



Gene Perla and Sean Gough of the GoTrio

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Jazz

The signs are up and the tickets are available. The GoTrio is a GO for Robinson, Saturday, May 22nd. The program begins at 7PM at the VFW Hall, 712 East Main Street, Robinson. \$12 in advance. \$15 at the door. Tickets available at Your Flower Basket or call 618-544-2495.

The GoTrio:

- **Sean Gough** is a pianist based in New Jersey. He has studied classical and jazz piano since 1995 and has a BA in music and history. Sean has long been active as a freelancing jazz musician, as founding member of several jazz groups (including GoTrio), as a solo recitalist in jazz and classical settings, and as an accompanist for a variety of instrumentalists, vocalists, ensembles, and composer-performers. His performances have taken him from local arts centers and the Governor's Mansion in Princeton, NJ, to the top jazz clubs in Philadelphia and Easton.
- **Gene Perla** was born in 1940. He plays bass. Having spent decades in NYC, his gigs have included Miles Davis, Woody Herman, Sarah Vaughan, and Sonny Rollins. He founded P.M. Records. His credits include Broadway theatric sound design, and he currently teaches at Lehigh University and The New School.
- **Paul Wells** is the drummer from Pittsburg, PA. He attended the renowned jazz studies program at William Paterson University. Since graduating, Paul has performed and recorded internationally with a diverse selection of artists and is a contributing writing for Modern Drummer magazine.

The trio is available to play in Robinson because they are presenters at the Jazz Educators Conference in St. Louis earlier that week.

Opening the show for the GoTrio is a trio of artists from the area:

- **Gerald Gordy** has traveled widely, playing with any group that will have him at the many jazz and bluegrass festivals he has attended. Gerald is currently bass player for Serendipity, and it was he who learned of the impressive reputation of Gene Perla.
- **Dr. Brent McPike** is on the faculty for the Department of Music at Indiana State University. Living in Terre Haute, he is a guitar instructor and guitar ensemble director at ISU, and guest soloist for Summerstage, Arts Illiana, and the Terre Haute Symphony. Visit him on the web for his impressive credentials.
- **Solly Burton** is from Graysville, IN. At 19 he is a highly respected musician who, in 2007, won the national mandolin championship (among many competitions). He is not allowed to compete again in that event for 5 years. He was featured on NPR's *From the Top* last June. His website is fun.

According to Gerald Gordy, this local trio will have an entirely different sound from the GoTrio of the East Coast. The local trio will have some bluegrass flavor – the rest they will let be a surprise. On the other hand the GoTrio professes to straddle traditional and modern jazz. They play the Great American Songbook and jazz standards, but they are hard-core believers in improvisation. It proves to be a very enjoyable evening – very relaxed and laid back.

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The 22nd Annual CCA Art Show was excellent under the chairmanship of Richard Williams. The art show opened with the artists' reception on Saturday evening. Refreshments were provided by Your Flower Basket and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hill. The awards were presented by the judge, Shane Rodems, Assistant Director of the Tarble Arts Center of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

The awards were as follows:

Best of Show to Ruthann Brady

First places to Steve Meadows, Larry Miller, Jan Von Bokel and Dixie Petticrew.

Second places to David Dooley, Janice Kelly, John Kovacich, David Pigg and Richard Williams.

Third places to Nancy Tillary Fox, Helen Graham, Steve Meadows, Agnes Smith and Paul Spangler.

Purchase awards:

From Pulliam Funeral Home to J. Henderer Burns

From Scott and Nancy Berty to Deanna Chrysler, Clark Chrysler and Barbara Myers.

From Judge Chris and Mrs. Weber to Clark Chrysler, Agnes Smith and Steve Tevebaugh

From First Robinson Savings Bank to Larry Miller

From Joan Weber to Dixie Petticrew

From Weber Insurance and Realty to Richard Williams

From the Palestine Chamber of Commerce to Mary Francis Love

From Goodwine Funeral Homes to Paul Spangler and Randall Weck

People's Choice: *Enchanted Ruins* by Anita Jones

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In March the arts council sponsored a storyteller and creative dramatist in the elementary schools for four days. Mel Lundington spent one-half day in each school system giving school assembly programs and conducting creative dramatic workshops for the students, focusing on the fourth-grade level, but programs varied depending on the wants and needs of each school system. She also performed stories at the Robinson Public Library. Thank you to Kathleen Moore for organizing that event and to Jeff and Renda Tuttle for hosting her.

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The Annual Meeting of the Membership of Crawford County Arts will be at 7PM, May 20th, at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, for the purpose of electing new board members. All members are welcome to attend.