

# UPDATE NEWS



**Jeff Hamilton** was on tour in Europe with Dixie Knot over the summer. He is currently in LA working with Knot on his next CD.

**Anthony "Tory" Brass** recently recorded the new JWC's album, *New World Option*. Tory can also be heard on a couple of tracks on the new *Dazy Reed CD*.

**Jason Suther** has recently completed a string of shows as well as a new studio album with Vertical Horizon. Jason will also be on the road with Chris Cornell for the rest of the year in support of his upcoming new record. See [Jasonsuther.com](http://Jasonsuther.com) for tour info.

**Tommy Igoe** and Hudson Music are finishing up the very last edits to the *Groove Essentials 2.0* DVD and its play-along companion book, both of which will be available worldwide this fall. In addition, Tommy's band, The *Brickend Big Band*, recently headlined the *JWC Jazz Festival*: a DVD of the event will be released.

**Paul Wertico** has been named assistant professor of jazz and head of jazz studies at Chicago College Of Performing Arts of Roosevelt University.

The Roots' **Amit "Questlove" Thompson** produced and played on soul legend **Ali Green's** latest, *Lay It Down*.

**Andy Zito** has signed a deal with Cherry Lane Publishing/Real Leonard to transform his current book into two books, *Drumscopes: The Beginner's Guide To Playing Drums and Drumscopes: The Intermediate's Guide To Playing Drums*. Both will include new material, upgraded photos, and a CD with complete listening examples. The expected release date is sometime later this year.

**Ricky Sebastian**, master drummer/instructor who has taught at The Collective and The University of New Orleans, and who was the implementer of the World Music Ensemble and the UNO Percussion Ensemble, has teamed up with Carlos Martines, drummer and owner of Allied Music, to form the Crescent City Drum School in New Orleans. Their vision for the school is to preserve the great musical heritage of New Orleans and to support the musically rich city's future drummers and percussionists. For more information, visit Ricky's Web site: [www.rickysebastian.com](http://www.rickysebastian.com).

**Chad Cromwell** toured Europe with Neil Young this summer. He's also on *Merleau Lumbert's* CD *Cray Et-Gilbert*—which won Record Of The Year of the ACM Awards—and on *Lady Arletta's* self-titled debut.

**Joey Baron** is on Myron Allen's *Blues & Blues*.

**Joyson Brinkworth** can be heard on Canadian country artist Aaron Pritchett's upcoming release, *Thanks!* and on his latest single and video, "Let's Get Rowdy," as well as on Shane Yelton's single, "Drive Me Home." Joyson has also been nominated for Canadian Country Music's "Drummer of the Year."

**Horacio "El Negro" Hernandez** plays on *Mambo In Blue*, by Fido Atakogu.

**Mike Hold** is on Southern Gentleman's CD *Widley Of Fire* and on Steve Cunningham's *Slide*. Mike is currently recording tracks for the new fusion release from Michael Harris.

**Gevis Griffiths** plays on *13th Step*, the new one from ex *Marillion* singer Fish.

**Greg Hutchinson** and **Jeff "Tata" Watts** share drum duties on Ben Wolfe's *No Strangers Here*.

**Kelly Keagy** is on *Hole In The Sun*, the new one by Night Ranger.

**Bobby Blotzer** is on *Love The Day*, *Hole The Stone*, by *Saints Of The Underground*.

**Simon Phillips** and **Will Kennedy** are on Jeff Richman's *Apogee*.

**Gary Novak** is on Eric Hutchinson's *Sounds Like This*, as well as Mike Garson's *Conversations With My Family*.

Congratulations to **Russ Miller** and his wife, Christine, on the arrival of their first child, *Josephine Colita Miller*.

Congratulations also to **Wilee's Glenn Kotche** and his wife, Wai, on the birth of their daughter, *Wicon Rosina*.

## CONGRATULATIONS, JOE!

Jazz drumming legend **Joe Morello** turned eighty this past July 17. To help commemorate this landmark occasion, several former and current students, friends, and Joe's wife, Joan, gathered for an evening of good food and camaraderie at the Essex House in West Orange, New Jersey. The crowd of well-wishers included many top professionals and educators, such as John Riley and Dariusz Gellner. But the gift wasn't found the room was all about Morello, with drummers sharing fond memories of their time studying with Joe and the reputation he provided.

Modern Drummer editor in chief (and former Morello student) **Bill Miller** was on hand to present Joe with a lifetime achievement award (shown) "in honor of... Joe and... what a wonderful evening. And what a lovely turnout. It would take me a year to thank all of these people." Added another former Morello student, **Mae Walker**, for organizing the event.



## DRUM DATES

This month's important events in drumming history.

**Caro Cole** was born on 10/13/19. **Pope Jo Jones** on 10/10/11, and **Art Blakey** on 10/13/19 (he passed away in October of 1990). **Ed Blackwell** was born on 10/10/29 and passed away on 10/10/99. **Billy Higgins** was born on 10/11/06. **John Guerin** on 10/10/33, and **Keith Enslin** on 10/16/52. **Billy Gladstone** passed away in October of '81. **Gene Krupp** on 10/16/75, and **Al Jackson Jr.** on 10/17/75.

10/75: **Bob Stewart** (with the **Mike Walter** on drums) kept the charts with "Waggle My Tail," the hit single from his multi-million-selling album *Twelve Picture Two A Story*.

10/2/76: **Wild Cherry** (with **Bob Dalt** on drums) hit the number 1 hit with "Play That Funky Music." **Rob Finner**, lead singer and songwriter of the band, credits Dalt for giving him the idea and idea to work the funk, which was one of the biggest hits of the 1970s.

10/5/99: Tomcat's Steve Turre records in the *Spir Of The Moment* with **George Duke**, **Wilson** and drummer **Jack DeJohnette**.