Just 18 more days until my father's 100th birthday on December 6th! We had many special concerts and events slated to salute his music but the COVID pandemic has postponed most of those plans. Fortunately there are some special broadcasts of Dave Brubeck’s music coming up to help celebrate his Centennial:

I wrote a new orchestral arrangement, "The Time Out Suite" to explore and highlight The Dave Brubeck Quartet’s landmark LP, Time Out. The January 2020 world premiere was expertly played by the Stockton Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dave’s friend and my frequent collaborator, Peter Jaffe. This exciting performance will be broadcast on NPR’s Performance Today on December 2nd and again on the weekend of Dave’s birthday. Check your local listings for times, and you can always listen direct from the Performance Today page at https://www.yourclassical.org/programs/performance-today/episodes/2020/12/02. (Link goes live December 2nd).

Also be sure to listen to Mark Ruffin’s upcoming “Dave Brubeck Centennial Hour” shows on Sirius/XM Real Jazz. They air Fridays at 6pm ET, Sundays 8am ET and Tuesdays Noon/ET from now through December 18th. My brothers Darius, Dan and I enjoyed chatting with Mark for the shows in extensive conversations about our father’s music.

Have a Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving Everyone!

~ Chris

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A Veterans Day Thank You

This newsletter is rolling out a little past Veterans Day, but we wanted to say a sincere Thank You to all who have served.

The World War II Museum put together a fascinating online profile called Touring with the Wolf Pack Band: Dave Brubeck and World War II which tells the tale of Private Brubeck.

"World War II shaped the kind of person, musician, and composer Dave Brubeck became."
Out December 4: Time Out Takes

*Time Out Takes* will be released on **December 4, 2020**, just in time for Dave's 100th birthday on December 6th. The versions of *Take Five*, *Blue Rondo à la Turk*, and *Cathy's Waltz* on this album each have been released as a single, and
Time OutTakes features previously unreleased tracks from the original 1959 recording sessions which have never been heard before. These newly-discovered recordings feature wonderful performances that are every bit as compelling as their famous counterparts.

Pre-order on Spotify

Recently, the Dan Brubeck Quartet with special guest vocalist Katherine Penfold, played a concert as part of British Columbia's Sechelt Arts Festival’s Dave Brubeck Centenary Concert. The concert, which includes many Dave Brubeck compositions with lyrics by Iola Brubeck, was professionally videotaped and includes commentary by Dan.

Remembering Dave: A Brubeck Family Album Exhibit at The Wilton Historical Society

In celebration of Dave's Centennial, The Wilton Historical Society put together a wonderful exhibit on Dave and family called: “Remembering Dave: A Brubeck Family Album”. The exhibit now has been extended into 2021. As part of the WHS annual fundraiser, people can bid on a private tour of the exhibit by Chris and Tish Brubeck, with Chris sharing stories about growing up in the musical family. For more information, Click here.
Music video: "Over the Rainbow" from Lullabies

In case you missed it, earlier this month Verve Records released "Dave Brubeck - Lullabies", a beautiful solo piano collection of sweet melodies which he recorded as a gift to his grandchildren.

“From the beginning of time, mothers have lulled their babies to sleep—softly singing familiar melodies...Some of the melodies on this album are like those familiar songs. Some are original pieces that I thought would appeal to babies as well as an older generation. I hope the littlest ones will respond to this music, and that parents and grandparents will enjoy it as well.”
— Dave Brubeck

Enjoy this charming music video to accompany the track "Over the Rainbow".

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