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2025 March 15 | 6pm Sunset Club, Seattle

Guest Artist, Dee Daniels

Welcome from SRJO's Artistic Director Michael Brockman

Welcome to Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra's 2025 Gala!

We are thrilled to have you with us tonight as we celebrate our 30th anniversary season with the incredible talent of Dee Daniels, accompanied by an SRJO rhythm section. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the music. Your generosity tonight ensures that the SRJO can continue to bring you outstanding concerts, innovative programming, and vital jazz education.

When Clarence Acox and I founded SRJO in 1995, we dreamed of the band becoming a permanent fixture in our region's arts culture. Now, celebrating our 30th anniversary with wonderful guest Dee Daniels, we see that dream realized.

This annual fundraiser benefits SRJO's performance programs, community offerings, and concerts, including in-school education programs that bring essential jazz and cultural learning opportunities to students and educators in the Greater Seattle Area. This 2025 gala fundraiser is not just about celebrating our past success or sustaining SRJO today, but about paving the way for a bright future. Your contributions support essential programs like Jazz Scholars and Jazz4Kids, ensuring they thrive and inspire people of all ages for years to come.

Your support is crucial for SRJO and plays a significant role in preserving and promoting jazz throughout Seattle and the Pacific Northwest. Thanks to our donors, we can continue to cultivate a rich, vibrant jazz culture that resonates across our community and beyond.

We are genuinely thrilled to have you here. Enjoy the evening, and thank you once again for your unwavering support are thrilled you're here. Have fun tonight!

> — With Gratitude, Michael Brockman, SRJO Artistic Director



2025 Gala Program

6:00 **Event Begins** (*Raffle and silent auction open*)

Jazz Scholars Performance Chief Sealth Jazz Combo Led by Joey Roberts

- 6:30 Ballroom Doors Open
- 6:45 Dinner Service
- 7:00 **Dee Daniels with the SRJO Set 1** (Dessert dash closes)
- 7:30 Dessert Dash
- 7:45 **Program** (Silent auction closes)
- 8:15 Paddle Raise (Raffle closes)
- 8:35 Raffle Drawing
- 8:45 Dee Daniels with the SRJO Set 2
- 9:15 Totals Announced

Special Guest - Dee Daniels

Dee Daniels is a crowd pleaser and a musician's musician. Whether accompanying herself at the piano, fronting a trio, big band or symphony, she is a unique talent who transcends musical borders when she brings her jazz styling, infused with gospel and blues flavoring, to the stage.

The stepdaughter of a Baptist minister, Dee was born and raised in Oakland, CA. Though she graduated from university with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education, music was always a big part of her life. However, she didn't discover her true calling to it until after teaching art in a Seattle high school for a year. She then joined a band, resigned her teaching position, and the rest is history!

She has since traveled the world with her music. She has shared the stage and/or recorded with numerous legends of jazz including Houston Person, Monty Alexander, John Clayton, Russell Malone, Cyrus Chestnut, Ken Peplowski, and Lewis Nash to mention a few. Her diverse career has seen her in clubs, on festivals, prestigious music halls around the world, theater stages, television and radio, performances for royalty and international dignitaries, and on many recordings as leader or guest.

Dee has also established herself as a jazz vocalist in demand by the classical world, performing her five symphonic Pops programs with orchestras in the US, Canada, and Europe. Many organizations and institutions in and out of the music industry have recognized Dee with awards for her contributions in music, education, and community service.

Visit deedaniels.com for more information about Dee's extensive career.





Emcee Abe Beeson

Abe grew up in Western Washington, a third generation Seattle/Tacoma kid. As a student at Pacific Lutheran University, Abe landed his first job at KNKX, editing and producing audio for news stories. A Christmas Day

shift no one else wanted gave Abe his first on-air experience which led to overnights, Saturday afternoons, and then a 20-year stretch hosting Evening Jazz beginning in 1998.

A longtime donor to several non-profit arts organizations, Abe joined the board of the Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra in 2017. He's proud to support the SRJO's mission to bring the live big band jazz experience to audiences around Western Washington and beyond.

The Band

SRJO Artistic Director Michael Brockman

Saxophone

Michael is the co-founder/ artistic director of the SRJO and has been a faculty member of the UW School of Music since 1987, instructing saxophone performance and jazz arranging. He studied saxophone and composition at the New England Conservatory, the Berklee College of Music and the Musikhochschule at the University of Cologne.

He has recorded with groups in Washington D.C. and Boston, and in Seattle with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra and the Clarence Acox Sextet. Brockman was presented the Champion of the Arts Award from the Kirkland Performance Center. He is director of the UW's highly regarded "Jazz in Paris" program. He was inducted into the Seattle Jazz Hall of Fame in 2019.

Randy Halberstadt

Piano

Randy has appeared with national artists such as Terry Gibbs, Buddy DeFranco, Herb Ellis, Grace Kelly, Mimi Fox, Kevin Mahogany, Sheila Jordan, Bobby Shew, Marlena Shaw, and Jeff Hamilton. He is featured on numerous recordings with the top names in NW jazz, including singers Jay Clayton, Gail Pettis, Greta Matassa, and the Clarence Acox Sextet. He has four recordings of his own and is the author of an instructional text, Metaphors For The Musician: Perspectives From A Jazz Pianist (Sher Music Publishing).

Phil Sparks

Bass

Phil is among the leading bassists in Seattle, having performed with nearly every top jazz group in the city. He records extensively with many of the Northwest's top names and received a special mention as a star of the Seattle scene in Down Beat Magazine. Sparks has performed and recorded extensively with many of the Northwest's top names in jazz and appears on dozens of award-winning compact discs.

D'Vonne Lewis

Drums

D'Vonne is the grandson of the 'Godfather' of rock and roll/soul, 1950s Northwest organ legend, Dave Lewis. D'Vonne graduated from Seattle's Roosevelt High School and was a member of the award-winning jazz band, directed by SRJO trombonist, Scott Brown. While in high school, D'Vonne received the Essentially Ellington Drum soloist award three years in a row. Lewis extensively tours and performs various gigs in styles ranging from jazz, funk, hip-hop, rock, Brazilian and African.

He has recorded with Hadley Caliman; Floyd Standifer; Marc Seales; Larry Fuller; and a number of national artists. Lewis composes for his own bands: 'D'Vonne Lewis NW D'Lux', 'Limited Edition' and 'DL4tet'. D'Vonne has received the Earshot Golden Ear Award for 'Emerging Artist' and three Earshot Golden Ear Awards for 'Instrumentalist of the Year.' He is also the VP of the Seattle Jazz Fellowship Board.

Dan Marcus Lead Trombone

Dan started playing semiprofessionally at age nine alongside his father in several Bay-area Dixie bands. He toured extensively with the Ray Charles and Woody Herman Orchestras, among others. Dan performed for a number of years in Teatro Zinzanni and now appears regularly with the Oliver Groenewald "NewNet," Jay Thomas' "Cantaloupes," "The DNA Trio" with his brother, Michael, and son, Max; along with extensive arranging, freelancing, studio and Broadway musical work at the 5th Avenue and Paramount Theatres.





special Jazz scholars performance

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We are pleased to announce that joining us to perform tonight is a jazz combo from Chief Sealth Jazz Combo led by Joey Roberts.

These students are mentored by SRJO Jazz Scholars coach, Nathan Vetter. SRJO's investment in their music education, not only supports their passion for jazz, but contributes to better academic, emotional, and social outcomes, making a lifelong impact for these students.



Raffle

Enter to win one or more of these unique prizes!

Seattle Date Night

Let's Eat!

Eight Bells Winery Magnum Bottle & Private Tour New Orleans Gumbo Dinner

(Descriptions on the following pages)

Raffle tickets are **\$30 or three (3) for \$75.** Raffle sellers are distributed throughout the venue. Ticket sales will close after the paddle raise.

There's no limit to how many tickets you can put in the bowls!





Take your darling out on the town for a night to remember!

First, park your car and check in to the **Sound Hotel** in Belltown.

The Sound Hotel is part of the Hilton chain and sits in the heart of Seattle's Belltown neighborhood, less than a mile from Amazon Corporate Headquarters, walking distance from Pike Place Market, Chihuly Garden and Glass, and city nightlife.

Then, walk five minutes to THE club in town, **Jazz Alley**, for a dinner and show (voucher limited to admission and entrée).

Saunter back to the hotel and wake up the next morning and enjoy a delicious breakfast in Sound's locally focused restaurant.

(Jazz Alley restrictions: Available Tuesday-Thursday and Sundays. Not available for all acts. Expires March, 2026.)

Value: \$700

Thank you, Jazz Alley, Ken Steiner, Annie Delucci, and Sound Hotel





Entertain your taste buds and fill your belly with this one-of-a-kind foodie package.

- Visit an Ethan Stowell restaurant for your next date night. (\$200)
- Dine at Seattle's classic Italian restaurant, **Serafina**, located in Eastlake. (\$125)
- Be transported to Laos; dinner for two at Taurus Ox. (voucher for meal)
- Select the best cuts at **Double DD Meats** butcher shop, Seattle's premium meat market in the heart of Mountlake Terrace. Double DD remains to this day, an old-fashioned meat market. Meats include beef, pork, lamb, poultry, wild game, and exotic meats. All meats are set out fresh or ground on a daily basis. (\$100)
- Dine on the shores of Lake Washington at **Bluwater Bistro.** (\$75)
- Pick up organic produce at Makanai Farm's booth at the University District farmer's market. Makanai Farms is a small scale, no-till farm growing produce with regenerative practices in the beautiful Skagit Valley. They grow more than 50 vegetable varieties with an emphasis on Japanese varieties. Visit makanaifarm.com. (\$50)

Value: \$650

Thank you, Double DD Meats, Ethan Stowell, Makanai Farms, Serafina, Taurus Ox, and Bluwater Bistro

EIGHT BELLS WINERY: MAGNUM BOTTLE AND PRIVATE TOUR

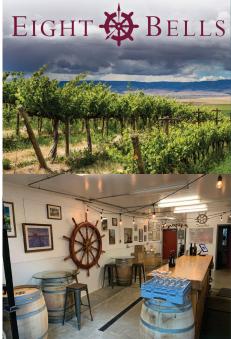
Awarded the Seattle Times People's Choice Award for the Best Winery in the PNW!

Winners will visit the Eight Bells Winery with 8-10 people for a private tour and tasting.

At the tour, the winner gets to pick a wine of their choosing to fill a magnum. Come experience a true urban winery!

Value: \$350

Thank you, Eight Bells Winery





NEW ORLEANS GUMBO DINNER

Gumbo and Key Lime Pie—what more does anyone have to say except you have to have this! Sandra Walker and Susan Jenkins will be your hosts at Sandra's house for this amazing adventure to the south. A very special guest will be joining us: Artistic Director Michael Brockman! Come with your appetites and good humor....and leave with just your good humor! *Restrictions: Up to eight (8) guests.*

Value: \$1,000

Thank you, Sandra Walker & Susan Jenkins.



silent Auction

Place your bid on these fabulous items! If you have to have it, skip the line and "BUY IT NOW" for the highest price.

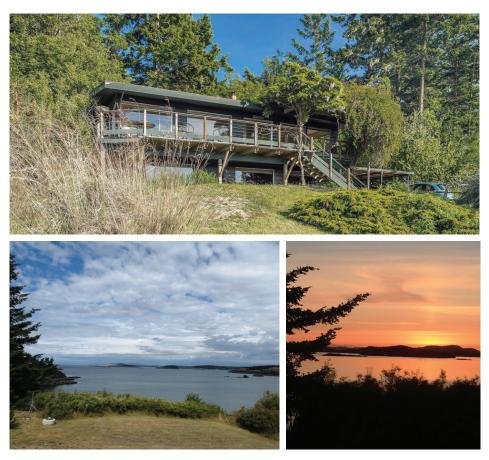
Four (4) Nights at Lopez Island Getaway Six (6) Nights at Lake Chelan Lake House Resort Tour D'Arts SRJO Anniversary Celebration Package SRJO Board-Curated Case of 12 Wines Jazz Lectures Seven (7) Jazz-Themed Ceramics

(Descriptions on the following pages)

The silent auction opens at 6:00pm and closes at 7:45pm after the dessert dash.



FOUR (4) NIGHTS AT A BEAUTIFUL LOPEZ ISLAND GETAWAY



Beautiful Lopez Island vacation home with sweeping western views of San Juan Island, Victoria, and the Straits of Juan de Fuca. House sleeps eight and includes 3 bedrooms each with queen beds and one bedroom with 2 twin beds. It also features a fully stocked kitchen, dining, sitting, and living room, 2 baths, and wide view deck. It is located on Outer Bay at the south end of the island, between Agate Beach County Park beach and Iceberg National Monument with miles of scenic trails.

Restrictions: Mutually agreeable dates.

Value: \$2,400

Thank you, Lynn Thompson and David Foutch

SIX (6) NIGHTS AT LAKE CHELAN LAKE HOUSE RESORT



Check in to your deluxe bedroom suite at Lake Chelan Lake House Resort at WorldMark on October 10 and stay six nights just a 5-minute walk away from Lake Chelan. This Lake Chelan resort features beach access and an outdoor pool as well as a hot tub and fitness center. Condo includes a kitchen, fireplace, and a hide-a-bed sofa in living room. Enjoy all that the Lake Chelan area has to offer from vineyards to boating, or visit the charming Bavarian-style village, Leavenworth, just an hour away.

Restrictions: 10/10/25 at 4:00pm through 10/17/25 at 1:00am. Registered guest must cancel by 9/10/25 for SRJO to avoid service charges.

Value: \$1,500

Thank you, Henry and Debbie Bischofberger



Enjoy two ballet performances, a symphony, and the cuisine of Wild Ginger in this fabulous package:

BALLET

Everything is beautiful at the ballet...enjoy two tickets each for the following two performances by **Pacific Northwest Ballet**, one of the largest and most highly regarded ballet companies in the country:

<u>March 22 – Emergence</u> – This mesmerizing piece is accompanied by Jerome Robbins' intimate Afternoon of a Faun, Marco Goecke's solo work Mopey, and a World Premiere from PNB dancer and choreographer Price Suddarth. (*two tickets*)

<u>April 11 – Roméo and Juliette</u> – Jean-Christophe Maillot's Roméo et Juliette distills the Shakespearean tragedy to its most moving, timeless core. Watch as young love blooms, grows, and overwhelms in this magnetic refresh of the classic story. (*two tickets*)

DINNER AND THE SYMPHONY

First, enjoy authentic cuisines from China and Southeast Asia at at **Wild Ginger** in Seattle. (\$150)

Then walk across the street to experience the music of the world-renowned **Seattle Symphony** at Benaroya Hall.

<u>April 3 – Nobuyuki Tsujii Plays Rachmaninov</u> – Since winning joint Gold Medal at the 2009 Van Cliburn Competition, Nobuyuki Tsujii has become an international piano star. His performances are unforgettable. Power, emotion, and precision have won him lasting fame. (*two tickets*)

Value: \$552 - Thank you, Chris Jamba and Wild Ginger

SRJO ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PACKAGE



Enjoy two season tickets to the SRJO's 2025-2026 concert season! Plus, take home this one-of-a-kind autographed and framed poster from the band's 25th Anniversary season. A huge value for a loyal SRJO fan like you!

Value: \$860

Thank you, Neal Friedman, Museum Quality Framing on Capitol Hill, and SRJO

SRJO BOARD-CURATED CASE OF 12 WINES

The perfect case of wine to cover every occasion.

Whether you are whipping up a casual weeknight dinner or hosting a big celebration, having the right wine can elevate any moment. Imagine a collection of 12 wines, each chosen to suit different events and settings.

The lead bottle of the case is **Block 1311** from Passing Time Winery, the 2024 Washington Winery of the year. Block 1311 is a 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon grown in Horse Heaven Hills and it received a score of 99 by the International Wine Report. It retails for \$125. The other lead bottle in the case is an award winning **2020 Red Blend Heritage Marques de Casa Concha** from Chile that retails for \$75. The remaining 10 bottles, including wines from Eight Bells Winery, a Passing Time Chardonnay and a delicious wine from Spain are all high-end wines and will

provide the perfect wine for every celebration!

Value: \$638

Thank you, SRJO Board of Directors





JAZZ LECTURES

(Each lecture is a separate auction item. Bid on one or both!)

Experience Seattle Jazz Like You're in Tokyo! Step into a world where the warm sound of jazz on vinyl takes center stage. You're invited to an exclusive listening session inspired by a Japanese jazz café – a sanctuary where music lovers come to unwind and revel in the beauty of analog sound. Don't miss this unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the soul of Seattle jazz, just like you're in Tokyo! Restrictions: 25-person limit per event.

Event Highlights:

<u>Atmosphere</u>: Sip on a drink and relax in a mid-century modern Seattle home, elegantly designed to transport you to Tokyo's jazz scene.

Music: Enjoy a carefully curated selection of rare Seattle jazz vinyl, played on an impeccable analog hi-fi system.

<u>Special Guest</u>: A legendary Seattle jazz musician will join us for the evening. Who will it be? You'll have to attend to find out!

Your Host: Steve Griggs, your musical curator, will guide you through a journey of Seattle's rich jazz history. With recordings dating back to the first ever (1923 Vic Meyers at the Butler Hotel) and extending to the latest from Marina Albero, Steve will provide fascinating musical and historic insights to impress your friends at the next SRJO concert.

About Steve Griggs: Steve, a writer for Earshot Jazz and leader of the Steve Griggs Ensemble (featuring SRJO artists Jay Thomas, Milo Petersen, and Phil Sparks), was awarded the 2022 Historic Recording of the Year by the Jazz Journalists Association for discovering the source tape of John Coltrane's *"A Love Supreme: Live in Seattle."*

Lecture details on next page...

Thank you, Steve Griggs, Ken Steiner, Sandra Walker, and Jim Wilke

LECTURE ONE - Sunday, May 4, 2:00-4:30pm in Seattle

<u>Co-hosted by Ken Steiner</u>: Ken is a SRJO board member and co-founder of the Seattle Jazz Fellowship. He first fell under the spell of Duke Ellington's music when he heard Duke in concert at Georgetown University on February 10, 1974. He's been researching Ellington ever since.

Value: \$40 per person

LECTURE TWO - Sunday, June 8, 2:00-4:30pm in Seattle

<u>Co-hosted by Jim Wilke</u>: Jim Wilke was a Seattle radio host beginning in 1961, co-founded the Seattle Jazz Society, taught jazz history at Cornish and Bellevue colleges, and produced Jazz After Hours on Public Radio International winning the Willis Conover/Marian McPartland Award for top national jazz program. His live Seattle jazz recordings include the SRJO and many historic touring jazz legends. **Value: \$40 per person**

SEVEN (7) JAZZ-THEMED CERAMICS

To celebrate the musicians that make the music, we offer a set of seven unique, handmade, decorative ceramic pieces. Whether you're a

jazz musician, fan, or patron of the Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra, you'll love these designs. The pieces depict stylized jazz musicians and instruments of a big band orchestra. They can be displayed as artwork or gently used as small-plate dishes. Made using terracotta clay, they are food, oven, and dishwasher safe.

These ceramics were created by Karen Roberts, an award-winning artist and amateur musician, and SRJO Board Member and patron. She has been crafting ceramic art since the early 1980s, and these ceramics showcase her passion for music and art. Includes three plate stands to display these fine crafts.

Value: \$500 - Thank you, Karen Roberts



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Dessert Dash menu

Baker's Choice Assorted Cupcakes Cupcake Royale

A classic assortment of favorite flavors.

Café Mocha Cake Simply Desserts

Dark chocolate cake filled with dark chocolate ganache, frosted with espresso buttercream.

Caramel Apple Tart Bakery Nouveau

A classic favorite with baked apples, almond frangipane and caramel.

Carrot Cake Homemade by Marty Dennis

Freshly grated carrots, warm spices, walnuts, pineapple, and a touch of sweetness from raisins plumped with pineapple juice. Topped with a luscious cream cheese frosting with white chocolate and grand marnier.

Chocolate Cupcakes, Gluten Free Homemade by Angie Battalio

Decadent and moist black-bean based gluten-free chocolate cupcakes with a vanilla buttercream frosting.

Chocolate Mocha Cheesecake Bakery Nouveau

One of Bakery Nouveau's richest desserts, with dark chocolate and freshly brewed coffee.

Chocolate Raspberry Cake Macrina Bakery

Chocolate Cake layered with chocolate mousse and raspberries. Finished with chocolate ganache and chocolate cake crumbs.

Chocolate Sin Cake Homemade by Jeri Jones

A flourless cake that rises light and lovely in the oven then comes back down to earth as it cools to create a unique chocolate cake...moist, texturized and intensely flavored.

German Chocolate Cake Edmonds Bakery

Layers of moist chocolate cake embrace a delectable fusion of toasted pecans and coconut, generously smothered in velvety caramel.

Jane's Famous Spanish Flan Homemade by Jane Fellner

Rich and creamy egg custard dessert topped with a golden caramel sauce.

Jeri's Delectable Lemon Bars Homemade by Jeri Jones

Bright and zingy lemon bars with a crisp shortbread crust and luscious lemon filling.

Key Lime Pie Homemade by Susan Jenkins

Sweet, buttery graham cracker crust filled with creamy, tangy, fresh custard.

Lemon Cream Cake Deep Sea Sugar & Salt

Ricotta olive oil cake, lemon simple syrup, lemon curd, lemon mascarpone cream, lemon cream cheese frosting.

Lemon Raspberry Cake, Gluten Free Nothing Bundt Cakes

A zesty and refreshing Lemon Raspberry cake, hand-swirled with raspberry puree.

Matilda Cake Volunteer Park Café and Pantry

Dark chocolate ganache between layers of chocolate cake garnished with cocoa nibs.

Red Velvet Cake w/Vanilla Cream Cheese 85C Bakery Cafe

Traditional red velvet cake layered with vanilla cream cheese.

Spring Strawberry Pie Homemade by Susan Jenkins

Fresh strawberries in a baked crust, topped with delicate strawberry sauce.

Strawberry Bavarian Cake Edmonds Bakery

White layer cake with layers of strawberries and Bavarian cream is topped with a whipping cream frosting and strawberries.

Tres Leches Cake The Salvadorean Bakery

Signature sponge cake soaked in evaporated milk, condensed milk and heavy cream.

Whisper Cake Macrina Bakery

White chocolate cake is layered with lemon curd, whipped cream, fresh raspberries and raspberry preserves. Finished with white chocolate cream cheese buttercream. Garnished with raspberries and raspberry dust.

Thank you to the following bakeries for their dessert donations:

Cupcake Royale, Edmonds Bakery, Macrina Bakery, and Volunteer Park Cafe and Pantry

BERNE Upcoming Concerts

SRJO FOUNders concert

April 12 | Saturday 7:30pm Nordstrom Recital Hall at Benaroya

April 13 | Sunday 2:00pm Nordstrom Recital Hall at Benaroya

SRJO proudly salutes its founding members, many of whom still play in the band, plus past members who still live/work in the region. Music selections for this special anniversary concert will include pieces written by SRJO members during the last 30 years (including some by Artistic Director Emeritus and co-founder Clarence Acox).

Branford marsalis With the SRJD

June 21 | Saturday 7:30pm

Nordstrom Recital Hall at Benaroya

June 22 | Sunday 2:00pm Nordstrom Recital Hall at Benaroya

National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master and three-time Grammy winner Marsalis takes SRJO on a historical tour from the notable music of his hometown, New Orleans, to modern interpretations of jazz classics.





Order Tickets: SRJO.ORG/EVENTS 206.523.6159