

Lederman Quartet returns for an encore

The Beth Lederman Quartet is returning to Payson for an encore performance at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 8, at Community Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Main St.

Jazz pianist Lederman will be joined by Tom Williams on bass, Mike Crotty on various horns, and local drummer Gerry Reynolds. Bob Smolenski, a popular local piano player, is also expected to join the group on several tunes.

Lederman has been playing piano professionally for more than 20 years, most recently at the Hyatt Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale. Her music is “melodic, fun, fluid, passionate, innovative, heartfelt, rhythmic, eclectic, honest, artistic, spontaneous...and simply great!”

She currently leads the Latin jazz band Novo Mundo, and her Beth Lederman Quartet has been on the Arizona Commission on the Arts Artist Roster, performing in every major community in Arizona, including performances at the Kerr Center, Jazz in Arizona jazz parties, the Orpheum Theater, Chandler Jazz Festival, Desert Botanical Garden, El Pedregal, Scottsdale Festival of the Arts, as well as in many other locations.

While her main love is jazz, Lederman excels at many musical styles, and has played with a variety of groups including The Diamonds, Bobby Vinton, Francine Reed, Dave Cook Sun City Symphony, Sonya Jason, the Valley Big Band, and Pete Pancrazi. She has also accompanied vocalists Nancy Gee, Sherry Roberson, and Delphine Cortez. Beth has had steady engagements at the Arizona Biltmore, the Radisson, and the Four Seasons Resort.

While the event is open to the public, a \$5 donation at the door supports the musicians and helps to assure that quality performers will continue



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to be brought to the Rim Country. To help organizers plan for the event, leave a message at (480) 785-1278 that you plan to attend, or contact Gerry Reynolds at gerryr@cox.net.

The event is sponsored by Payson Friends of Jazz

and the Community Presbyterian Church. More information about Beth Lederman may be obtained from her Web site, www.bethlederman.com.