

Tuned into some of the hot prospects

EVERY YEAR, a few bands at the jubilee really grab the attention of visitors. News of them spreads by word of mouth, building their popularity. Jazz festival organizers — and they are the people who listen to all the bands' tapes or preview their performances — say these are among this year's hot prospects:

Leningrad Dixieland Ensemble — the first traditional jazz band from the Soviet Union, they'd be hot even if they were only mediocre, which festival organizers say they are not.

Igor's Cowboy Jazz Band — this Tempe, Ariz., outfit was so popular last year, officials had to bring them back again. They play a combination of Dixieland and western swing that delights fans of country music as much as traditional jazz enthusiasts.

Olympia Brass Band — perhaps the most authentic New Orleans band here, with roots back to 1883. "They must be seen and heard by anyone wanting a complete Jubilee," officials say.

Garden Avenue Seven — from Largo, Fla. With Spike Bamsey on piano and the aptly named Paulette Pepper on vocals, this promises to be one hot band. "I think they're going to be very popular," says jazz society vice president Bill Gunter.

Fat Sam's Band — from Edinburg, Scotland, this group is led by Hamish McGregor, formerly of the Scottish Society Syncopators. "I have a hunch, this is going to be this year's hottest act," says jazz



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ish really relates to an audience," Gunter adds. "They'll probably play three tunes and the crowd will be in love with them."

Where to see them

Leningrad Dixieland Ensemble — Friday: 3 p.m., 4th and Jazz; 4:40 p.m., Tom Kenny Music Hall; 9 p.m., 4th and Jazz; 11 p.m., Holiday Inn Ballroom; Saturday: noon, Firehouse Lot; 4 p.m., Clarion West Arbor; 8 p.m., Firehouse Lot; Sunday: 4 p.m., Expo Beer Garden; 8 p.m., New Turntable Junction; 10:50 p.m., Tom Kenny Music Hall; Monday: 11:45 a.m., Firehouse Lot; 2:15 p.m., 4th and Jazz

Igor's Cowboy Jazz Band — Friday: 2 p.m., Rail's End; 8

Expo Beer Garden; Saturday: 10 a.m., Woodlake Green; 1:40 p.m., Tom Kenny Music Hall; 6 p.m., New Turntable Junction; 10 p.m., Macy's Jazz Shoppe; Sunday: noon, Freeway Gardens; 6 p.m., Holiday Inn Ballroom; 10 p.m., Old Town Pavilion; Monday, 12:30 p.m., 4th and Jazz; 2:30 p.m., New Turntable Junction

Olympia Brass Band — Friday: 12:30 p.m., Firehouse Lot; 3 p.m., Freeway Gardens; 5:10 p.m., 4th and Jazz; 8 p.m., Expo VIP Room; Saturday: noon, Expo Beer Garden; 6 p.m., Rail's End; 9:30 p.m., Tom Kenny Music Hall;

midnight, Mel & Ozzie's; Sunday: 9 a.m., 4th and Jazz; 10:15 a.m., 4th and Jazz; 3:25 p.m., Expo VIP Room; 6 p.m., Freeway Gardens; 10 p.m., McCurry's Jazz Annex; Monday: 11:30 a.m., 4th and Jazz

Garden Avenue Seven — Friday: 2 p.m., L Street Rendezvous; 6 p.m., Plaza 4th and K; 10 p.m., Mel & Ozzie's; Saturday: 10 a.m., Freight Depot; 2 p.m. Woodlake Green; 8 p.m., Firehouse Courtyard; midnight, Macy's Jazz Shoppe; Sunday: noon, Lakeside Lounge; 4 p.m., H Street Transfer; 10 p.m., Sacramento Theater; Monday: 11:30 a.m., Cal Expo Golden Bear Bistro; 2:30 p.m., L Street Rendezvous

Fat Sam's Band — Friday: 12:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Ballroom; 4 p.m., New Turntable Junction; 8 p.m., L Street Rendezvous; Saturday: noon, McCurry's Jazz Annex; 4 p.m., Straw Hat Pizza; 10 p.m., Clarion West Arbor; Sunday: 10 a.m., Cal Expo Beer Garden; 4:05 p.m., 4th and Jazz; 6 p.m., Rail's End; 10 p.m., Plaza 4th and K; Monday: 11:30 a.m., Plaza Mall North; 2:30 p.m., El Rancho Ballroom

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