

The Green Door

The Green Door at 109 Bloor St. W, “behind the Colonnade” was another of those short lived, but apparently successful during its short life, in bringing in a good mix of jazz, both modern on Friday’s and Saturdays and traditional on Sunday, at least in the early going. It opened in April or May 1964, closed by July 1965.

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Apr 24-25	In Dave Caplan’s <i>Man About Jazz</i> column	Star Apr 18 th p.32 “Modern jazz on Fridays and Saturdays with traditional on Sundays” Tely Apr 25 th “What’s Going On” column
May 8-9	Wray Downes Group (Fri/Sat)	Tely May 9 th “What’s Going On” column
May 9	In Gerry Barker’s <i>In Town & Out</i> column	Star May 9 th , p.32 “ <i>Three after hours clubs are joining forces (an unusual development in itself), to repeat the music on ferry boats again this summer. Three dates are set; modern jazz sponsored by the Green Door, traditional jazz put forward by the Penny Farthing and folk songs by the Purple Onion.</i> ”
May 15-17	Wray Downes Group (Fri/Sat) Jim McHarg’s Vintage Jazz Band (Sunday)	G&M May 15 th p.13 ... 11- 4am Friday/Saturday; 7:30 to midnight, Sunday
May 22-24	Allen-Ward Trio plus Eve Law (Fri/Sat) with Wray Downes Trio taking over at midnight. Sunday evening, Jim McHarg’s Vintage Jazz Band	Star May 23 rd p.27 advertisement Tely May 23 rd “What’s Going On” column: Comedian Eve Law and the Allan Ward Trio do three shows tonight (23rd) with the Wray Downes Trio taking over at midnight. Sunday evening, Jim McHarg’s Vintage Jazz Band”

May 29	Eve Law Comedienne	Star May 29 th p.20 in an advertisement: show times 10 and 11
May 29-31	Charles Rallo Group with Eve Law “taking care of the early set” (Fri/Sat). Jim McHarg’s Vintage Jazz Band (Sunday)	Star May 30 th p.15 in Dave Caplan’s <i>Man About Jazz</i> column and G&M May 29 th p.10 Tely May 30 th “What’s Going On” column: Comedian Eve Law works until midnight when the Wray Downes Trio takes over. Sunday evening still sees Jim McHarg’s Vintage Jazz Band
Jun 5-7	Last week repeats though w/o mention of Eve Law	G&M Jun 5 th p.8
Jun 12-14	Mike Massey Trio (Fri), Wray Downes and Russ Fearon (part of the Peter Appleyard rhythm section (Sat) and Jim McHarg Vintage Jazz band (Sun)	Star Jun 11 th p.23 in Gerry Barker’s “In Town and Out” column: “ <i>The Green Door jazz after-hours club offers what might be the cream of the left-over fare during the weekends</i> ” and G&M Jun 12 th p.8
Jun 19-21	Sammy Taft comedian works until midnight (presumably Fri and Sat) with Wray Downes Trio at midnight, Jim McHarg’s Vintage Jazz Band on Sunday evening	G&M Jun 19 th p.8 Tely Jun 20 th “What’s Going On” column
Jun 26-27	Ron Peck Group (Fri) with Wray Downes group Saturday	G&M Jun 26 th p.10
Jul 3-4	Last week’s lineup repeats	Tely Jun 27 th “What’s Going On” column

Jul 10-11	Last week's line up presumed	Tely Jul 11 th "What's Going On" column
Jul 25	Paul Hoffert's Jazz Band	Tely Jul 25 th "What's Going On" column: "plays from midnight on tonight (25 th)" https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/paul-hoffert-emc Note his association with Lighthouse
Aug 7-8, 14-15, 21-22	Paul Hoffert's Jazz Band with the Junior Messengers on the Fridays	Tely Aug 8 th and 15 th "What's Going On" column
Aug 21-22	Junior Messengers (Friday) Bob Angus Quintet	Tely Aug 20 th After Four's <i>Chum About Town</i> listing: " <i>The Junior Messengers the swingiest college combo around</i> " Tely Aug 22 nd "What's Going On" column
Aug 28-29	Junior Messengers (Friday)	Tely Aug 22 nd "What's Going On" column
Sep 11-12, 18-19, 25-26	Paul Hoffert Quintet (Sat)	Tely Sep 12 th , 19 th , 26 th "What's Going On" column
Oct 9-11	Ian Barge Quartet (late Fri) (Brian?) Foscett (tenor) (Sat early) Paul Hoffert Quintet (Sat late) Peter Cleary's Quartet 8:30 to 12:30 Sunday	Star Oct 17 th p.27 in Gerry Barker's "In Town and Out" column: Foscett: " <i>one of the finest flute performances I have ever heard</i> " (presumably the early show on Sat) Tely Oct 8 th "After Four's Chum About Town" also: " <i>local folksingers entertain Fri and Saturday night</i> " early show
Oct 16-17	Last week's Friday/Saturday line-up repeats	Tely Oct 10 th "What's Going On" column
Oct 18	Eddie Sossin Quintet (afternoon) with Peter Cleary's Quartet 8:30 to 12:30 Sunday	Star Oct 17 th p.27 in Gerry Barker's "In Town and Out" column: "The Door" also initiates a Sunday afternoon jazz session starting tomorrow from 2-6"

Oct 23-25	Ian Barge Quartet (Fri late) Paul Hoffert Quintet (Sat late) Peter Cleary's Quartet 8:30 to 12:30 Sunday	Tely Oct 17 th "What's Going On" column
Oct 30-31	Al Decter quartet (Fri late) Paul Hoffert Quintet (Sat late) Peter Cleary's Quartet 8:30 to 12:30 Sunday	Tely Oct 24 th "What's Going On" column
Nov 6-8	Al Decter quartet (Fri late) Paul Hoffert Quintet (Sat late) Peter Cleary's Quartet 8:30 to 12:30 Sunday	Tely Oct 31 st Nov 7 th and Nov 14 th "What's Going On" columns
13-14 and 20- 21	Peter Cleary's Quartet (Fri) Paul Hoffert Quintet (Sat late)	Tely Oct 24 th "What's Going On" column
Nov 22	Dancing to jazz and records, Sunday	Tely Nov 14 th "What's Going On" column
Nov 27-28	Andy Krehm's jazz quartet (Fri) Paul Hoffert's Quintet (Sat), Discotheque dancing Sunday	Tely Nov 21 st "What's Going On" column
Dec 4-6, 11-13	Last week's line up returns with the Twin Tone Four opening early for both late night groups	Tely Nov 28 th "What's Going On" column and Dec 10 th "After Four's <i>Chum About Town</i> "

Dec 18-19, Dec
25-27

Andy Krehm's jazz quartet
(Fri) **Paul Hoffert's Quintet**
(Sat), again with the **Twin-
Tone Four** folksingers from
UofT opening for them

Tely Dec 12th "What's Going On" column with the Star Dec
12th p.30 in Dave Caplan's *Man About Jazz* column
confirming the Twin Tone Four

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Jan 15-17 to
Feb 22-27

For the months of January and
February **Andy Krehm's jazz**
quartet appear on Friday night
with the **Twin Tone Four** early
on Saturday followed by **Paul**
Hoffert's Quintet (until 4)

Tely "What's Going On" column lists for those weeks.

Mar 13 to April
24

The Green Door is listed but
w/o reference to performing
musicians; only "folk and jazz
on tap"

After May 1, 1965 The Green Door is not listed in the
Tely's "What's Going On"

Jul 2

Intimate ... yet bursting the
Beams. Rivoli Discotheque,
109 Bloor St. West

Star Jul 2nd, p.21 It appears the Green Door has closed
its doors

Data collection

Although one of the smaller, short-lived coffee houses, the Green Door was relatively well represented in the daily press during the approximately 15 months it was open. As shown, what was available was drawn from the three daily newspapers, by accessing the microfilmed archives of the Telegram in the Toronto Reference Library and the digital archives of the Toronto Star and the Globe and Mail. Where I take words directly from a listing I use "quotation marks" and often italics to distinguish those words from other text. Where I cite an article I reference the reporter, if identified.