

2011 Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival Feedback

2011 Bix Festival in Davenport, Iowa from Dr. Peter Appleyard

If you are looking for a perfect jazz festival with a beautiful location on the Mississippi River with the most sincerest and devoted fans the Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Fest is for you.

I just returned after one of the best weekends I have ever spent playing vibes with Dick Hyman's Statesmen of Jazz.

Fifteen bands playing 100 concerts at one the most delightful venues plus a graveside tribute concert to Bix with a great band playing arrangements and music ala Bix.

I have played at many festivals internationally with Dick Hyman, Benny Goodman and my own quintet and never encountered such appreciative fans, two gals I met came from Australia as did the New Wolverines Band their 9th appearance. Three gents I met had 30, 18 and 15 years of consecutive visits.

Look no further it is not only super music but a unique experience.

Dr. Peter Appleyard

"Puttin on the Bix"

40 Years of Fine Jazz

Davenport, Iowa, U.S.A

Aug. 4,5,6,7, 2011

From The Bixography Discussion Group by Albert Haim at <http://www.network54.com/Forum/27140/>

The Fourth Day: A General Comment by [Albert Haim](#)

I have returned home from several previous festivals feeling disappointed. I thought that the festival was a generic "jazz" festival, not a "Bix" festival. This year, for the first time, I feel I am attending a "Bix" Festival. Bix is the at the epicenter, all activities are focused on him: the lectures, the gravesite ceremony (with an excellent introduction by Jim Petersen, the Bix Society Vice President, a presentation of reefs in memory of Bix and the reading of a poem about Bix by Liz Beiderbecke-Hart), the music played by the bands, everything converged on Bix.

Congratulations specifically to Josh, the music director for his choice of bands and for his brilliant idea of recreating the 1926 Goldkette-Henderson battle of the bands, and, in general, to all the members of the board, for their vision, the volunteers for all their work in support of the festival and the people of Davenport for their kind hospitality.

Albert