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**JAZZnJAM 2018:
Benefit Concert Featuring Icon Charles Neville
(Neville Brothers) To Support Prostate Cancer
Awareness & The John & Alice Coltrane Home
Friday, January 12th, 2018 at Port Washington's
Landmark on Main Street**

*Honoring Michael Blueweiss and Presented By The Coltrane Home in Dix Hills
and Integrated Medical Foundation - The Concert Will Feature GRAMMY
Winner Charles Neville with Circus Mind, Downbeat Winner Gary Smulyan
and his Trio, The Eric Wollman Trio, and 14yr Old Guitar Prodigy Brandon
"Taz" Niederauer*

The John and Alice Coltrane Home and Integrated Medical Foundation Present:

JAZZNJAM 2018

A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CANCER AWARENESS AND COLTRANE HONORING MICHAEL BLUEWEISS

8.00PM FRI JAN 12
LANDMARK ON MAIN STREET
PORT WASHINGTON, NY

JUST ADDED Brandon "Taz" Niederauer
14 Yr. Old Guitar Prodigy and "School of Rock" Musical Star!

CHARLES NEVILLE (NEVILLE BROS.)
WITH CIRCUS MIND
THE GARY SMULYAN TRIO
THE ERIC WOLLMAN TRIO

For More Info & Tickets: brownpapertickets.com
Tickets will be Tax Deductible to the extent allowable by law

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January, 2018 (Port Washington, NY) -- On **Friday, January 12th, 2018** at **8:00PM**, the [The John and Alice Coltrane Home in Dix Hills](#) along with [Integrated Medical Foundation](#) have the pleasure of hosting **JAZZNJAM 2018 - A Benefit Concert for Prostate Cancer Awareness and The John and Alice Coltrane Home honoring Michael Blueweiss** at Port Washington's [Landmark on Main Street!](#)

The concert will feature the likes of Jazz/R&B/Funk/Soul greats [Charles Neville](#) performing with [Circus Mind](#), The [Gary Smulyan](#) Trio, The [Eric Wollman](#) Trio, and 14yr old guitar virtuoso [Brandon "Taz" Niederauer](#) all of whom are true admirers of the Coltranes and have been greatly influenced by their work.



Charles Neville, the second oldest Neville brother, has the most diverse musical background. His experience on saxophone has included rhythm & blues, funk, jazz, be-bop, popular and even American Indian music. He cites as influences Louis Jordan, Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins and Professor Longhair. He is also the only brother that lived away from New Orleans for long periods of time, making places like New York, Memphis and Oregon his home. Joining him will be Long Islands' own, **Circus Mind**, who recently celebrated 15 years of mixing up all things funk - cross pollinating sounds of Sly Stone, The Meters, Dr. John, Little Feat, Steely Dan, Traffic, and The Band to create some original "Jammy Funky Hybrid Funkenstein music".

Gary Smulyan, gifted multi-instrumentalist and GRAMMY winner started his music career by first learning alto saxophone with Michael Blueweiss at Gardiners Ave Elementary School in Levittown. While attending Hofstra University, Gary was invited to join Woody Herman's Thundering Herd and

today he is critically acclaimed around the world and recognized as the major voice on the baritone saxophone. His playing is marked by an aggressive rhythmic sense, an intelligent and creative harmonic approach — and perhaps most importantly – a strong and incisive wit. His trio includes David Wong on bass and Rodney Green on drums.

Eric Wollman is a master jazz guitarist who was the lead guitarist in Michael's electric band at JFK High School in Bellmore. Eric then moved with his family to Paris where he started playing jazz and came back to study at Berklee College of Music in Boston. He has toured extensively with Mike Clark and performed with some of the most prominent names in jazz-fusion including Kenwood Dennard, Delmar Brown, Adam Holzman and Zack Danziger. His trio includes Jim Donica on bass and Peter Grant on drums.

Brandon "Taz" Niederauer, a fourteen-year old guitarist/singer/songwriter has already played with some of the most prominent rockers of our time. These include members of the Allman Bros.(Gregg, Butch & Derek Trucks, Warren Haynes) as well as Lady Gaga, Buddy Guy,Slash, Robert Randolph,Dweezil Zappa, George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic, Dr. John,Gary Clark Jr. and countless others. It all started when he watched the movie School of Rock at 8 years old and asked his father for guitar lessons. Three years later, he was cast as the principal role of guitarist "Zach Mooneyham" on Broadway in Andrew Lloyd-Webber's School of Rock the Musical. Brandon lives on Long Island with his family and recently entered the 9th grade!



Michael Bluweiss is an Advisor to The Coltrane Home and a prostate cancer survivor. A true music lover, his passion for "TRANE" began in 1973 after hearing the electric version of "A Love Supreme" by Carlos Santana and John McLaughlin. While currently battling this disease his relentless energy, positive outlook, and support for community and the arts is nothing less than inspirational and remarkable to all who know him. He has helped

hundreds of friends by spreading the word about the importance of early detection of prostate cancer in conjunction with Integrated Medical Foundation (IMFCares.org) at various corporations as well. He is the proud father of two sons, Ben and David, captain of his boat aptly named "A Love Supreme" and is a Financial Advisor and CFP.

"We are so excited to honor Michael Blueweiss. He has been such a passionate and tireless advocate for The John & Alice Coltrane Home and now for prostate cancer awareness. Even with all he's going through his own battle with the disease, he hasn't let up. He is a fighter and an inspiration to all of us." - Ron Stein, President of the Coltrane Home in Dix Hills

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[JAZZnJAM 2018 Tickets](#)
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More About The Coltrane Home:

A little over fifty years ago, Coltrane's opus work, "A Love Supreme", considered by many music enthusiasts and jazz critics to be among the most influential pieces of music of the 20th century, was composed at their Dix Hills home. The Coltranes moved into the Home in 1964. (After John's passing in 1967, Alice sold the Home in 1973 and moved to Los Angeles.) The Home was slated for demolition until jazz enthusiast and Dix Hills

resident Steven Fulgoni helped publicize the significance of the property. In 2004 an outpouring of support from around the world, including letters from Michael Brecker, Herbie Hancock, and many others persuaded the Town of Huntington to purchase the property and convert the site into a park. The Home was placed in the hands of "The Friends of the Coltrane Home in Dix Hills" – aka "The Coltrane Home in Dix Hills".

According to Friends of the Coltrane Home President Ron Stein, saving and restoring the Home is the right thing to do. *"John Coltrane is revered as a music god across all music genres, generations and around the globe. It's as if Beethoven had composed his Ninth Symphony right here on Long Island. People around the world will recognize Dix Hills, Huntington and Long Island as the Home of John Coltrane. This place is a Long Island gem."* Continues Stein, *"His legacy is more than his music. His desire to use music as a force for good, his embracing of diversity, his kindness, and his work ethic and commitment to excellence set an inspirational model for all of us."*

The Home is also a national gem. In 2011, the National Trust for Historic Preservation designated the Home as one of the "Eleven-most Endangered Properties" in the United States, a designation only given to properties deemed to have critical cultural importance. Since that time, the "Friends" have made many improvements to stabilize and repair the Home, but much more needs to be done.

More About Integrated Medical Foundation:

Integrated Medical Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization which promotes awareness and early detection of prostate cancer. Integrated Medical Foundation is committed to improving patient healthcare through education and outreach, offering free programs, free support services, and free prostate cancer screenings to the community.

Integrated Medical Foundation has reached hundreds of thousands of men across the region at events, seminars, through radio and print, and provided free PSA screenings to thousands of men. It is the goal of Integrated Medical Foundation to bring widespread attention and awareness to prostate cancer with the important message that *Early Detection Saves Lives!*

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