

## 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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### 1964

Apr 24-25	In Dave Caplan's <i>Man About Jazz</i> column	Star Apr 18 <sup>th</sup> p.32 “Modern jazz on Fridays and Saturdays with traditional on Sundays” Tely Apr 25 <sup>th</sup> “What's Going On” column
May 8-9	<b>Wray Downes Group</b> (Fri/Sat)	Tely May 9 <sup>th</sup> “What's Going On” column
May 9	In Gerry Barker's <i>In Town &amp; Out</i> column	Star May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 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	<b>Wray Downes Group</b> (Fri/Sat) <b>Jim McHarg's Vintage Jazz Band</b> (Sunday)	G&M May 15 <sup>th</sup> p.13 ... 11- 4am Friday/Saturday; 7:30 to midnight, Sunday
May 22-24	<b>Allen-Ward Trio</b> plus <b>Eve Law</b> (Fri/Sat) with <b>Wray Downes Trio</b> taking over at midnight. Sunday evening, <b>Jim McHarg's Vintage Jazz Band</b>	Star May 23 <sup>rd</sup> p.27 advertisement Tely May 23 <sup>rd</sup> “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	<b>Eve Law</b> Comedienne	Star May 29 <sup>th</sup> p.20 in an advertisement: show times 10 and 11
May 29-31	<b>Charles Rallo Group</b> with <b>Eve Law</b> "taking care of the early set" (Fri/Sat). <b>Jim McHarg's Vintage Jazz Band</b> (Sunday)	Star May 30 <sup>th</sup> p.15 in Dave Caplan's <i>Man About Jazz</i> column and G&M May 29 <sup>th</sup> p.10 Tely May 30 <sup>th</sup> "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 <sup>th</sup> p.8
Jun 12-14	<b>Mike Massey Trio</b> (Fri), <b>Wray Downes and Russ Fearon</b> (part of the Peter Appleyard rhythm section (Sat) and <b>Jim McHarg Vintage Jazz band</b> (Sun)	Star Jun 11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> p.8
Jun 19-21	<b>Sammy Taft</b> comedian works until midnight (presumably Fri and Sat) with <b>Wray Downes Trio</b> at midnight, <b>Jim McHarg's Vintage Jazz Band</b> on Sunday evening	G&M Jun 19 <sup>th</sup> p.8 Tely Jun 20 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column
Jun 26-27	<b>Ron Peck Group</b> (Fri) with <b>Wray Downes group</b> Saturday	G&M Jun 26 <sup>th</sup> p.10
Jul 3-4	Last week's lineup repeats	Tely Jun 27 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column

Jul 10-11	Last week's line up presumed	Tely Jul 11 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column
Jul 25	<b>Paul Hoffert's Jazz Band</b>	Tely Jul 25 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column: "plays from midnight on tonight (25 <sup>th</sup> )" <a href="https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/paul-hoffert-emc">https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/paul-hoffert-emc</a> Note his association with Lighthouse
Aug 7-8, 14-15, 21-22	<b>Paul Hoffert's Jazz Band</b> with the <b>Junior Messengers</b> on the Fridays	Tely Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column
Aug 21-22	<b>Junior Messengers</b> (Friday) <b>Bob Angus Quintet</b>	Tely Aug 20 <sup>th</sup> After Four's <i>Chum About Town</i> listing: " <i>The Junior Messengers the swingingest college combo around</i> " Tely Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> "What's Going On" column
Aug 28-29	<b>Junior Messengers</b> (Friday)	Tely Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> "What's Going On" column
Sep 11-12, 18- 19, 25-26	<b>Paul Hoffert Quintet</b> (Sat)	Tely Sep 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column
Oct 9-11	<b>Ian Barge Quartet</b> (late Fri) <b>(Brian?) Foskett</b> (tenor) (Sat early) <b>Paul Hoffert Quintet</b> (Sat late) <b>Peter Cleary's Quartet</b> 8:30 to 12:30 Sunday	Star Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> p.27 in Gerry Barker's "In Town and Out" column: Foskett: " <i>one of the finest flute performances I have ever heard</i> " (presumably the early show on Sat) Tely Oct 8 <sup>th</sup> "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 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column
Oct 18	<b>Eddie Sossin</b> Quintet (afternoon) with <b>Peter Cleary's</b> <b>Quartet</b> 8:30 to 12:30 Sunday	Star Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Ian Barge Quartet</b> (Fri late) <b>Paul Hoffert Quintet</b> (Sat late) <b>Peter Cleary's Quartet</b> 8:30 to 12:30 Sunday	Tely Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column
Oct 30-31	<b>Al Decter quartet</b> (Fri late) <b>Paul Hoffert Quintet</b> (Sat late) <b>Peter Cleary's Quartet</b> 8:30 to 12:30 Sunday	Tely Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column
Nov 6-8	<b>Al Decter quartet</b> (Fri late) <b>Paul Hoffert Quintet</b> (Sat late) <b>Peter Cleary's Quartet</b> 8:30 to 12:30 Sunday	Tely Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> and Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" columns
13-14 and 20-21	<b>Peter Cleary's Quartet</b> (Fri) <b>Paul Hoffert Quintet</b> (Sat late)	Tely Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column
Nov 22	Dancing to jazz and records, Sunday	Tely Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column
Nov 27-28	<b>Andy Krehm's jazz quartet</b> (Fri) <b>Paul Hoffert's Quintet</b> (Sat), Discotheque dancing Sunday	Tely Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> "What's Going On" column
Dec 4-6, 11-13	Last week's line up returns with the <b>Twin Tone Four</b> opening early for both late night groups	Tely Nov 28 <sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column and Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> "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 12<sup>th</sup> "What's Going On" column with the Star Dec 12<sup>th</sup> p.30 in Dave Caplan's *Man About Jazz* column confirming the Twin Tone Four

## 1965

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.