

Ticket Giveaway!

Still looking for that perfect last-minute holiday gift? How about tickets to see Gato in concert? Here's your chance! We are fortunate to have tickets to give away for two of Gato's upcoming appearances:

Bergen Performing Arts Center

Englewood, New Jersey
Saturday, January 15th

Robert Ferst Center for the Arts

Georgia Institute of Technology, in Atlanta, GA
Saturday, January 22nd

To enter, go to www.gatobarbierinewsletter.com and fill out the brief entry form for whichever show you'd like to attend. Winners will be drawn at random and notified by 9:00 pm EST on the 21st and posted on the website.

**Happy Holidays from the Barbieris**

Gato and his family, and all of us who work with him, would like to take this opportunity to wish you all wonderful holidays and the very best in the New Year ahead. Thanks also to all of you who sent birthday greetings in the guestbook. Your kind wishes are very much appreciated.

Consulate of Argentina in NY Hosts Tribute to Gato

On November 30th, The Consulate of Argentina in New York hosted a special tribute to Gato. The event reunited Gato with some old friends and also gave young Argentine musicians a chance to meet and get to know their legendary fellow countryman. The evening began with a presentation about Gato's life and career. Follow the presentation, Argentina's Ambassador to the U.S., Hector Timmerman, took the stage. On behalf of the Argentine people, Ambassador Timmerman presented Gato with an onyx sculpture of him playing, which was created by renowned sculptor Miguel Conti. More photos and further details will be posted on the website soon...



Left: Guitarist Horacio Laguna holds sculpture by Miguel Conti as Argentina's Ambassador to the U.S.A. Hector Timmerman makes presentation to Gato. **Right:** Gato chats with Roberto Lebron, Jr., Esq. (l), his mother (r) and father (not shown) at the reception that followed the presentation.

Members Write...

We're always pleased to receive your own memories, stories, and photos to share. The latest contribution comes from Carolina, who recently saw Gato at Yoshi's in Oakland, California:

December 17, 2004

Gato's 4-day performance at Yoshi's was a tremendous holiday hit. The standing room only performances sold out weeks before his arrival, a testimony to the master saxophonist. Prior to his departure, Gato played a children's performance on Sunday, despite his conformed health, he had a serious bout of the flu. Notwithstanding the setback, his audience demanded encores and he graced them with some spectacular sets.

Many prominent people came to the San Francisco, Oakland-based show. Amongst them were:

Don Lee, film producer of acclaimed "Almost Famous"

Charles Lee and wife, plastic surgeon of the Buncke Clinic, Cal-Pacific Medical Center of SF
Carole Kealy, Gato's sister-in-law and Lifestyle TV producer

People travelled from all parts, many flew in from Southern and Northern California to San Francisco, Gato being the centerpiece of their holiday stay.

Enjoy the photos and happy holidays!!

Carolina



Upcoming Concerts

(as of 12/17/04)

Date/time	Venue/Location	Reservations/Information
January 10, 2005 (Monday) 9:00 pm	Barbados Jazz Festival Sunbery Great House St. Philip, Barbados West Indies	www.barbadosjazzfestival.com
January 15, 2005 (Saturday) 8:00 pm	Bergen Performing Arts Center 30 North Van Brunt Street Engelwood, NJ	www.bergenpac.org (201) 816-8160 or (888) PAC-SHOW
January 20-21, 2005 (Thursday-Friday) 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm	Jazziz Bistro & Live Music 5751 Seminole Way Hollywood, FL (Ft. Lauderdale area)	(954) 583-8335 or www.jazzizbistro.com
January 22, 2005 (Saturday) 8 pm	Robert Ferst Center for the Arts Georgia Institute of Technology 349 Ferst Drive Atlanta, GA	www.ferstcenter.gatech.edu (404) 894-9600