

Bob Masteller, owner
and jazz artist;
(bottom left) front
door of The Jazz
Corner

The Beat Goes On

And it never stops at The Jazz Corner,
a world-renowned jazz club and restaurant.

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Hilton Head Island swings to the cool sounds wafting from The Jazz Corner, ranked one of the top 150 great jazz rooms in the world by *Downbeat* magazine.

This jazz club and restaurant serves up world-class jazz alongside dishes like bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin with a blueberry demi-glaze and spiced peach butter. Here, you don't just listen to the music...you experience it.

Owner Bob Masteller knows his music — you might say it runs through his blood. His father was a violinist during the hot jazz era, and passed on his passion to Masteller, who picked up the cornet at age 5. “One of my key

objectives is to leave a lasting legacy in honor of my father,” Masteller says. “I wanted this to become a cultural arts center on the island, and we've become that. We're now known as an asset in promoting, preserving, and attracting jazz artists.” Those artists include the likes of George Shearing, Ellis Marsalis, Mose Allison, and Freddy Cole. The Jazz Corner's 2012 opening weekend (January 6–7) presents a CD release party for Italian jazz pianist Rossano Sportiello accompanied by world-renowned bassist Nicki Parrott and award-winning percussionist Eddie Metz. The trio's CD was recorded live at The Jazz Corner in early 2011.

The Jazz Corner also enriches the community through the Junior Jazz Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by Masteller that works to bring jazz into area schools and the greater Lowcountry community. Good music and a good cause? Sounds good!



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