

# HAPPENINGS

## McDuff and All That Jazzzzzz

Born in Champlain, Illinois, Jack was brought into the world under the zodiac sign of Virgo. Most of his early musical encouragement came from friends who later became proteges in the music industry.

Since the age of twelve, Jack McDuff has had a strong love for the piano; but strangely enough, he began his music career as a bass player. He has also familiarized himself with various horn instruments to be able to compose music for these in addition to keyboards.

His first release entitled, "Brother Jack," sold over 40,000 copies. At that time a jazz musician selling those numbers was considered a major hit. His newest release, "Kisses," has picked up such momentum that stations across the country have added it to their programming lists.

Jack has performed throughout the United States and Europe several times. Some of his former band members are well-known artists of today such as George Benson, Joe Henderson, Norman Connors, Joe Farrell, Grant Green. The list goes on. . . .

He finished a term with the Navy and soon after joined Schoolboy Porter. Later, he joined the six-piece-band of Jerry Coe. Coe's band was the house ensemble for the Cotton Club in Cincinnati where they played for several stars including Dinah Washington and the Ravens, to name just a few. After recording for the Prestige label for ten years, Jack signed with Chess records where he stayed. Today, his label, Sugar Hill, is owned and operated by the same people heading Chess—Joe and Sylvia Robinson.

When he is not involved with touring and studio recording, Jack is a sports fanatic. Basketball, baseball, football and boxing are among his personal favorites. He has a great deal of admiration for athletes Walt Frazier, Earl Campbell, Dr. J. and Muhammad Ali.



San Francisco's Pickle Family Circus, an enchanting crew of jugglers, acrobats, clowns, mimes and musicians, will return to Portland's Grant Park for shows at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, August 14-15, at N.E. Grant and 36th. Call 777-2901 or 230-0355 for information.

### Pickle Family Circus appears here

In its eight season and making its fourth appearance in Portland, the Pickles stage a 90-minute show that is pure magic for kids and kids-at-heart. The Pickles, who have won critical acclaim throughout the west and in Europe, put on a one-ring European-style circus, in the open air and close to its audience, emphasizing acts of skill, comedy and music.

Outside the circus arena, a carnival midway with food and game booths, pony rides, balloons and clowns will be staged by various social services and community groups. Good food, non-competitive games in which each young participant will win a small prize, and an atmosphere of gaiety is assured all comers.

The Pickle Family Circus is sponsored by the Waldorf Association of Portland, a private, non-profit group that will open a kindergarten in the fall.

Ticket prices in advance to the circus are \$1.50 for children age 12 and under, \$3.50 for all others. Tickets will cost 50 cents more at the gate, if available.

Tickets may be bought at all outlets of Sanford's Children's Wear, Kiddy-Ville Infants' and Children's Wear and Learning World. Additional ticket and booth information may be obtained by calling 777-2901 or 230-0355.

The Pickle Family Circus will be held at the Grant Park soccer field, directly north of Grant High School, NE Grant and 36th.



Jack McDuff will be at Geneva's Lounge, 4228 N. Williams Ave., July 19, 20, and 21 1982. Two shows nightly, 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. \$5.00 per person.

One occasion while Jack was in Lewiston, Maine, brought a particular thrill for the "weekend jock." Ali was, at the time, in training for his upcoming bout with Sonny Liston. A friend happened to mention that Ali was using one of McDuff's songs, "Rock Candy," for training; and a visit to the training camp was arranged.

This, and the response of jazz fans throughout the country, prove that Jack McDuff, is indeed one of our greatest jazz natural resources of this generation. A music genius, a veteran, a professional—all such phrases would describe keyboardist and organ player, Jack McDuff.

### Last Call

Last call. Entries for the Anacortes Arts and Crafts Festival 2nd Annual Photography Show and the Art Show in six categories are due in Anacortes by the weekend of July 17 and 18. Entries will be accepted both days from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Whitney School on 12th and M. Non-local entries may be mailed to the Festival Office or be delivered to the Silver Image Gallery, 92 S. Washington Street, Seattle by July 15.

The photography show, juried by Bob Embrey and offering \$900 in cash prizes, will be shown inside the Greater Northern Depot during the Festival weekend, July 31 and August 1. The Art show will hang simultaneously in the Pavillion on 8th and Commercial.

For official entry information, please write or call the Festival Office:

Anacortes Arts and Crafts Festival, P.O. Box 6, Anacortes, Wash. 98221. (206) 293-6211.

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