

Jazz series just the ticket for lightening November gloom

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Long-time Vancouver residents will tell you November is the cruellest month. Grey days, long nights and the monsoons.

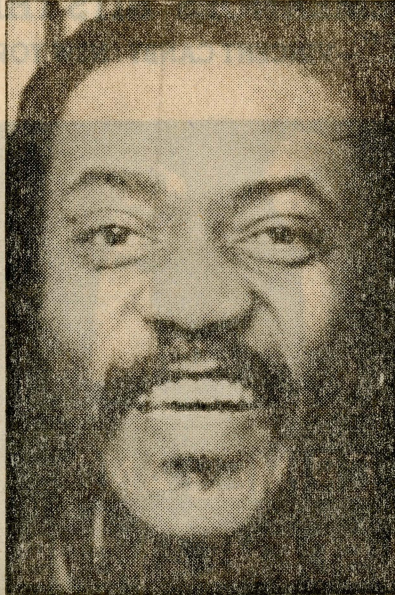
Thank the stars for Time Flies.

Described by its presenter, the Coastal Jazz and Blues Society, as "a celebration of jazz and improvised music," the annual eight-day concert series (Nov. 7-14) brings together local and international names.

Max Roach, one of the most respected — and certainly one of the most durable — jazz drummers brings his quartet to the Vancouver East Cultural Centre on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Roach, 64, broke onto the scene in the late 1940s as the propulsive force in Charlie Parker's bands. His list of bandstand comrades reads like a Who's Who of jazz: Parker, Clifford Brown, Charles Mingus, Eric Dolphy, Coleman Hawkins, Sonny Rollins, Duke Ellington.

For the Vancouver date, Roach will bring with him his Double Quartet, a jazz quartet (sax, trumpet, bass, drums) boosted by a four-woman string quartet (two violins, viola, cello). Roach will play two shows (7 and 10 p.m.). Tickets are \$20.

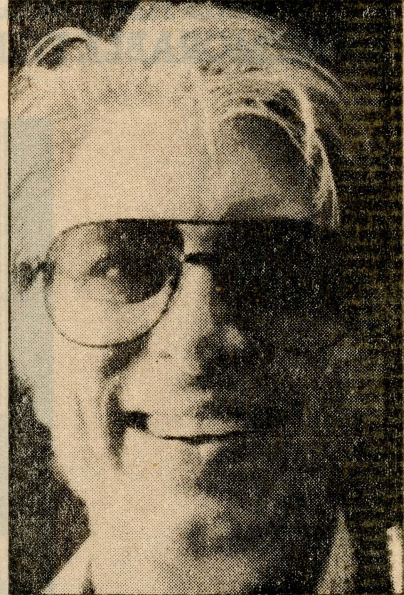
Opening concert of the series



OLIVER LAKE
opening concert

Wednesday, Nov. 8, features the Oliver Lake Quartet and Vancouver's Lunar Adventures at the VECC. Lake, a member of the World Saxophone Quartet, splits his time among jazz combos, funk bands and string ensembles.

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VINNY GOLIA
two dates

player Vinny Golia will give two concerts, Nov. 9 and 10, at the VECC. On Thursday, Golia will perform with the Rob Frayne Quintet, led by Toronto saxophonist Frayne. Also on the bill is the Richard Underhill/Tom Walsh Duo from Toronto. On Friday, Golia will lead an 18-piece orchestra.

The other VECC concert, Nov. 11, features a trio led by New York pianist Joanne Brackeen. All VECC shows except Roach begin at 8 p.m., and tickets are \$15.

The Glass Slipper, at 185 East 11th, will play host to three concerts: Vancouver quartet Unity (Nov. 10, 11 p.m.); Chief Feature, another Vancouver foursome (Nov. 11, 11 p.m.) and, from Montreal, the Lisle Ellis Freedom Force Trio (Nov. 12, 9 p.m.). Tickets for these shows are \$5.

There will also be free afternoon workshops for music students at Vancouver Community College's King Edward campus, Nov. 7-10, with clinics by Golia, Lake, pianist Paul Plimley and vocalist Kate Hammett-Vaughan.