

I'm Hip -- Please Don't Tell My Father

John Pizzarelli Quartet-- September 7th at The Whitefish Performing Arts Center
September 8th at Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts.

John Pizzarelli is a great storyteller, and that's a tremendous asset for an entertainer. But he's also a terrific jazz guitarist fond of playful and frisky musical conversations as well. Add to that, he sings, respectfully interpreting the Great American Songbook with easygoing crooning and occasional wisecracking humor.

John Pizzarelli is the son of journeyman swing guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli. He still occasionally performs with his famous father Bucky, who is now late into his 80's. John's first release was entitled, *I m Hip -- Please Don t Tell My Father* (1983).

John Pizzarelli has recorded over twenty albums since 1990, and he's appeared on more than forty albums of other recording artists including Sir Paul McCartney, James Taylor and Rosemary Clooney. The John Pizzarelli Trio opened several dates on Frank Sinatra's 1993 tour, and he was part of the legendary vocalist's 80th birthday celebration at Carnegie Hall.

John's a lucky guy because work and play for him are pretty much the same thing. He likes to describe his sound as *updated old-school*. He's quite the showman who has appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Live With Regis & Kelly," and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"madly creative" -- *Los Angeles Times*

"the genial genius of the guitar" -- *The Toronto Star*.

"a rare entertainer of the old school." -- *Seattle Times*

Pizzarelli received the 2009 Ella Fitzgerald Award from the Montreal International Jazz Festival, joining a select group of past winners including Aretha Franklin, Tony Bennett, Harry Connick, Jr. and Diane Schuur.

Pizzarelli performs annual engagements at the Café Carlyle with his wife Jessica Molaskey and at Birdland with his jazz combo. He continues to tour throughout the United States, Europe, South America and Japan, performing classic pop, jazz and swing and delighting audiences wherever he goes.

Tickets for The John Pizzarelli Quartet will be on sale by July 1st. To learn more about John Pizzarelli please visit his website at <http://JohnPizzarelli.com>.

In November, Judy Carmichael will return and perform two shows, Saturday, November 9th at Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts and Sunday, November 10th onstage in the dining room at Whitefish Lake Restaurant. Judy is a warm and engaging natural performer. Count Basie nicknamed Judy Carmichael *Stride*. George Shearing called her *Miss Strideville*. That's because, when it comes to stride pianists, Judy is one of the very best. Her passion for jazz is unbridled, she's got wit and virtuosity to match and she sings too! Besides all that, she'll be performing with her trio, world famous tenor saxophonist Harry Allen, and guitarist Chuck Flory who was in Benny Goodman's band for six years.

Don Heckman, reviewing one of Judy's shows for The International Review of Music wrote: *She was as improvisationally inventive with words as she was with her piano. A helluva performance, on all counts.* To learn more about Judy Carmichael or to listen to her radio show please visit JudyCarmichael.com. Tickets for Judy Carmichael will also be available at SingerandSimpson.com.

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