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7day festival: Fifteen acts to jazz it up

Jazz fans delight, you have not been forgott Electric Factory concerts will present a mammoth seven-day jazz festival, stretched out over the first two weeks of October.

The festival will be held at the Tower Theater, and will eature over 15 acts.

Opening the series on Sept. 30 will be the Crusaders, McCoy Tyner and Sonny Fortune.

Oct. 1 will feature Roy Ayers and Ubiquity; Al Jk And all that jazz continues with: Ronnie Laws and Zoot Sims on Oct. 2; Big Joe Turner, James Cotton, Jimmy Witherspoon and Eddie Vinson on Oct. 6; Anthony Braxton, Sam Rivers Quartet and Dewey Redmond on Oct. 7; Freddie Hubbard, Dexter Gordon and Mose Allison on Oct. 8 and the finale featuring Lonnie Liston Smith, Noel Pointer, Gil Scot-Heron, Brian Jackson and the Midnight Band on Oct. 9.

Although I can't profess to

be a diehard jazz freak, I am impressed at the names and the numbers.

All concerts will be held at the acoustically delightful Tower Theater, 69th Street, Upper Darby.

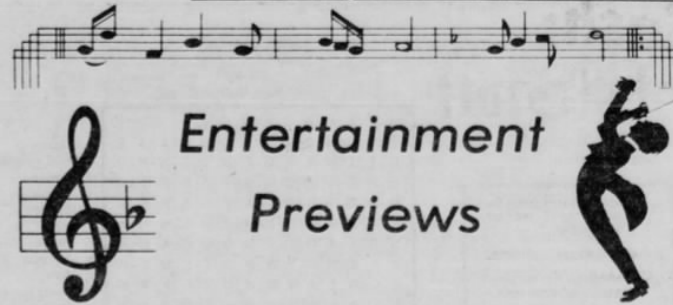
It's possible to ride the rails from Pottstown to Upper Darby, unfortunately, the Reading train doesn't have a run to Pottstown after 9:30 p.m., so you couldn't get back the same way.

But there is a faster alternative than driving all the way.

Get a ride to Norristown, and hop on the P & W train at Main and Swede streets. Take the train to the 69th Street terminal. Walk out the door and you're one block from the Tower Theater.

Sometimes the train ride down is half the fun.

Fresh from the folk festival, Mary McCaslin and Jim Ringer will perform at the Main Point, 874 Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, Friday and Sept. 10.



Entertainment Previews

The duo was a showstopper at the festival Friday night, and considering the competition it was a pretty impressive feat.

Opening the shows will be Boston folkie Bill Staines, an equally impressive performer.

Is it my imagination or are folk and country-folk performers coming off the welfare lines again? Could it be that the future of American music is not punk rock?

One of the best concerts next week is free at Penn's Landing, along the Delaware River between Market and Chestnut streets at 2 p.m.

It's the Richie Havens concert, with opening act, the House Of Assembly, and it's the last of the series of free concerts at the landing.

It's hard to say exactly what to expect from Havens. There have been concerts



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where the artist was into some sort of jazz riff that was totally incomprehensible. Yet other times he was a mellow interpreter of some really fine work of other artists.

When he channels his odd guitar-thumping talent and his raspy voice in the right directions, Havens is a very effective performer. His albums prove that the talent is there. It's only when he loses sight of his musical objectives that he falls apart.

If you haven't caught any of the Penn's Landing concerts, this is the one to see.

House Of Assembly is sure to make the show turn out all right.

Top 10 Albums

- 1 Rumours (Fleetwood Mac)
- 2 CSN (Crosby, Stills & Nash)
- 3 Star Wars Soundtrack
- 4 JT (James Taylor)
- 5 Superman (Barbra Streisand)
- 6 Commodores
- 7 Reunion (Emotions)
- 8 Em In You (Peter Frampton)
- 9 Book of Dreams (Steve Miller Band)
- 10 Shaun Cassidy



Festival star to play it again

Mary McCaslin, fresh from a smash performance at the Philadelphia Folk Festival, will appear in concert Friday and Saturday (Sept. 9 and 10) at the Main Point, 874 Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr. Also on the bill are Jim Ringer and Bill Staines.

What's up...

Today...Tracy Nelson and Linda Cohen in a fr concert on Penn's Landing, Delaware River shore between Chestnut and Market streets.

Monday...Mel Tillis at the Lakeview Amusement Park, Township Line Road, Royersford.

Tuesday Through Sept. 11...Johnny Mathis at the Valley Forge Music Fair, off Route 202, Devon. NI4-5000.

Wednesday Through Saturday...Michael Henderson at the Bijou Cafe, 1409 Lombard St., Philadelphia. LO3-9284

Friday...Parliament-Funkadelic, Bootsy's Rubber Band and Maze, featuring Frankie Beverly at the Spectrum.

Friday and Sept. 10...Mary McCaslin and Jim Ringer with Bill Staines at the Main Point, 874 Lancasy Ave., Bryn

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Sept. 10...Richie Havens and the House of Assembly at Penn's Landing.

Sept. 12...Leo Sayer at the Valley Forge Music Fair.

Sept. 13 and 14...John Shine and Roy Bookbinder at the Main Point.

Sept. 14 to 17...Karon Bihari at the Bijou Cafe.

Sept. 15...Byron Berline and Sundance at the Main Point.

Sept. 16...Foreigner, Little River Band and Derringer at the Spectrum.

Sept. 16 and 17...Townes Van Zandt and Paula Lockhart at the Main Point.

Sept. 23...Randy Newman at the Academy of Music, Broad Street, Philadelphia.

Sept. 27...Fleetwood Mac and Kenny Loggins at the Spectrum.

TV Dial-ogue

PEN PAL -- I am a retired social worker and I have been writing to a girl in Australia for over 50 years. I have had hopes of someday being able to visit her. She writes me now that they have a TV show by the name of "This Is Your Life" in Australia and from time to time friends and loved ones are brought together. Is there a program like this in the states, and if so where might I write to them? Mrs. Olin Burton, Fort Smith, Ark.

Unfortunately for you and your friend "down under" there was a show called "This Is Your Life" in the U.S., but it was cancelled in the early '60s after running for nearly a decade. The show in Australia is probably a spin-off from this, or repeats of the original. Hope that wasn't your last resort.

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