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MIDWEEK JAZZ SIZZLES IN SPRING AND SUMMER

TOMS RIVER, NJ – Ocean County College’s Arts and Community Center continues the **MidWeek Jazz Series** off-campus on **Wednesdays** at **8:00 p.m.** at Mancini Hall, Ocean County Library, 101 Washington Street, Toms River. Come hear acclaimed artists play classic jazz and swing in a single 90-minute set!

May 12: **Vocalist Nancy Nelson with Pianist Keith Ingram** – Vocalist **Nancy Nelson** has been thrilling audiences in the northern part of the state for years, garnering recognition and a solid reputation. “She’s a remarkable singer,” writes Dan Morgenstern, “who takes her cues...from the great classic song stylists of jazz.” Grammy nominee **Keith Ingram** accompanies Nelson on piano, contributing his own original arrangements and an occasional thrilling solo.

June 16: **Bucky’s Back!** – Jazz legend **Bucky Pizzarelli** has brought his seven string guitar magic to Mancini Hall before, filling the room every time. Bucky’s career spans jazz history, and he has performed and recorded with a veritable *Who’s Who* of jazz and swing music. For this MidWeek Jazz performance, he’ll be joined by violin virtuoso **Aaron Weinstein** and veteran bassist **Jerry Bruno**, so there won’t be a dull moment!

July 14: **Dan Levinson and Fete Manouche** – Clarinetist **Dan Levinson** brings his new Fete Manouche group to celebrate the centennial birthday of guitarist Django Reinhardt, who created and advanced Gypsy Jazz, the only uniquely European contribution to the jazz scene. Several skilled and rapid string players join Levinson in playing this exciting, fast-paced music.

August 18: **Bob Milne** – **Bob Milne** is a multi-talented piano player, specializing in ragtime but extending his reach into stride, blues, and boogie woogie. Milne’s delightful stories, historical vignettes, and humorous asides are as entertaining as the music itself. He has a repertoire that is large and varied, and in the intimacy of Mancini Hall he will offer piano in-the-round, remaining within reach of most of the audience.

Admission: \$13 in advance and \$15 at-the-door. Advance tickets are only available through the Ocean County College Arts and Community Center Box Office. For information or to charge tickets, call 732.255.0500. Visit us on the web at www.ocean.edu. (*Tickets will be available at-the-door on the night of the performance, one hour before show time.*)