

Central Village Block Association

The Central Village Block Association is a forum for residents of Barrow, Jones, Cornelia, Leroy, Bleecker, West 4th Streets & Sheridan Sq.
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Meetings: second Thurs. of each month, except for July, Aug. & Dec.; 7 pm sharp, Our Lady of Pompeii Rectory at 25 Carmine Street
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PLEASE NOTE: For September through November, CVBA will meet on the second Thursday of the month. Next meeting is September 8, 2005 at Our Lady of Pompeii Rectory / 25 Carmine Street. Ring Rectory doorbell for admission.

Folks In The House
The Central Village
Block Association
presents

ARNTZEN: 3 GENERATIONS JAZZ



"Bad Lake comes to
Cornelia Street!"

An outdoor concert for the neighborhood.
Admission by donation -

Tuesday, August 9th 2005
6 - 9 pm

Refreshments available

Arntzen Family Jazz Concert August 9 on Cornelia Street

Cornelia Street resident since 1989, CVBA member Leif Arntzen, along with his father, Lloyd; brother, Tom; nephew, Evan and son, Miles performed as a family jazz quintet for the pleasure of his neighbors. Weatherwise, the timing was perfect; no rain, and a pleasant respite from the summer's humidity. Over 500+ people turned out to bask in an evening of conviviality. "The program featured original folk songs with sprinklings of Louis Armstrong/Sidney Bechet tunes with a theme called "Folks In The House" which is a rough translation of a famous Norwegian folk song *Folk i Husen*, a cultural social consciousness raising song that helped change the direction of the decline of rural life in the north of Canada in the 80s... It's a rare sight to see and hear three generations of one family singing and playing their own songs, sharing their own stories about life's... mistakes, heartaches, rich



history past, hard lessons learned, and humble successes.... The show [was] all about sharing their take on surviving life together, apart, lost, and found. They fight and argue about what really happened, write songs and tell stories about Dust Bowl-era

life on the Canadian prairies, the 60s and 70s life in the Pacific Northwest...and entertain for the sake of the new generations...and the older generations who remember what happened.... The show's silver-tongued elder leader is grandfather Lloyd. In his late 70's now, his music career spans over sixty years...from his boyhood soprano singing [at] community hall concerts in and around his Bad Lake Saskatchewan wheat farming homestead...[to] his family's work migration to the West Coast salmon fishery. From his professional folk singing experiences of the Beat era 50s and early 60s Vancouver Coffee House music scene, progressing to writing songs and performing/hosting live national radio folk music shows... Lloyd made much music that has stood the...tests of time. Add to all that a steady stream of west coast festival and nightclub appearances over the past thirty years performing with various combinations of his six musician children Holly, Jenny, Leif, Trevor, Arnt, and Tom...and you find yourself realizing the enormous musical output of this Canadian man and his hopelessly musical family."

The Arntzens performed over the summer at The Cornelia Street Cafe, Shinn Estates Vineyards of North Fork [owned by Home (restaurant) proprietors Barbara Shinn and David Page] and at The Living Room on Ludlow Street.

Leif and CVBA thank the following residents, merchants and technicians for donating time or services to the event: Abitino's Pizza, Jenny and Kathy Arntzen, Cornelia Street Cafe, Ruby Dreyer, Peter Greenough, Peg Hemholz, Jimmy, Sushi Mambo, Joan McCabe and daughter Anna, Mathew McTavish, Sharon Sullivan, Steve White [Blue Man Group] and Peter Zimmer. CVBA gratefully acknowledges a \$500 donation from the Arntzens from a portion of the proceeds they made from their sale of Bad Lake t-shirts and cds at the concert.



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