

Jazz blitz launch looms

In the next 48 hours, The Coastal Jazz & Blues Society launches two series of jazz concerts.

Tonight, trombonist/composer Joe Bjornson and his quartet will give a free concert (8 p.m.) at the Presentation House Gallery in North Vancouver. The concert launches an exhibition of jazz photos by American photographer William Claxton, which runs from Friday to April 2.

The other three concerts in this series are on Sundays. Vocalist Kate Hammett-Vaughan fronts the Ron Samworth Quintet this Sunday, Lunar Adventures plays March 12, and Chief Feature closes the series March 19.

All concerts begin at 8 p.m., and

admission for the final three concerts is \$5. Presentation House is located at 333 Chesterfield.

A second series of five two-night concerts begins this Friday night at Isadora's on Granville Island.

Swiss saxophonist George Robert kicks off the series Friday and Saturday with a quartet that includes Vancouver pianist Hugh Fraser. On March 10-11, the traditional New Orleans sounds of the Brass Roots will fill the restaurant.

The series continues March 17-18 with Seattle saxophonist Denny Goodhew's trio, March 24-25 with vocalist Jay Clayton and her quar-

ter, and concludes with the March 31-April 1 dates of Vancouver quartet Lunar Adventures.

Admission to all concerts is \$5, and the music begins at 9 p.m.

Also coming up is a night of Afro-Latin jazz, courtesy of the Kathy Kidd Septet, on March 19 at Vancouver Community College's East Broadway campus.

The band, from Vancouver, is led by pianist-composer Kidd, and includes ace drummer Buff Allen and Skywalk reeds player Tom Keenlyside. Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert are \$10, \$6 for students.

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