

# The Weekly Calistogan

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## Vukovich leads a tribute to jazz greats at Copia

Jazz pianist Larry Vukovich and an eight-piece all-star band present a “Tribute To Giants of Jazz” from Benny Goodman to Miles Davis, Saturday at Copia. The concert begins at 8 p.m.

The performers include Jackie Ryan vocals, Larry Vukovich, piano, Allen Smith, trumpet, Noel Jewkes, reeds, Danny Armstrong, trombone, Josh Workman, guitar, Hector Lugo, Latin percussion, Nat Johnson, bass and vocals and Matt Guggemos, drums.

They’ll explore “one of the most important periods of jazz that changed the music dramatically from swing era into the new, modern style of bebop,” according to Vukovich.

Vukovich said the concert begins with “a Benny Goodman piece, which included the beginning of the modern amplified guitar with Charlie Christian. (The) next piece features Lester Young, the father of bebop and the major influence of Charlie Parker and Stan Getz, whose style was all Lester Young.”

The program also features the revolutionary compositions of Charlie Parker, and Dizzy’s originals including Afro-Cuban introductory compositions featuring great Latin percussionist, Hector Lugo.

The music of Dexter Gordon, the first tenor stylist who brought and translated Bird’s alto bebop style to tenor saxophone will be performed, Vukovich said, noting, “Dexter was also the only jazz musician nominated for an Academy Award in a major acting role for “Round Midnight”.

The rest of the program includes music of the bebop revolutionary pianists Bud Powell and Thelonius Monk and the music of Miles Davis.

“This era of jazz, historically speaking, was the total change into the new jazz creating modern sounds and a most interesting and important period,” Vukovich said.

Tickets are \$30 general, and \$27 for members. For reservations call 259-1600 or visit [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org)

Tribute to Giants of Jazz

Saturday, 8 p.m. Copia

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