



Masteller and Varner celebrate jazz – and The Ladies of Jazz – at the USCB Center for the Arts.

By Margaret Evans, Editor

One thing I love about the Lowcountry is that it's sophisticated enough to attract fascinating, accomplished people from all over . . . and "small town" enough that you actually get to meet most of them at some point. I've just sat down for breakfast at Blackstone's with a man who's performed for three American presidents – Hilton Head jazz legend Bob Masteller.

We're here at the invitation of my friend Vic Varner, no musical slouch himself. (In fact, Masteller calls Varner "the face of jazz in Beaufort.") We've come to discuss their upcoming concert at the USCB Center for the Arts, a performance they hope will be the first of many. Masteller and his All-Star Quintet will headline "The Ladies of Jazz," featuring vocalist Gina Rene, who'll sing Billie



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