

# VERDI CLUB

Newsletter | April 2023



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### Verdi Club Events

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Benvenuti a tutti!*

I have had an opportunity to reflect on what we are all about as The Verdi Club, and before I go on further, I want to thank our Board Chair, Delores Homisak, for the inspiration in this regard. Sure, we started out as a men-only Italian social club, and yes, we have evolved to be inclusive and diverse, consistent with the welcoming culture of San Francisco. But the centerpiece of our Club is our ballroom, and The Verdi Club has always been naturally inclined to support the performing arts in San Francisco.

From the operatic performances during the Verdi Club luncheons nearly a century ago, to our thoughtful selection of bands for our monthly dinner dances, like Eamonn Flynn and Dublinesque for our March dinner dance, The Verdi Club is the natural crown jewel of San Francisco culture.

And there's more: SF Salon Music has already put on five wonderful and eclectic "Salons" at the Verdi Club, with Salon Nr. 6, "Heels: Walk and Dance in Your Own Shoes" taking place on April 30. Beginning May 3, we'll be adding line dancing on Wednesdays, right in between Woodchopper's Ball on Tuesdays and Milonga Malevaje Tango on Thursdays. We might even bring opera back to The Verdi Club – watch this space for more.

But first, shine up your dancing shoes for the April 8 Dinner Dance, featuring Vintage Jukebox! For those of you lucky enough to have purchased New Year's Eve tickets for they sold out, you already know that our stage and ballroom love this band. Get your tickets for the April 8 Dinner Dance, and for all of The Verdi Club's public events, at <https://www.verdiclub.net/events-calendar/> and just click on the event you want to attend.

*Cordali Saluti, Samuel Bellicini*





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## MEMBER NEWS

Please welcome new Associate Members Michelle Chang and Robert Bailey and new Full (Vested) Members Despina "Debbie" Poulos and Adolfo Caszarry to our Verdi Club family.

Thank you to all Members who have paid their dues for 2023. We now have 47 Associate Members and 92 Full (Vested) Members.

If you have not paid your dues and want to remain a Member, please contact Delores@verdiclub.net as soon as possible. We are looking forward to a great year ahead.

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7. Post the recommendation



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## DINNER DANCE CALENDAR

### Upcoming Dinner Dances

Date	Band	Style	Menu
April 8, 2023	Vintage Jukebox	Jazz and Contemporary	Chicken Cacciatore w/ Risotto Milanese or Pesto Gnocchi
May 13, 2023	Cocuzzi Quartet	Swing and Ballroom	Braised Beef Short Ribs or Stuffed Mushroom and Spinach Manicotti
June 9, 2023	Clint Baker and his Golden Gate Swing Band	Swing	Chicken Picatta or Cauliflower Picatta



## Birthdays

Mary Baireuther  
Joseph Baldelli, Jr.  
Diana Merlo  
Anthony Olea  
Richard Rodriguez  
Jerry Rosenberg  
Bobbie Wright

## Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Borghello  
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*If you would like to help out at the Club, on the day of the dinner dance we meet at 8am and are usually finished by 10am.*

### To join the crew contact:

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# SUMMER OF SWING

Although we're thankful for rain and an end to the drought, we're already looking forward to Summer of Swing at the Verdi Club. The Summer of Swing Dinner Dances will be held on **Fridays** in June, July and August and will feature some the best swing bands in the Bay Area.

## Clint Baker's Golden Gate Swing Band - Friday, June 9, 2023

Clint Baker, jazz musician extraordinaire and walking encyclopedia of jazz music and history, returns to the Woodchopper's Ball, this time with his incredibly fun Golden Gate Swing Band. Whereas his New Orleans Jazz Band focuses on New Orleans Trad jazz, Clint Baker's Golden Gate Swing Band swings in the spirit of hard-driving Kansas City swing. Tight and powerful, they will make you want to dance every song! Great music for Lindy Hop, Balboa, Shag, and all things swing!



## Silver Bell Jazz Band - Friday, July 7, 2023



[The Silver Bell Jazz Band](#) represents traditional New Orleans jazz with a beautiful blend of jazz roots that moves the soul and makes you dance! With clarinetist and international Lindy Hop instructor Ryan Calloway leading the band, they play with a special focus towards dancers. Ryan brings together musicians from all over the Bay Area, and with a rotating cast of all-star jazz musicians, you're sure to get a fresh, breathtaking

experience each and every time, just like in the early jazz sessions.

## Nick Rossi Swing 6 - Friday, August 11, 2023

Swing rhythm guitarist Nick Rossi, who can often be seen and heard playing throughout the Bay Area and beyond with other bands, brings his own all-star group to play hard-driving 1930's-1940's small group swing, perfect for both Lindy Hop and Balboa.





## Verdi Club Spring Fling Dinner Dance w/ Vintage Jukebox April 8 5:30pm

[Tickets](#)

### **Vintage Jukebox**

Vintage Jukebox Orchestra is a world-class San Francisco cover band that specializes in music that spans from 1920 through 2020!

Vintage Jukebox plays tunes made popular by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sarah Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman to name just a few. Their repertoire includes an extensive catalogue of standards from the Great American Songbook, featuring the works of legendary songwriters: Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Cahn & Van Heusen, Julie Styne, the Gershwins and their peers.

VJ also plays the festive, toe-tapping beats of New Orleans traditional jazz and dixieland music. Featuring 20s and 30s repertoire from such luminaries as Bix Beiderbeck, Clarence Williams, Fats Waller, Jelly Roll Morton, and Louis Armstrong, their infectious music will bring your "Vintage" Roaring 20s theme party or New Orleans party to the next level.

VJ can take it up a notch and perform the biggest hits from the past 50 years, covering artists such as Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond, Earth Wind & Fire, Gloria Gaynor, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, David Bowie, Depeche Mode, Amy Winehouse, Michael Jackson, Justin Timberlake and Bruno Mars just to name a few!

### **Buffet Menu**

Chicken Cacciatore w/ Risotto Milanese or  
Pesto Gnocchi

*Served with Salad, Vegetable, Dessert and Dinner Wine*

### **Schedule**

5:30 Doors Open  
6:45 Dinner  
7:30 Dance





## Verdi Club Anniversary Dinner Dance w/ Cocuzzi Courtet

May 13 5:30pm

[Tickets](#)

### Cocuzzi Courtet

**Kristy Reed Cocuzzi** has a sultry voice that has thrilled audiences everywhere for 35 years, and was featured on vocals, sax and clarinet with Big Tiny Little for 10 years. She has toured as lead alto, clarinet, & vocalist with the "Live Lawrence Welk Show" throughout the United States and Canada, and as a member of the "Champagne Music Makers" at the Welk Resort in Branson, Missouri. You can see her on the television special "The Lawrence Welk Show, Precious Memories". She is also part of the Wunnerful Women of Welk vocal quartet, alongside MaryLou Metzger, Ava Barber, and Gail Farrell.

**John Cocuzzi** plays with passion and intensity on piano, vibes, vocals and drums. For more than 35 years, John has been entertaining crowds internationally performing alongside jazz and blues greats. With dynamic style and diverse rhythms, John's innovation breathes new life into familiar tunes, from swingin' and burnin' jazz and blues to lush and sultry ballads. An intuitive performer, John possesses that musical fire, igniting the crowd with skillful improvisation. In addition to being a fine pianist, John has earned an international reputation as a premier swing vibraphonist.

Together, John and Kristy bring 70 combined years of youthful enthusiasm and experience to the table!

### Buffet Menu

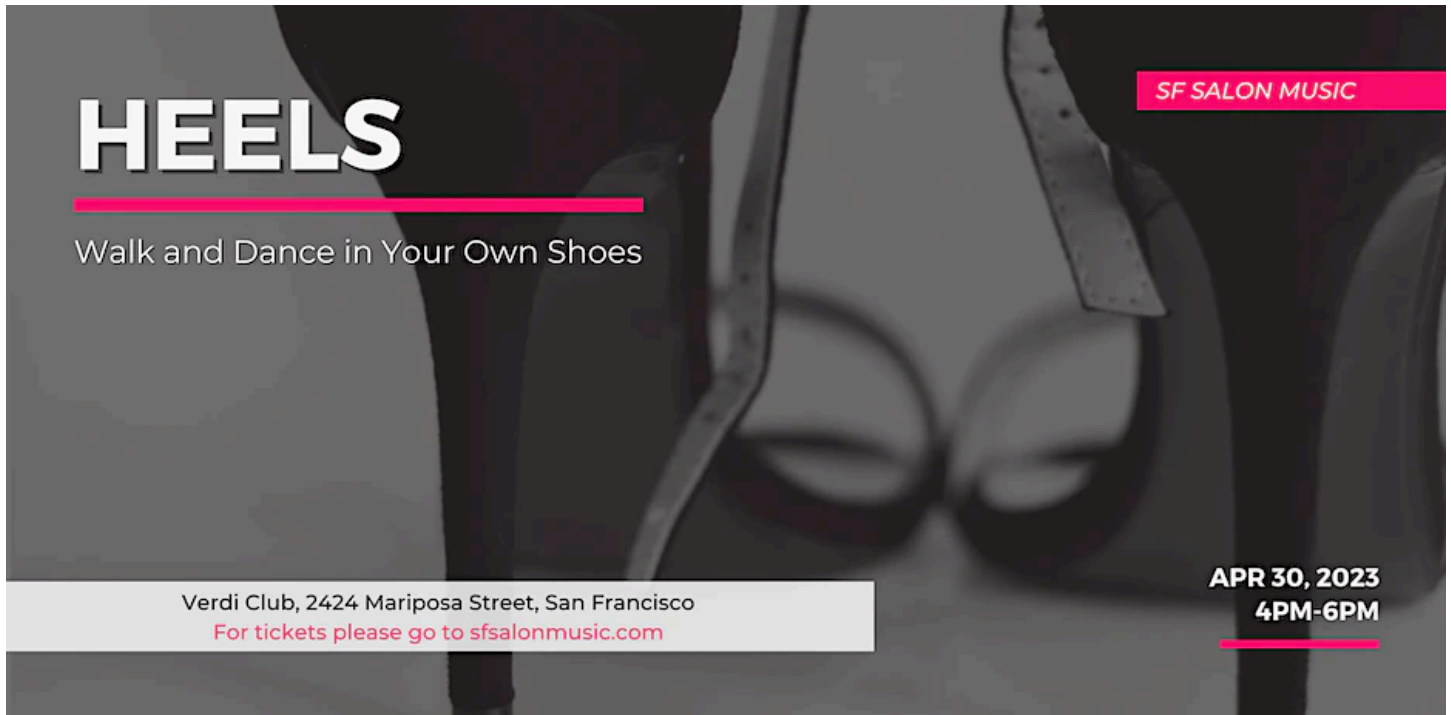
Braised Beef Short Ribs or  
Stuffed Mushroom and Spinach Manicotti

*Served with Salad, Side, Vegetable, Dessert and Dinner Wine*

### Schedule

5:30 Doors Open  
6:45 Dinner  
7:30 Dance

## EVENT SPOTLIGHT



**Sunday, April 30 4-6pm**

They say that to know a person's journey, you need to walk a mile in their shoes. At this salon, we'll learn about the stories of several dancers through the history of their shoes - from bare feet to pointe slippers to tango heels!

The program will start with a talk about the symbolism and feminism of shoes, why women wear heels, and how wearing heels changes and reflects the body - the look from outside the shoes and the feel from inside the shoes. Then, join us for riveting dance performances from a group of trained dancers representing many different styles. You'll walk away inspired, and learn a bit more to tell your story with your own shoes.

As always with SF Salon Music, expect the unexpected! You'll leave with new knowledge, new memories, and perhaps even a new connection. Join us on April 30 at the Verdi Club in San Francisco for this once-in-a-lifetime performance.

### About SF Salon Music

It can be hard to connect with other music lovers and artists in a larger concert hall - that's why SF Salon Music does things differently.

SF Salon Music was founded to bring artists and audiences together in a new and more intimate setting, inspired by the tradition of 18th-century French "salons", where ordinary people could interact with high society, and experience culture and art usually only accessible at the royal court.

Purchase tickets [HERE](https://sfsalonmusic.com)



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