Jazz Women - Piano, ‘80s & ‘90s + Soul Jazz Guitar, Siblings And Jazz Day

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Monday, March 29

It’s World Day (the 88th day of the year) and Night Train celebrates with a program devoted to women jazz pianists for the March Women’s History Month feature. We’ll hear NEA Jazz Masters Carla Bley, Shirley Horn, Marian McPartland, and Joanne Brackeen, along with contemporary players including Lisa Hilton, Jihee Heo, and Hiromi. Then in hour two, we head to the Savannah Music Festival for a “Piano Showdown” with NEA Jazz Master Dick Hyman, Gerald Clayton, Marcus Roberts, and Henry Butler.

Tuesday, March 30

It’s soul jazz guitar tonight on the Night Train as we mark birthdays of Dave Stryker (as a leader, with Stanley Turrentine, and in the Stryker/Slagle Band) and Spanish guitarist Ximo Tebar (with a classic soul jazz lineup of Dr. Lonnie Smith, Lou Donaldson, ad Idris Muhammad). The Women’s History Month feature continues with contemporary soul jazz organist Akiko Tsuruga, bassist Jen Hodge, and vocalists Dominique Eade and Shawnn Monteiro. And we’ll hear the latest from pianist Eric Reed, the 14 Jazz Orchestra, guitarist Larry Newcomb, and the Le Coq All Stars.

Wednesday, March 31

Night Train wraps up the Women’s History Month feature with two special programs. In hour one, Jazz Women of the ‘80s, we’ll hear music from pianist Geri Allen, singer Cassandra Wilson, drummer and 2021 NEA Jazz Master Terri Lyne Carrington, guitarist
Emily Remler, and saxophonist Jane Ira Bloom, as well as recordings from women who were already jazz veterans, including Marian McPartland, Carla Bley, and Joanne Brackeen. Then in hour two, Jazz Women of the ‘90s, we’ll hear artists who rose to prominence during the decade, like Renee Rosnes and Diana Krall, and veteran players who returned to center stage, including Shirley Horn, Abbey Lincoln, and Betty Carter.

**Thursday, April 1**

*Night Train* begins a new month’s feature with music from jazz siblings and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of International Jazz Day. We’ll hear music from the Montgomery Brothers (Wes, Buddy and Monk) and the Clayton Brothers (Jeff and John – also featured in a Savannah Music Festival concert in hour two) – and from Herbie Hancock, who has been a key figure in Jazz Day since its inception. Also tonight – new music from Yoko Miwa, Henry Robinett, and Leon Lee Dorsey.