PM, *Steeltown Jazz Storytellers* will begin with an incredible video production from **Steel City Grooves: Celebrating Western Pennsylvania Jazz**, presented by the **Senator John Heinz History Center Volunteer Ambassador Program** in collaboration with **California University of Pennsylvania Music Department**. Featured Pittsburgh jazz legends will include Billy Strayhorn, Maxine Sullivan, Henry Mancini, Ray Brown, Johnny Costa and more!

Following the video, a panel of incredible jazz artists, led by "**Voice of Jazz in Pittsburgh**", **Mr. Bob Studebaker**, will discuss their memories and experiences of jazz in Pittsburgh. Attendees will have the incredible opportunity to hear firsthand stories from their favorite local musicians, as well as ask the panelists questions of their own. Panelists will include Pittsburgh jazz greats such as Roger Humphries and Dwayne Dolphin, as well as up-and-coming artists such as Jevon Rushton and Brett Williams.

But the night doesn't end there! Following the panel discussion, attendees will enjoy 2 additional hours of amazing, live jazz music.

Advance tickets for *Steeltown Jazz Storytellers* are \$50 per performance for VIP tickets, with seating directly in front of the stage; \$35 per performance for general admission tickets. Tickets will increase \$10 at the door. Only 24 VIP tickets and 56 general admission tickets are available for each performance!

Series passes are available until Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 11:59 PM. Series pass holders will get 5 performances for the price of 4, with VIP passes at \$225 and General Admission passes at \$150.

What are we doing with your money?

To support the preservation of jazz history in Pittsburgh, a portion of the proceeds from Steeltown Jazz Storytellers will be donated to the Senator John Heinz History Center.

To support the current community of jazz in Pittsburgh, each professional musician participating in Steeltown Jazz Storytellers will be offered fair payment for their performances.

To support the future of jazz in Pittsburgh, a portion of the proceeds from Steeltown Jazz Storytellers will be donated to the Roger L. Humphries Music Scholarship Fund.

As an added bonus...

Steeltown Jazz is working to continue the *Steeltown Jazz Storytellers* series into July 2015 with a free, outdoor public concert in the northside's Allegheny Commons. More details for this free performance will be released in coming weeks.

Steeltown Jazz presents Steeltown Jazz Storytellers – the past, present and future of JAZZ in Pittsburgh! Join us on the third Saturday of each month, February – June 2015, in the James Street Gastropub & Speakeasy second floor ballroom for an amazing night of Pittsburgh jazz. Tickets are on sale at www.SteeltownJazz.com.

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