



BACKSTAGE AT THE MAINSTAY

The latest “scoop” from our Board of Directors

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Keeping Up with The Mainstay

There are many ways you can find out who is performing at The Mainstay. Our website, www.mainstayrockhall.org, is the fastest way to check our performance schedule, find out information about the artists who are performing and reserve tickets for an event. These tickets are discounted through Instant Seats.

We also advertise in Kent County Maryland’s local newspaper, the “Kent County News.” The paper comes out every Thursday.

The Tidewater Trader, a source of local advertising, also carries our performance information on paper and online at www.tidewatertrader.com.

The Chestertown Spy, chestertownspy.org, an on-line version of a newspaper that was started in Chestertown in 1793, features information on The Mainstay, sometimes under “Arts and Letters - Performance,” or as a separate advertisement.

Posters about our new concert series (World Music, Jazz, Folk, Acoustic and Electric Blues, Americana and Bluegrass) are placed in Chestertown and Rock Hall community businesses to acquaint travelers with what is available in entertainment for the weekend.

Finally, WCTR and WKHS FM, our local radio stations, often interview Mainstay performers about upcoming gigs.

New Life for an Old Seat

Barbara Lucille Turner/Walbert/Tucker (otherwise known locally as “Bobbie Lou”) made it a habit to sit in the same wicker sofa when she began attending Mainstay performances over twenty years ago. Grace Hopkins, an ardent Mainstay supporter, had gifted this item to The Mainstay.

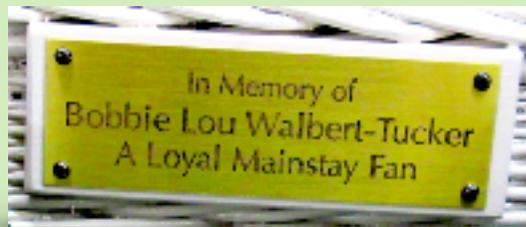
In 2018, Mainstay bartender Keith Walbert’s California cousins Howard and Emma Newman attended a concert at The Mainstay and learned about the history of the sofa. Upon returning to California, Howard called Keith and said he would like to have a plaque made in memory of Bobbie Lou’s frequent attendance.

When Keith received the plaque, he decided the sofa was in need of considerable repair and took it to Chestertown furniture maker Frank Rhodes. Keith requested the plaque to be centered on the back and the back cushion to be scalloped out so that the plaque could be viewed. He also requested that there be two different types of foam used for the cushions with more firmness on the seat and softer on the back. (continued - over)



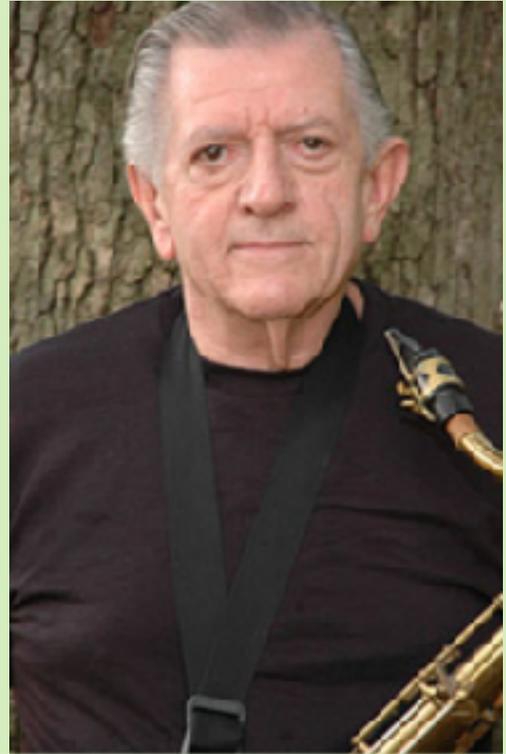
The sofa was recently reinstalled at The Mainstay in a place of honor just in front of the stage in the first row of seating.

Barbara Lucille Turner/Walbert/Tucker had last sat in that seat at a Mainstay concert in July of 2015, a week before her death. As Keith's cousin said, "Someone else may be in the actual seat, but your Mom will really be sitting on the sofa at each and every Mainstay performance".



Pigs, Dogs, and Oysters Return

On Sunday, September 22, 2019, The Mainstay will be honoring Mainstay Friends, Donors, and Volunteers with a celebration "Thank You!" The gala will be held at The Mainstay from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. rain or shine. The event will feature pork ribs, hot dogs and oysters on the half shell - all FREE. A variety of side dishes will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Come join us!



Adolphe Sax Would Approve!

Larry McKenna, a tenor saxophone player from Philadelphia, PA, will open the 2019 Chestertown Jazz Festival at 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, on The Mainstay stage in Rock Hall, MD.

In a Kent County News press release, McKenna is described as "not only (someone) who has played with many of the all-time greats, he IS one. He playing is in the best tradition of straight-ahead swinging tenor sax in the manner of Sonny Stitt, Dexter Gordon and Stan Getz."

For ticket information, call The Mainstay at 410-639-9133, or visit mainstayrockhall.org.