

VERDI CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Benvenuti a tutti!

We have a number of days in the year dedicated to celebrating fatherhood. There is the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19, during Lent. In the United States, the third Sunday in June has been designated Father's Day, a national holiday, since President Nixon signed that legislation into law in 1972.

I am a father of a wonderful young man, my son Garland, whom some of you may have met at one of the Verdi Club's Dinner-Dances. A lot of time has passed since I sang Sinatra to that little baby, in the middle of the night, trying to get him to go back to sleep in our tiny apartment on Anza Street. Today Garland is a happy San Franciscan and a thriving CPA.

This year will be the tenth anniversary of my father Stephen's passing. I like to fondly speculate how famously Dad would have gotten along with my wife Melissa, whom he did not live long enough to meet. I also like to think that Dad would have absolutely fallen in love with The Verdi Club, a modern iteration of classic San Francisco culture. Mostly, I still just miss him, and I try to live up to his example.

Let's Dance! It's Time for the Summer of Swing!

We have a great line-up of bands for the Summer of Swing, our June, July and August Dinner-Dances: On Friday (Yes – Friday!) June 9 we have the venerable Clint Baker and his Golden Gate Swing Band. If you have never had the pleasure of dancing to Clint Baker's music, then you are in for a treat! The dinner-dances for the Summer of Swing will be held on Fridays, and for the best reason – The Verdi Club is just too booked up to accommodate a dinner dance on the traditional Saturdays during summer. Now that's good news!

Get your tickets now for the Friday June 9 Dinner Dance, and tickets for all of The Verdi Club's public events, at <https://www.verdiclub.net/event-space/> and just click on the event you want to attend.

Cordali Saluti, Samuel Bellicini

HAPPY
Father's Day
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DINNER DANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Happy 107th Birthday, Verdi Club!



DINNER DANCE CALENDAR

Upcoming Dinner Dances

Date	Band	Style	Menu
June 9, 2023	Clint Baker and his Golden Gate Swing Band	Swing	Chicken Picatta or Cauliflower Picatta
July 7, 2023	Silver Bell Jazz Band	Swing	Baby Back Ribs or Chipotle Veggie Sausages w/ Five Cheese Macaroni Gratin and Creme Fraiche Biscuits
August 11, 2023	Nick Rossi Swing 6	Swing	Bacon Wrapped Pork Loin or 'Plant Based' Vegetarian Meatballs



Birthdays

Marco Bass
Vince Boiteux
William Cendak
Marsha DeScala-Fennell
Louis Glaser
Jack Hidalgo
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Lisa Nicol
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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.

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 of 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, makes his Verdi Club Dinner Dance debut with his 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!



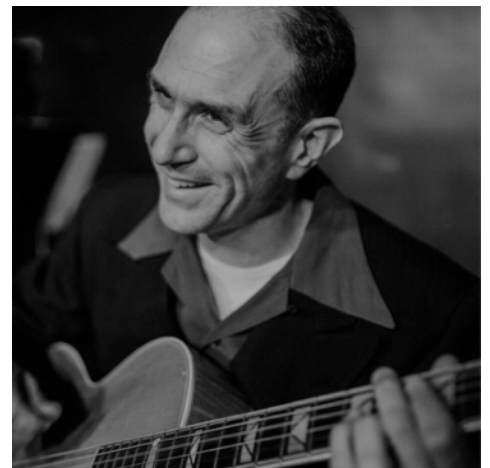
Silver Bell Jazz Band - Friday, July 7, 2023



[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.



EVENT SPOTLIGHT



The Age James Austin Johnson (SNL)

Friday, July 28 7:30pm

[Tickets](#)

JAMES AUSTIN JOHNSON is a comedian originally from Nashville and a featured player on Saturday Night Live. The *New York Times* has called him “one of SNL’s most versatile celebrity impressionists.” His spot-on impression of Trump paired with his improvisational ramblings about Weird Al, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, and Scooby Doo have garnered over 5 million views, with profiles on James in *Vanity Fair*, *Slate*, *Mashable*, and *Vice* to name a few. As an actor, James’ TV/Film credits include *Future Man*, *Baskets*, *Robbie*, *Better Call Saul*, *The Last Tycoon* and the Coen Brothers’ feature *Hail, Caesar!*.

As a stand up, James has performed on the Vice series *Flophouse*, as well as *Riot LA* and *Just For Laughs* as a New Face.

STUD COUNTRY QUEER LINE DANCING & TWO-STEPPING



Stud Country - Queer Line Dancing & Two-Stepping 8pm Wednesdays

Stud Country premiered at the Verdi Club to a full house of 200 dancers hot off their feature in the [New York Times](#). When they’re not taking breaks to appear in *Vogue* and on *Good Morning America*, Stud Country will have their SF home at the Verdi Club on Wednesdays. Open to all, this community has been a wonderful addition to the Verdi Club dance schedule. Hope to see you on the dance floor! Tickets are available at the door.



Summer of Swing Dinner Dance w/ Clint Baker's Golden Gate Swing Band

Friday, June 9 5:30pm

[Tickets](#)

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Buffet Menu

Chicken Piccata or
Cauliflower Piccata

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

Schedule

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

Price

\$45 Member
\$90 Member +1s
\$55 Non-Member
\$25 Dance Only

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July 7 5:30pm

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