



*Jon Faddis & Wynton Marsalis with Max*

**MAX III: Anytime you get to share the stage with your heroes. It was a thrill for me to be on stage with Tim Froncek. Another highlight was when I made the McDonald's band in 1987. But the most rewarding thing is the kids that**

**you've had in class that go on and pursue music. But even if they don't pursue it and just go on with an appreciation of jazz, that's enough for me.**

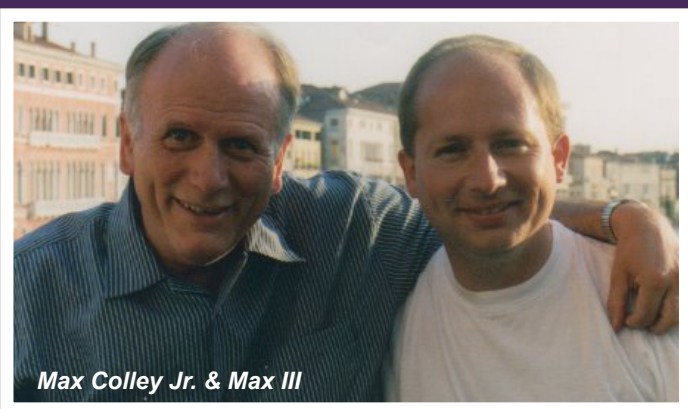
**Max is the first selected Musician of the year who also received the WMJS scholarship award. He received his BA from Central Michigan and has studied with greats like Jon Faddis, Marcus Belgrave, Daniel Kovats, and many others. Max has won numerous awards including outstanding soloist at the Aquinas College, Central Michigan, Sonny Sitt and Montreaux-Detroit Jazz Festivals.**

Max has performed for 3 presidents, many entertainers and internationally acclaimed musicians including Louis Bellson, John Pattitucci, Marcus Belgrave, and Randy Brecker, Wess "Warmdaddy" Anderson, Xavier and Quincy Davis. He has served on the Michigan State board for IAJE. He is active in the West Michigan jazz scene both teaching, holding clinics and workshops, and performing on trumpet and drums with the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra, the Mid-Town horns, the Truth in Jazz Orchestra, Evidence, the Gull Lake Orchestra, as well as his own self named quartet. Max has released three CD's as leader that includes several original compositions.

*By Shannon Denison*



*Diego Rivera, Max & Wess Anderson*



*Max Colley Jr. & Max III*