

**Washington Musica Viva presents "Jazz at our Roots"  
Atlas Performing Arts Center, March 19, 2006**

It was a full house at the Atlas Performing Arts Center this afternoon. A plugged-in audience soaked up classical and jazz musicians performing sort-of-jazz and sort-of-classical music. These people really like to shake it up.

It's refreshing to see artists do something that's way not mainstream and manage to be unpretentious about it.

These men and women have found a way to function in "normal" society while keeping their freshness and originality. I am moved to see that musicians from the jazz and classical worlds, two notoriously normative musical currents, are able to remember that what matters is playing rather than conforming.

Carl was recovering from the flu but you wouldn't have known it, he looked so delighted to be there.

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