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On September 21, TJP, a jazz band formerly known as The Jost Project, will introduce its new album “Peace and Love” and kick off the Fall/Winter Season of The Jazz Cocktail Hour at the Uptown! in The Univest Room at Knauer Center of The Performing Arts (226 North High Street, West Chester, www.uptownwestchester.com, 610-356-2787).

The evening begins with drinks or a signature cocktail, and small bites. Concerts are held on the second floor in The Univest Room, an intimate room to experience jazz up close and personal.

“Peace and Love” is the newest album by TJP, a Philadelphia-based band featuring Tony Miceli (vibraphone), Paul Jost (vocal, harmonica), Kevin MacConnell (bass) and Doug Hirlinger (drums).

TJP, a contemporary jazz band, has a repertoire that includes rock classics such as “In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida” (Iron Butterfly), “Daydream” (The Lovin’ Spoonful), “Sunshine Superman” (Donovan), “Walk This Way” (Aerosmith), “Come Together” and “And I Love Her” (The Beatles), “Kashmir” (Led Zeppelin), “Bridge Over Troubled Waters” (Simon and Garfunkel), “Maybe I’m Amazed” (Paul McCartney), and “Can’t Find My Way Home” (Blind Faith).

“TJP is about five or six years old,” said Miceli, during a phone interview last week from his home in Philadelphia. “TJP was my idea. It goes back to the 80s.

“I’ve always had a band that played rock tunes. I always wanted to play the music I grew up with – and to play it in a jazz setting. I named The Jost Project after Paul (Jost).

“Our first album ‘Can’t Find My Way Home’ was done four years ago on Dot Time Records. In a jazz way, I think it went over well. The new album is ‘Peace and Love.’ We decided to release this one ourselves.”

The new CD features tracks such as “Get Together” (The Youngbloods), “Wonderful World” (Louis Armstrong), “Put a Little Love in Your Heart” (Jackie DeShannon) and “America the Beautiful.”

In these tumultuous times, the band hopes the messages in their album will resonate, bringing back reminders of the hippie generation when dialogue and constructive action for peace and love took place everywhere.

“When the election was unfolding, I kept saying – we need hippies now,” said Miceli. “Let’s stir up old hippies and get young people into what’s happening.”

“Once Trump was elected, I said – let’s make a whole CD with songs that deal with peace and love. Two kinds of people like these songs. Baby boomers recognize these songs and younger audiences go back because it’s retro.”

Miceli now has a dual mission – play good vibes and promote good vibes. It’s a mission that can benefit everyone.

Video link for TJP – https://youtu.be/WhGvULD3d_g.
Tickets for the show at the Knauer Center are \$25.