

Exploring Jazz in six sessions (Oct./Nov. 2018)

I have been teaching a course called "Exploring Jazz" in California during the winter for the past 10 years. It was successful beyond what I could have imagined with a combined enrollment of more than 2,000 adult students. Last year, I brought Exploring Jazz into my own music room in Newton Highlands for an intimate group of 32 participants. Then there was a second session in April/May of this year. (Some comments from participants are shown at the end of this email.) I am now offering the same course for Oct/Nov, 2018, and you are invited to join.

8 of the 32 places for the Oct / Nov class are already taken by people who were on a waiting list, and others who have contacted me in advance.

Below please find

- (1) the schedule for the Oct/Nov 2018 sessions,
- (2) links to the syllabus, my BIO, an overview of the Exploring Jazz concept, and my web site
- (3) a few comments from participants in the two previous classes in Newton:

Schedule: All classes are on Monday evenings; Location: 94 Woodward Street, Newton Highlands.

NOTE: You will need to walk down a flight of stairs to the music room, which is a finished room with large digital screen, excellent sound system, and a grand piano.

(On street parking and 3 minutes walk from the Green Line D train, Eliot Station.)

Oct. 15	7:30 — 9:10	[attendance is a "must" for the first class.]
Oct. 22	7:30 — 9:10	
Oct. 29	7:30 — 9:10	
Nov. 5	7:30 — 9:10	
Nov. 12	7:30 — 9:10	(Veteran's Day)
Nov. 19	7:30 — 9:10	

Cost: The cost is \$130 per person or \$225 for a couple. If you want to enroll, email me at lenlyons@comcast.net. Yes, you can change your mind later; I won't be asking for a firm commitment until mid-September. (Please do not send money at this time.)

Syllabus:

https://lenlyons.ink/uploads/7/7/2/1/77216329/exploring_jazz_syllabus_-_fall_2018.pdf

Instructor BIO and "Exploring Jazz" overview:

<https://lenlyons.ink/exploring-jazz.html>

TO ENROLL send email to: lenlyons@comcast.net

Len's web site: (www.lenlyons.ink) (See page 2 for participants' comments)

Some comments from participants in my "Exploring Jazz" classes in Newton:

“Len Lyons makes the language, history, and evolution of jazz surprisingly accessible. Only basic musical knowledge is required to come away from this course able to recognize and understand what you are hearing and where it fits in the universe of jazz.” - David Flad

Len Lyons' jazz class is a masterpiece. He loves jazz and brings that enthusiasm to the class along with a deep well of both historical and musical knowledge. He expertly combines social history, musical history, and explanations of the music itself, all richly illustrated by lots of listening. Listening to music I have loved all my adult life has become a new, and richer, experience. - Jonathan Klein

" Len gives a great class. He helps the casual listener understand what the musicians are up to, and how to listen with greater understanding and appreciation of jazz's structure and evolution. Perhaps the best part is listening to Len's demonstrations on the piano.” - Dahlia Rudavsky

Len's passion, knowledge, and personality made this class really enjoyable and I would highly recommend it to any music lover who has a yearning to learn about the history of Jazz - Steven Siagel

I absolutely loved Len Lyons' “Exploring Jazz” class! He is extremely knowledgeable, articulate, and passionate about his subject. He gave us a sense of several styles that make up jazz, making the subject come alive through his well-considered selections of audios, videos, and demonstrations at the piano. I especially appreciated hearing about the intersection of the music and the socio-historical context in which they were born. - Heather Zacker