

# Aladdin brings new jazz club to Las Vegas

By Roy Theiss

The newest jazz club in Las Vegas is on familiar ground—a casino. But this club differs from the traditional jazz scenes that have made jazz a staple for more than 50 years in Las Vegas because it's hidden downstairs in the Aladdin Hotel & Casino.

The club, appropriately named Jazz, opened Nov. 19 with fusion from Fatburger. Jazz has also brought in nationally known flutist Tim Weisberg.

Jazz doesn't draw only big names in the jazz field. The club also hosts local artists who are a breath away from landing recording contracts. The cover charge is

a two-drink minimum per set.

With the club nestled away downstairs, Jazz leans toward an underground look. The brick wall-paper that surrounds three-quarters of the perimeter lends an austere nightclub atmosphere. The red cushioned bench around the circumference is soft and not the least bit gaudy. Theatre-style seating maintains a sense of inti-

macy and combined with the benches, has a capacity of 175 people.

As hard as the Aladdin tries to create an underground atmosphere, Jazz is the victim of its master. Although the setting is away from the casino and the only sound to be heard is the clarity of the music—not the bells and buzz-

ers of a carnival—jazz aficionados have to keep in mind they are still in a casino. Cigarette girls with flashing red tiaras occasionally stroll through the aisles harassing patrons while scantily-clad photographers blind others.

Casino garishness aside, Jazz is a melodious welcome to an old scene.

## An evening of musical madness with P.D.Q. Bach



Professor Peter Schickele, perpetrator of the legendary P.D.Q. BACH.

*Serious music on a humourous note.*

An evening of musical madness, featuring Professor Peter Schickele as P.D.Q. Bach, will be performed 8 p.m., Jan. 24, as part of the Charles Vanda Master Series. Peter Schickele, perpetrator of the now famous P.D.Q. Bach, is acknowledged worldwide as one of the great satirists of the 20th century. Schickele's brand of humor depends on sight gags, spoken puns and twisting seriously composed pieces into comic relief.

The New York Times is quoted as, "An evening with P.D.Q. Bach is a very funny show—even for people who like music but don't know why."

Musicians from the Las Vegas Symphony will join Professor Schickele. The performance is 8 p.m., Jan. 24, in the Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall. For ticket information, call the Performing Arts Box Office at 739-3801

## The cinematic version of Hamlet comes to Las Vegas

by Debbie Tubbesing

On a windswept battlement looming over a stormy sea...

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A man stands alone—haunted by what he does not

in Zeffirelli's production. Alan Bates is Claudius, Academy Award winner Paul Scofield is the Ghost and Ian Holm is Polonius.

For those who are currently taking a literature class, or planning on a literature class in the near future, this movie is highly recommended. It's one way to be



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