Baltimore And All That Jazz

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Well they went and did it again! The Gentlemen of Jazz and the Left Bank Jazz Society bumped heads.

LBJS brought in Roland Kirk, and The Gentlemen of Jazz brought in Herbie Hancock, both last Sunday.

Although competition is the American way, it would seem that they could see what they are doing. And things are not going to get better, in fact they are going to get worse!

Sometime this month, one group of these jazz entrepreneurs are sponsoring a boat ride and jazz concert with Richard "Groove" Holmes, while the other group is bringing Count Basie to town.

Of course, we realize that each of these jazz artists have their own loyal and devoted fans. There are, however, some people (like this writer) that dig both of these jazz giants. And you can't be on a boat and at the Embassy Room at the same time.

Roland Kirk, or as he prefers to be called now, Rashan Roland Kirk, appeared at the Famous Ballroom last Sunday. He brought a swinging quintet.

Roland or Rashan plays tenor sax, alto sax, flute, strich, nose flute, and an assortment of other completely alein woodwind instruments.

Assisting him were: Ron Burton, piano, Pete Rearson, bass, Gerry Griffin, drums, and Joe Texidor who played a variety of percussion instruments including the "sound tree" that defies description.

Things really rocked last Sunday at the Famous Ballroom with Kirk and his group. Roland even made a suggestion that they change the name of "Jazz" to "Black Classical." There's an interesting concept.

Over at the Embassy Room, Herbie Hancock and his group were displaying their futuristic sounds. Herbie plays the Electric Piano, and plays it well. In fact the whole group displayed a wealth of musical talent.

They, tend, however, to play more avant garde than anything else. By doing so, it seems that they frequently lose some of that funky, downhome, bluesy feeling that is, at least partly, the essence of Jazz.

And while we would be the first to admit that jazz is a constantly changing art form, we are of the opinion that it can change too rapidly. Let's face it, it is hard enough to get new jazz fans into the fold as it is without playing completely over their heads once you begin to attract more people to jazz.

In their own way, however, the Hancock group swung. He finally got around to playing "Watermelon Man," which, incidentally, he wrote.

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L. V. Street is opening a club on York Road called The 'Royal Roost.' Opening date is scheduled for August 6th. Miss Ruby Glover will initiate things with Jimmie Johnson and his Trio assisting.

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Those Guys, sponsors of the Jazz Session at the James Brown Motor Inn, know a good thing when they see (and hear) it.

Booked for a return engagement last Saturday were Danny Brown and the Dynamics. Jody Myers was present.

The group wailed, Jody, seeming to get better each time we hear her, wailed, and another of those Saturday sets that swing so mightily took place. Keep up the good work!

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The affair was given for Mrs. Fletcher, a 25-year member of the church, by Mesdames Millie Allison and Gertrude Newkirk.

Guests included:

Gillis' Memorial Senior Choir, Friendly Gospel Singers, Mona Gospel Singers, Rehoboth Junior Choir, Allison Gospel Singers, and soloists Mesdames Janet Clemmons and Theresa Acosta Williams;

Also Rev. Charles Patterson, chairman Trustee Board; Mesdames Leola White, Ruth Moore and Lois Fletcher, music.

Out of town guests were Tyroone Roe, Newark, N.J.; Mrs. Catherine Smith, East Orange, N.J., and Mrs. Joyce Cheek, Tuskegee Institute. A repast followed the program.

NBC repeats 'Race & Church'

NEW YORK — A black priest and a black nun discuss their feelings about the church is a repeat colorcast of "Race and the Church" on "Guideline" Sunday, Aug. 16 at 1:30-2 p.m. on the NBC Television Network. The program was broadcast originally May 25, 1969.

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Music selected for variety and geared to popular tastes will be presented at each of the concerts, along with a featured vocal soloist and a song leader.

Dr. Martinet is well known to Baltimore audiences for his many appearances as conductor of the Baltimore Civic Opera Company and as director of the Municipal Concert Band since 1959.

With "Starlight" and "Mettopolitan Musicals," he conducted performances of "Brigadoon," "The King and I," "South Pacific" and "Oklahoma," at the Lyric Theatre and the Stadium.

Dr. Martinet is an accouplished musician whose specialty is the French horn. He has played with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra on numerous occasions. The degree of Doctor of Musical Arts was conferred upon him in 1966 by the Peabody Institute.

Dr. Martinet is on the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory of Music and is presently Supervisor of Instrumental Music with the Department of Education.

Guest soloists featured with the band will be Casper and Ruth Vecchione, husband and wife duo, well known to Baltimore music lovers for their romantic blending of baritone and soprano voices.

Mr. and Mrs. Vecchione are Baltimoreans and have appeared with the Baltimore Civic Opera and the Peabody Art Theatre and have sung with numerous musical organizations locally.

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August 8.

A Rajah's tiger hunt, the holy city of Benares, and the erotic temple sculpture of Khajuravo are highlights of a one-hour documentary train journey through India to be seen today at 7:30 p.m. when Channel 67 boards NET Festival's Train to Calcutta.

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