

## **Bernie Upson, Harlem-born bassist and notable tiny town, ill with cancer: Fundraiser coming up**

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Pictured: Bernie Upson performing in a trio at Maxie's Supper Club, Nov. 18, 2012. Al Hartland on drums, keyboardist out of Elmira, name unavailable at the the moment.

Tiny Town, USA – Bernie Upson, Harlem-born musician and well known performer in the Central New York region is being honored in a gig called Bennies for Bernie. Upson is ill with an inoperable cancer and cannot play. He has entertained audience in this area for decades and singer Diana Leigh is asking area musicians to lend their chops and music lovers their ears and support to offset medical expenses.

Where: Oasis Dance Club

When: Sunday, July 6, 4-7 p.m.

Performers: Diana Leigh, Djug Django, The Pelotones among other area musicians, including: Jim Scarpulla, Alice Saltonstall, Molly MacMillan, Sally G. Ramirez, Margaret Wakeley, Joey Arcuri and Don Slatoff -- for starters.

Ms. Leigh is giving a big shout-out to any other players who wish to perform. Visit the Facebook page "Bennie for Bernie" at <https://www.facebook.com/events/629716630469348/>

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