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Special concerts were arranged combining the talents of Herb Ellis, Barney Kessel, Joe Byrd, together known as "The Great Guitars"; Buddy Tate, Al Cohn, and Scott Hamilton were billed as "The Saxophone Band."

Two gala concerts were arranged at the Jubilee Auditorium. The first was an impressive bill of the John Abercrombie Quartet, Art Blakey, the Jazz Messengers and the McCoy Tyner Quintet. The final night was an evening with Bobby McFerrin, the John Scofield Band and the jazz fusion sounds of powerhouse drummer Billy Cobham, featuring ace trumpeter Randy Brecker

It seems the general consensus was that the all around great jazz band in residence was the combo of Mike Nock (piano), Eddie Marshall (drums), Dave Friesen (bass), and Joe Farrell.(saxophone).

This band played three times in Shoctor Theater to packed houses each night, backing such notables as Freddie Hubbard, Art Farmer, and Frank Foster.

They were also the house band playing in Darlings nightly joined by such artists as Big Miller, Billy Cobham, Randy Brecker, John Abercrombie, and Kenny Wheeler.

All this plus the considerable international media coverage proved once again that Edmonton truly is "Jazz City" if only for a short time every summer.

