

Jason's Notes: Feb. 21, 2011

Four years! This week, *The Jazz Session* celebrates its fourth anniversary by returning to where it all began - an interview with saxophonist Grant Stewart. (See the show notes for more details.) The fourth anniversary episode features an extended introduction to give me time to thank everyone who has helped make the show a success, including YOU.

I need your help! Producing *The Jazz Session* costs money. For the past four years I've paid this money out of my own pocket, but I can't afford to do that anymore. **Please help me to continue the show by becoming a member.** The goal is to reach 100 members by the 300th show. Join today: <http://thejazzsession.com/join>

This week **on my blog, I'm publishing a memoir** I began and abandoned five years ago. Visit <http://jasoncrane.org> to read it.

This is the last of these newsletters to be written in Albany, NY. Why? Because **I'm moving to New York** on Feb. 27. I'm very excited to make the move. For fans of *The Jazz Session*, this means I'll be able to do 95% of my interviews in person rather than on the phone. There are also tentative plans to start doing some episodes live at a club in front of an audience. Watch this space. Huzzah!

I still need a job. Got one? Here's my resume: http://jasoncrane.org/images/Jason_Crane_resume.pdf

I've been working on some weird, **lo-fi noise/music** using a Beep-It (<http://unatronics.com>) and other instruments and implements. Listen:

<http://jasoncrane.bandcamp.com/>

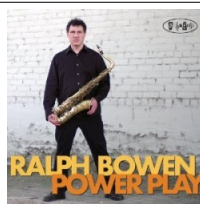
This week on the show: Ralph Bowen (TJS #242, Monday) & Grant Stewart returns for *The Jazz Session's* fourth anniversary show! (TJS #243, Thursday).

Next week: Nicholas Urie (TJS #244, Monday) & Anthony Brown (TJS #245, Thursday).

Peace, love and jazz,

Jason

This week on *The Jazz Session*:



TJS #242: Ralph Bowen.

Saxophonist Ralph Bowen returns with *Power Play* (Posi-Tone, 2011), his third CD in as many years. In this interview, Bowen talks about why he enjoys writing his own music; the importance of his bandmates in creating the right studio environment; and the lessons he learned from his time with Horace Silver. **SHOW AVAILABLE NOW.**



TJS #243: Grant Stewart (4th anniversary show!).

The Jazz Session started four years ago today with episode #1 — an interview with saxophonist Grant Stewart. Four years, 243 episodes and 930,000 downloads later, *The Jazz Session* is still going strong. In the introduction to this show, I take a moment to thank all the people who've made it possible, before welcoming my guest...

Grant Stewart returns to help celebrate the fourth anniversary, and to talk about his new record, *Around The Corner* (Sharp Nine, 2010). In this interview, Stewart discusses the idea of excellence versus the trend toward originality; talks about his recent trips around the world to play jazz; and outlines his own approach to playing the saxophone and what fulfills him as an artist. **SHOW AVAILABLE STARTING 2/24/11.**

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