



Beaufort jazz ensemble Vic and Friends will perform at the Jazz Corner August 5th and 6th. A year ago, they launched their CD, entitled “V”, at this legendary Hilton Head establishment. We recently sat down with Vic Varner to talk about his band and what they’ve been up to lately.

LCW: What’s the band been up to lately?

VV: We feel very fortunate that our band is active with gigs 3 nights a week here in Beaufort. Nationally, jazz gets about 3% of radio airplay, so I'm amazed that my hometown supports live jazz this much. I've always believed there is a blues culture in Beaufort; we're trying to create a jazz culture as well.

LCW: What’s going on with the year-old CD?

VV: We continue to sell our CD at gigs, but mostly, we view it as a document and a booking tool. We're proud of it artistically. The core of the band is Thom Chambers (tenor saxophone), George Sheck (bass), Bill Aycock (piano), and myself on voice and guitar. We recently lost our regular drummer, Robert Moring, who is touring nationally with the band "Safe, So Simple." Robert is about four decades younger than anyone else in the band, so we're happy for him and thrilled at this special opportunity.

LCW: What can folks look forward to at the upcoming Jazz Corner gig?



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