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**Press Release**

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# Jazz of the Month at the Main Library

## Series Kicks off Saturday with *The Faux Frenchmen* at 2 p.m.

The sounds of jazz will ring through the Main Library when the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County once again presents the "Jazz of the Month Club" on select Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

Beginning Saturday, September 12, well-known jazz artists will perform in the Main Library's Atrium as part of the series supported by internationally known saxophonist and authority on jazz education Jamey Aebersold. This is the fourth year he has generously supported these quality jazz performances at the Library.

Mr. Aebersold is one of the most significant innovators in jazz education. A strong believer in the role of improvisation in education, he is known to throw a little bit of music theory and the history and culture of jazz into his sets at the Library.

"Sometimes he projects the sheet music on a screen so the audience can actually see what the chord changes look like," said Dan Aren, the Reference Librarian who coordinates the program at the Library. "Many excellent jazz musicians are being educated at University jazz programs now, like the one at UC's College Conservatory of Music."

Many of this year's acts are tied to the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM). Rick VanMatre (Rick VanMatre Quintet) is the Director of Jazz Studies Program at CCM where both Phil DeGreg (Brasilia) and Rusty Burge (Brasilia and Rick VanMatre Quintet) are Professors. Jack Finucane (Ed Felson Quintet) is a current student in the program, and Brian Lovely (The Faux Frenchmen) is a CCM Jazz Guitar Alumnus. On February 20, gifted student artists currently enrolled in the award-winning program will play the series, too.

"The quality of the music we've been able to present here is just overwhelmingly good," said Aren. "It's so nice get support from someone like Jamey. He's a very generous guy."

♪ See page 2 for the complete Jazz of the Month Schedule.



***The Faux Frenchmen*, from left, Brian Lovely, guitar; Don Aren, bass; Paul Patterson, violin; and George Cunningham, guitar; will kick off another season of the Main Library's Jazz of the Month Club Saturday at 2:00 p.m.**

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### Did You know...

The Public Library owns an extensive collection of Jamey Aebersold Play-A-Longs, which gives people the opportunity to practice their playing with accompaniment by some of the world's greatest jazz musicians. For information, call 369-6900 or check the Library's website at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org)

# **Jazz of the Month Club at the Main Library**

Live jazz in the Atrium of the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, downtown. All concerts are on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.  
Sponsored by jazz artist and educator Jamey Aebersold ([www.jazzbooks.com](http://www.jazzbooks.com)).

## **September 12**

### **The Faux Frenchmen | [www.foxfrenchmen.com](http://www.foxfrenchmen.com)**

Brian Lovely, acoustic guitar | George Cunningham, acoustic guitar | Don Aren, bass | Paul Patterson, violin

## **October 17**

### **The Jamey Aebersold Quartet**

Jamey Aebersold, alto sax | Steve Allee, piano | Tyrone Wheeler, bass | Jonathan Higgins, drums

## **November 14**

### **Brasilia**

Phil DeGreg, piano | Aaron Jacobs, bass | Rusty Burge, vibes | Marc Wolfley, drums | Stan Ginn, percussion

## **February 20**

### **CCM Jazz Combo**

Gifted student artists from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music's award-winning Jazz Program

## **March 13**

### **The Steve Schmidt Quartet**

Featuring Steve Schmidt on piano

## **April 17**

### **Rick VanMatre Quintet**

Rick VanMatre, saxophone | Rusty Burge, vibes | Jim Connerly, piano | Michael Sharfe, bass | Marc Wolfley, drums

## **May 15**

### **The Ed Felson Quintet**

Ed Felson, bass | Jack Finucane, tenor sax | Dan Drees, tenor sax | Dan Karlsberg, piano | Ron Enyard, drums