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MIDWEEK JAZZ SIZZLES IN 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!

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 Fête Manouche** – Clarinetist **Dan Levinson** brings his new Fête 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.

September 22: **Allan Vaché Returns!** – Acclaimed, inventive clarinetist **Allan Vaché** sold out the room last year for a spirited Benny Goodman centennial concert. This year, he’ll bring the same intensity to a more general program. Vaché’s clarinet can be downright blistering, as well as warm and inviting, and his graceful playing makes even complicated pieces seem easy. Vaché will be joined by guitarist **Vinnie Corrao**, bassist **Brian Nalepka**, and drummer **Kevin Dorn**, all seasoned veterans of this series.

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.*)