

FDS: Newsletter

Fresno Dixieland Society **August 2017**

Leon Bismark (Bix) Beiderbecke (1903–1931)

BIX was born on March 10, 1903, in Davenport, Iowa. He was the son of Bismark Herman and Agnes Jane Beiderbecke. His father was Manager of the East Davenport Lumber and Coal Company. His mother was a musician who played piano; she also was the organist for The First Presbyterian Church.

Bix Beiderbecke was the first talented white jazz cornet player. He also played the piano, but he had more success playing the cornet with a very personal style.

His first gig was in 1921 at Hayne's Dancing School under his own name The Beiderbecke Five.

After leaving Lake Forest, he played with several bands around Chicago & Davenport, joining the Wolverine Orchestra in 1924. In October 1924, Bix left The Wolverines and joined The Jean Goldkette Orchestra. He returned home in 1925 and briefly attended the University of Iowa. He then returned to play with Jean Goldkette. In October 1927, Bix joined Paul Whiteman. The Whiteman Orchestra, which had their own train, was on national radio, and played every major concert hall in the USA, including Carnegie Hall, where Bix played his own composition "In A Mist". Bix continued with Whiteman until September 1929.

Bix was a genius, a jazz pioneer. Bix wrote the compositions: In A Mist, Candlelights, In The Dark and Flashes, he also wrote Davenport Blues.

Bix died on Thursday August 6, 1931 at 9:30 pm at the age of 28 from Lobar Pneumonia in Queens, New York. His body was returned to Davenport and buried in Oakdale Cemetery.



"BIX" BEIDERBECKE

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"Laissez le bon temps rouler...Let the good times roll"

President's Message

Fresno Dixieland Society would like to welcome you to our new email newsletter. The board hopes that we can continue to give you updated news of the surrounding valley music and dance venues. We also will provide lots of entertaining news from our board members and FDS members. If you would like to see our past "Sounds of Mardi Gras" pictures and information on our upcoming 34th "Sounds of Mardi Gras" 2018, please visit our website at: **www.fresnodixie.com**

We are always looking for volunteers to help us on our many committees that make our festival one of the best Traditional Jazz Festivals on the west coast.

Linda

Membership

Thank you to all new members that joined, and to members that renewed their membership at our June dance. Our first dance at our new venue, The Elks club is a beautiful room with a nice and safe surrounding. Our first dance at our new event was very well attended and fun was had by all. We danced and enjoyed the great music to the sounds of Yosemite Jazz Band. Looking forward to our next dance, August 13th with our theme of "Hot Summer Nights". Dress in your summer casual and or tropical wear. It is our hope that word of our great dances will continue to spread, and that our membership will continue to grow. Come one, come all....joining our wonderful society. Bring your friends. The more the merrier is definitely true of our Fresno Dixieland Society. Come Join The Fun!

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: _____

NEW ☐ RENEWAL ☐ ADDRESS CHANGE ☐

NAME: _____

eMail: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

MEMBERSHIP: \$25/per person Due by Jan 31st.
After Jan 31st, \$30/person. Includes Newsletter.

SUNDAY DANCES: \$5/member with membership card.
\$15/non-member

☐ I would like to volunteer for the Society and/or Mardi Gras Festival

mail check or money order:

Fresno Dixieland Society . PO Box 16399 . Fresno, CA 93755

 **JOE LENIGAN BAND**

Presents
Sunday - September 3, 2017

at THE GRAND 1401 - 10th floor
1401 Fulton St. at Tuolumne, Fresno
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Complimentary
Dance Lessons
11:45 a.m. to 12:45p.m.
by Mario Moreno
"Certified Ballroom
Dance Instructor"**



www.joeleniganband.com

Suggested dress for the dance is Ladies: Cocktail dress or Dressy separates. Men: Dress slacks and shirts with jackets and ties optional. Admission fees \$15 non-members, \$10 members

CCBBDS can be contacted by calling (559) 801-6308
Facebook: Central California Big Band Dance Society - Internet: <http://bigbanddancing.com>



Sounds of Mardi Gras

Feb 8-11, 2018

38th Annual San Diego Jazz Fest Nov 22-26, 2017

For Badge Sales, Sponsor Details & Lodging:

www.SDjazzfest.org

or call 619-297-5277 Tickets on line or by mail:
AFCDJS, POB 880387, San Diego, CA 92168-0387

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Town and Country Resort,
500 Hotel Circle North,
San Diego, CA 619-291-7131
www.towncountry.com
Festival rates start at \$109

FESTIVAL HOURS

Wed 7-11p • Thurs 6-11p • Fri 10a-11p • Sat 9a-Midnight • Sun 8a-6p

INVITED BANDS & ARTISTS INCLUDE

Katie Cavera
Stephanie Trick
Paolo Alderighi
Chloe Feoranzo
Cash In Hand
Jazz Jammers
Champagne Dixie
Titanic Jazz Band
Mad Hat Hucksters
Dawn Lambeth Trio
Carl Sonny Leyland
Euphoria Brass Band
Big Butter Jazz Band
Dave Bennett Quartet
High Sierra Jazz Band
Memphis Speed Kings
Yerba Buena Stompers
Uptown Rhythm Makers
High Society Jazz Band
Night Blooming Jazzmen
The World's Finest Apples
Grand Dominion Jazz Band
Uptown Lowdown Jazz Band
Frederick Hodges' Crown Syncopators
Kris Tokarski Quintet w/Jonathan Doyle
Original Cornell Syncopators
Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing
Swing Dance Extravaganza

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Fresno Dixieland Society
Summer Dance
With
**BLUE STREET
JAZZ BAND**
AUGUST 13, 2017
1-5 pm
FRESNO ELKS LODGE 439
5351 N. Diana Ct
Fresno, CA
Call for more info:
John 559.779.2484
www.fresnodixie.com



Fresno Dixieland Society
Halloween Costume Ball
With
**Cell Block 7
Jazz Band**
October 8, 2017
1-5 pm
FRESNO ELKS LODGE 439
5351 N. Diana Ct
Fresno, CA
Call for more info:
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www.fresnodixie.com



Fresno Dixieland Society
Christmas Ball
With
STARDUSTERS
December 9, 2017
1-5 pm
FRESNO ELKS LODGE 439
5351 N. Diana Ct
Fresno, CA
Call for more info:
John 559.779.2484
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