Corea & Burton in Costa Mesa, vaudeville in Fullerton, jazz on DVD



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Pianist-composer Chick Corea and vibraphonist Gary Burton will celebrate 40 years of working together with a performance at the <u>Segerstrom Center for the Arts</u> in Costa Mesa on Mar. 4. SCFA is touting the multiple Grammy Award-winning duo as "one of the greatest collaborations in the history of jazz." I don't know if I'd put them on the same page with Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald, but it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out this going to be one heck of a terrific concert—check out this <u>youtube clip</u> if you have any doubts.

When I chatted up Corea once at a Grammy Awards event, he told me of his admiration for World War II comedybandleader Spike Jones. Not too surprising for a guy as wideranging as Chick in his musical output. He and Burton are focusing on fresh arrangements of jazz standards (created by Corea, natch) at present, with a future album in mind.Costa Mesa is the second stop on a spring tour (they're at UCLA's Royce Hall on Mar. 5) that will take them to such far-flung outposts as Prague, Warsaw, Istanbul and Moscow. Call 714-556-2787 for tix.

"America's Musical Legacy: Dixieland Jazz," now available on DVD from MVD/Quantum Leap, is a broad celebration of the music born in New Orleans in the early 1900s. Al Hirt, Woody Herman, Della Reese and Scatman Crothers are among the many well-known performers on this disc. "Blues" (featuring B.B. King and Linda Hopkins among others) and "Folk" (headlined by the likes of Theodore Bikel, Odetta and Doc Watson) are also part of the highly entertaining 3-DVD

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"Legacy" set.

"The Swingtime Collection: Half-Past Jump Time!" volume 1 in a DVD series from Charly Films, has ransacked the jazz archives of the good old days: among those seen and heard here are Louis Jordan, Dorothy Dandridge, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Meade Lux Lewis, and lesser lights like Dallas Bartlery, Mabel Lee and June Richmond. Let's boogie woogie!



Hot tip: If you think vaudeville is ancient history, think again. Bella Luna's new <u>"Red Light Revue"</u> promises everything from burlesque beauties and magicians to "contorting cadavers and captivating carnies,"to fill the late-night void left by the OC Underground Burlesque Society at Hunger Artists in Fullerton. This month's edition concludes tonight and Saturday at 11 p.m.

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