

TORONTO JAZZ



BE
BOP

If it don't swing
it ain't jazz....



Toronto
Jazz

AROUND TOWN

with photographer, Barry Thomson



Jeff Breithaupt



Heather Bambrick



Don Breithaupt



Russ Boswell



Kelly Lee Evans



John Johnson



Top right : Rita Di Ghent
Lower right: Sharron McLeod

Two fine jazz vocalist who have graced the Toronto jazz scene for over 35 years. Both with their own unique way of singing a song.



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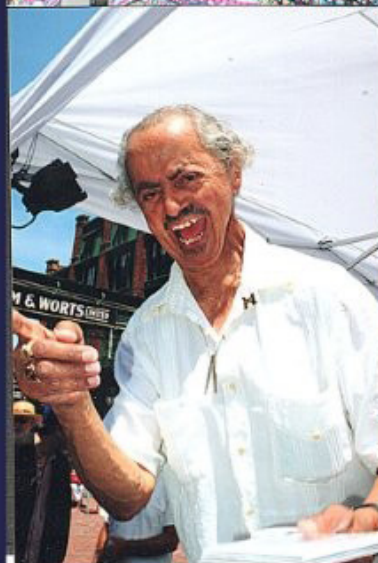
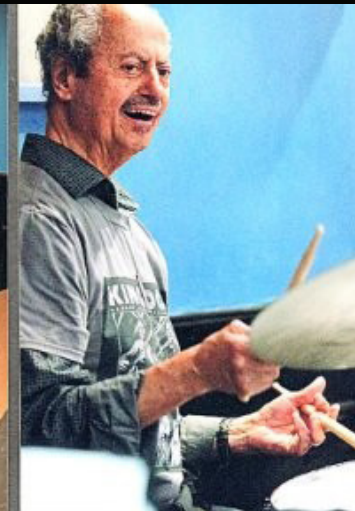
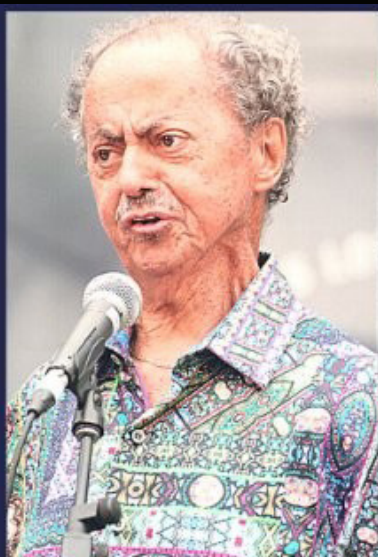


Ave S, New York, NY 10014, U.S.A.

Since February 22, 1935



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**NORMAN
MARSHALL
VILLENEUVE**
MAY 29 . 1938
JULY 9.2025
**WILL NOT BE
FORGOTTEN**

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Barry Thomson*



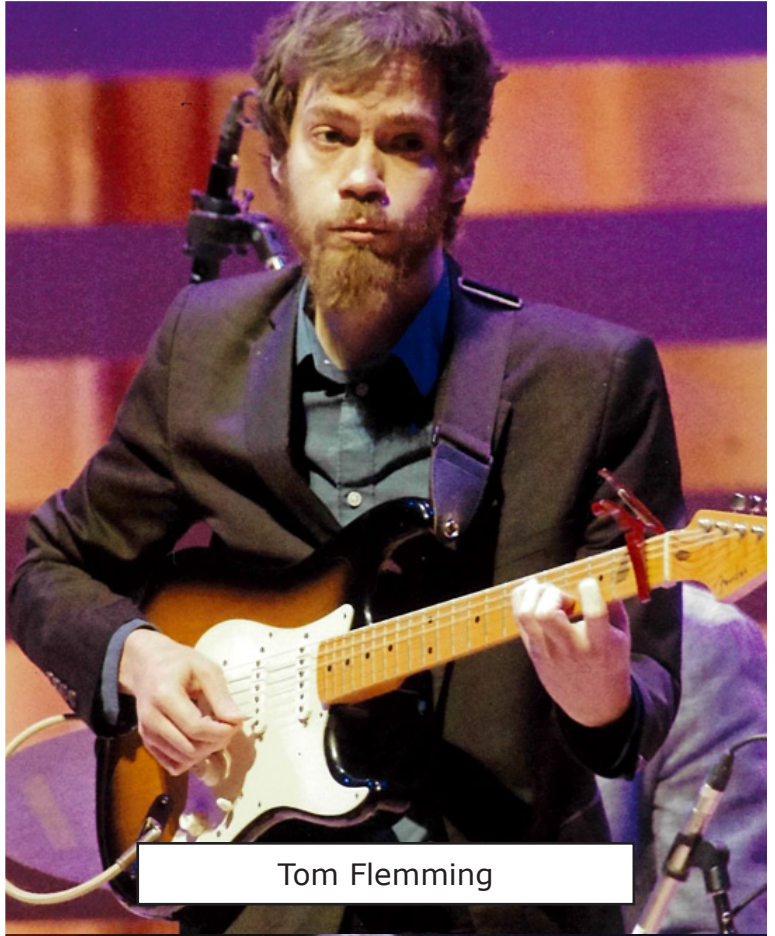
**CANADA'S #1 BEBOP
DRUMMER OUR OWN
ART BLAKEY**



I had the pleasure of first meeting, Norm in 1974 , originally he was from Montreal. We had stayed in touch from those early days. Our birthdays were very close, his , May 29th mine May 27th. We both never forgot that fact and wishes were always relayed. At that time we dicussed jazz in general . More often of the good old days when Toronto had a vibrant jazz scene. When I first heard him play, I thought this is my type of bebop drummer. He went on to give aspiring young jazz musicians a break. Never forgot him saying "Dave you have got to hear this new player working with me". He was so proud. My condolences to his loving wife, Louise, and to all his family. Dave Milbourn

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Giacomo Gates

This choice jazz vocalist has been on the scene since 1990. At least ten recordings to his name. One often hears "who does he remind you of, singing wise". Well he reminds me of Giacomo Gates, "Gates" as he is known in the jazz world. With a "raunchy, earthy" voice who can scat and improvise with the best of them. Not surprising he is way up there in most jazz polls. Very active on the club scene, also has completed numerous international tours. Catch him when you can, you won't be disappointed.

Dave Millbourne



CHUCK MANGIONE

November 29, 1940

July 22, 2025

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This acclaimed, trumpeter, flugelhornist & composer had been performing since 1960 until 2015.

Mainly in the jazz, fusion, smooth jazz & jazz funk. He had worked with many top notch jazz artists, including Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers.

Mangione had over 40 recordings to his name. Not to mention appearing on numerous television shows. This outstanding artist is a big loss to both the jazz world, and the entertainments industry.

He will be sadly missed but NOT FORGOTTEN.

THE COOKERS BAND

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Donald Harrison



David Weiss



Billy Hart



Eddie Henderson



Cecil McBee



George Cables



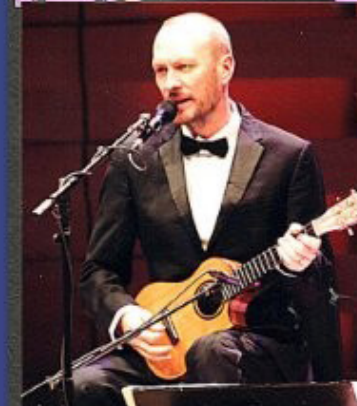
Azar Lawrence

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

Photos by
Barry Thomson

Memories of the late
British Banjo & Ukulele
actor / comedian

George Formby



CANADA



Eddie Graff. 1921 - 2017
Saxophonist, Clarinettist
Composer, Band Leader

**THERE IS NO
DIVIDE**

NO POLITICS

JUST

MUSIC

CUBA



Manuel de Jesus Leyva Barrera - Ko Ko
Trumpeter
Composer
Orchestra Leader



The shots above are publisher, Dave Milbourne presenting, Manuel de leyva Barrera "Ko Ko", big band charts donated by the celebrated Canadian artist, Eddie Graff. I had mentioned to, Eddie that, Manuel was finding it hard to get hold of suitable charts for his large orchestra. As seen above just some of the 45 members, although he also had an excellent swing band. The presentation was made in the city centre of Holguin, Cuba. Where both Manuel de leyva Barrea, and legendary , El Guyabero , Faustino Oramas are buried.

El Guyabero - Faustino Oramas

June 4, 1911 - March 27, 2007



Top left: Publisher, Dave Milbourne presenting legendary Cuban, vocalist, guitarist, composer & arranger, Faustino Oramas with a new "Boater Hat". The event was at the Casa de la Trova, Holguin, Cuba. Below, Dave with Faustino, and with veteran trumpeter, orchestra leader, and composer Manuel de Jesus Leyva Barrera. Whenever in Holguin I was always invited to Faustino's house for lunch or dinner. Him and his family made me feel most welcome, even sent a car to pick me up. It was a real pleasure in knowing Faustino. I was in his house for his 90th Birthday celebrations when he received a phone call from Raul Castro wishing him a Happy Birthday. No doubt about it, Faustino was well thought of by the Cuban government. Especially for the world wide recognition which he has achieved.



Dame Cleo laine

October. 28.1927 -July 24.2025

Photo by, Doug Willison - 2001

This is the way I want to remember ,Cleo.

First met her in 1956 when I was home on leave from the British Army. She was making her debut apperance with the Johnny Dankworth big band. Who she went on to marry, Cleo had a phenomenal octave range. No doubt about it she was the finest jazz vocalist to come out of Britain. This Grammy Award vocalist toured the world and appeared in Toronto several times, where the above shot was taken. Because I first met her while in the army I wore my army blazer with badge. Which she got a kick out of. I had stayed in touch with, Cleo, she was truly a lovely lady. Never let stardom go to her head ,like some. Always the same, Cleo whom I had met so many years ago, down to earth. Farewell to a wonderful vocalist ,and very classy lady. Will not be forgotten.
Dave Milbourne.



*Individual
photos of
Dame Cleo Laine*

*by
Barry Thomson*





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Sir John Dankworth(L)
with publisher, Dave Milbourne.
Photo by Doug Willison - 2001.
First met , John in the early 50s
he was known as one of the
first "British Beboppers".
the John Dankworth Seven
were stirring up the London
jazz scene. John was a superb
alto saxophonist. Cleo joined
his group in 1952 then in 1953
his big 20 piece band. 1958
Cleo and John were married.



John was born on September 29th. 1927 and died on February 20th. 2010.
Cleo told me he was playing sax to the very end from his wheel chair .
Their marriage lasted for over 50 years. One of the nicest couples you could
wish to meet. It was a privilege for me to have known them. Two giants of the jazz
world, Gone But Not Forgotten. Dave Milbourne

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McCoy Tyner
1938 - 2020



Gary Peacock
1935 - 2020



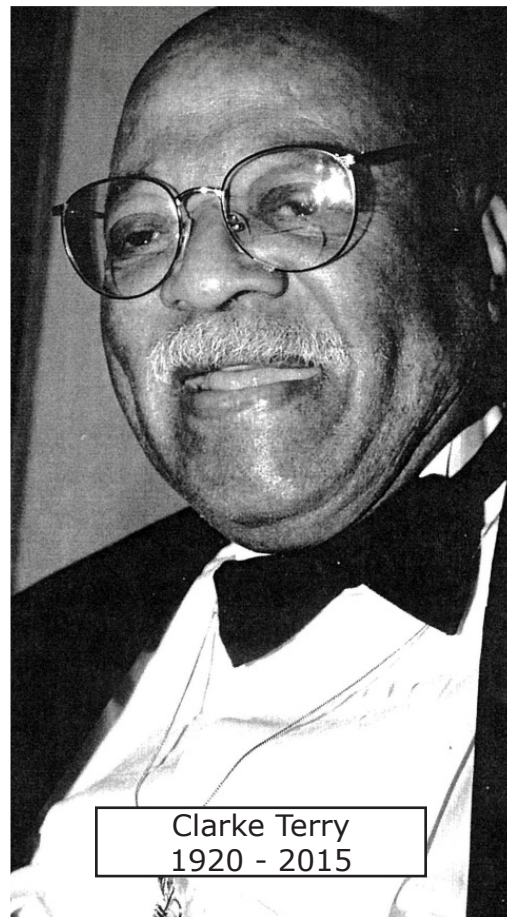
Junior Walker
1931 - 1995



Joe Newman
1922 - 1992



Carla Bley
1936 - 2023



Clarke Terry
1920 - 2015

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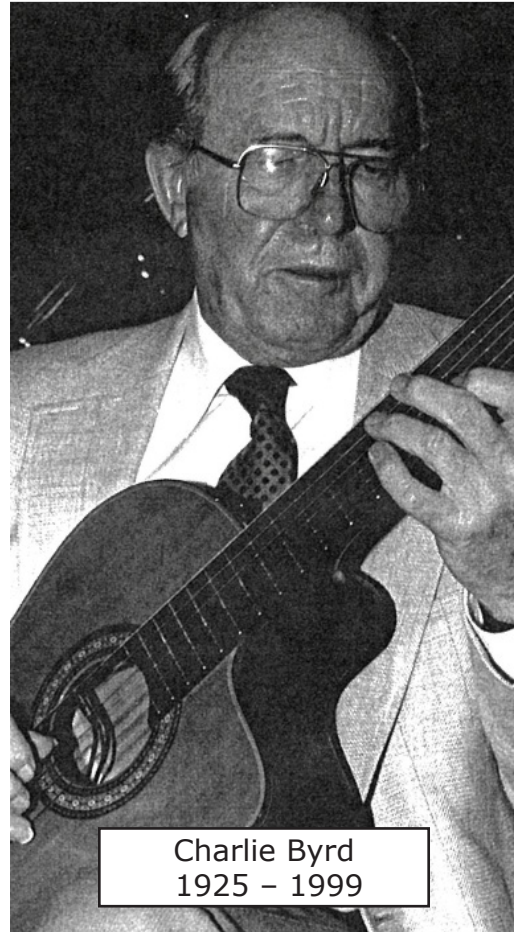
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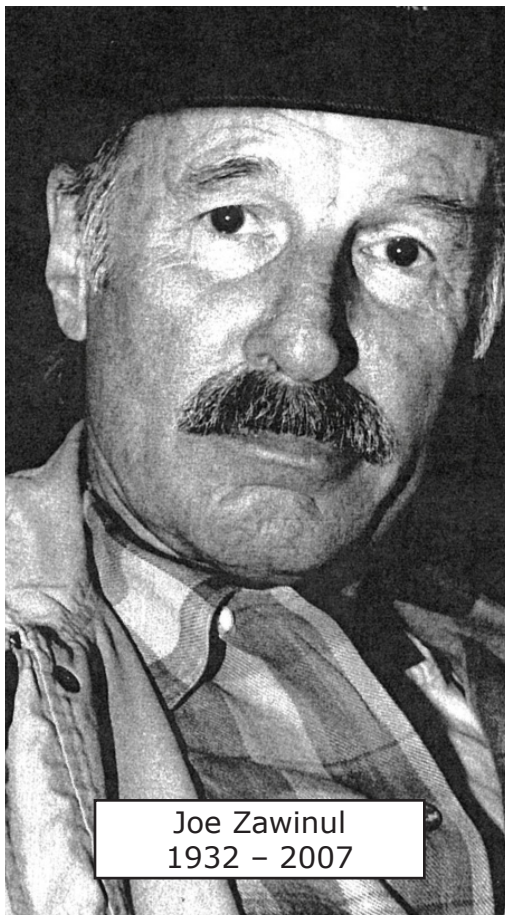
Blossom Dearie
1938 - 1995



David
"Fat Head" Newman
1933 - 2009



Charlie Byrd
1925 - 1999



Joe Zawinul
1932 - 2007



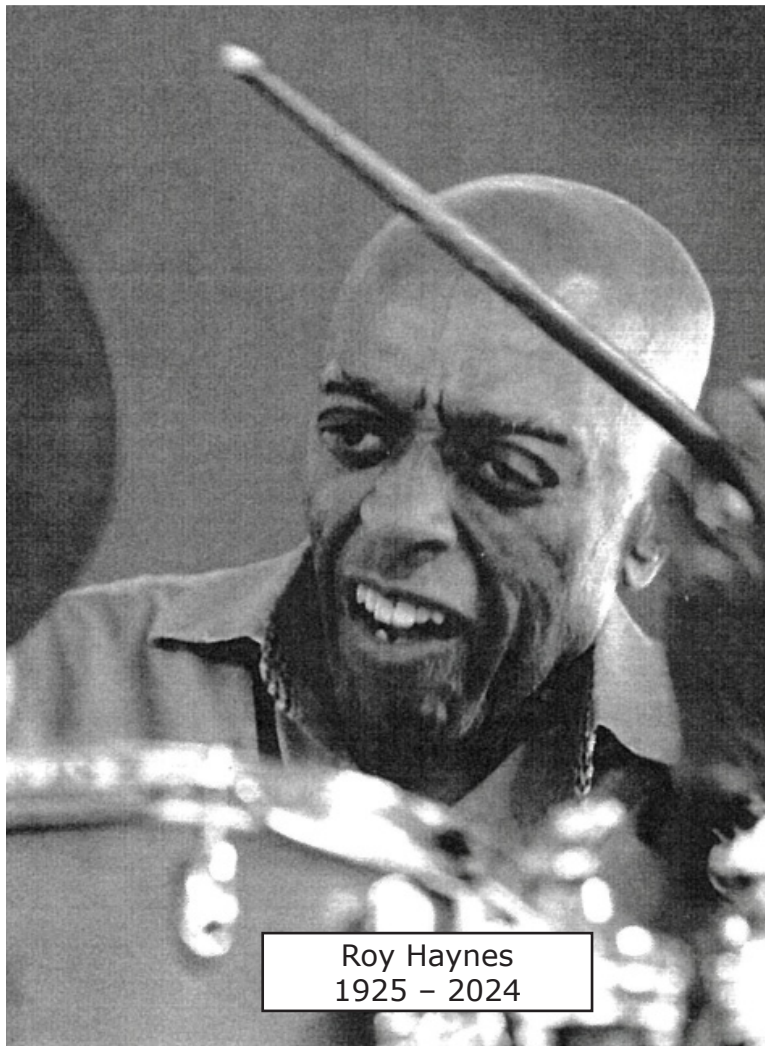
Ronnie Hawkins
1935 - 2022



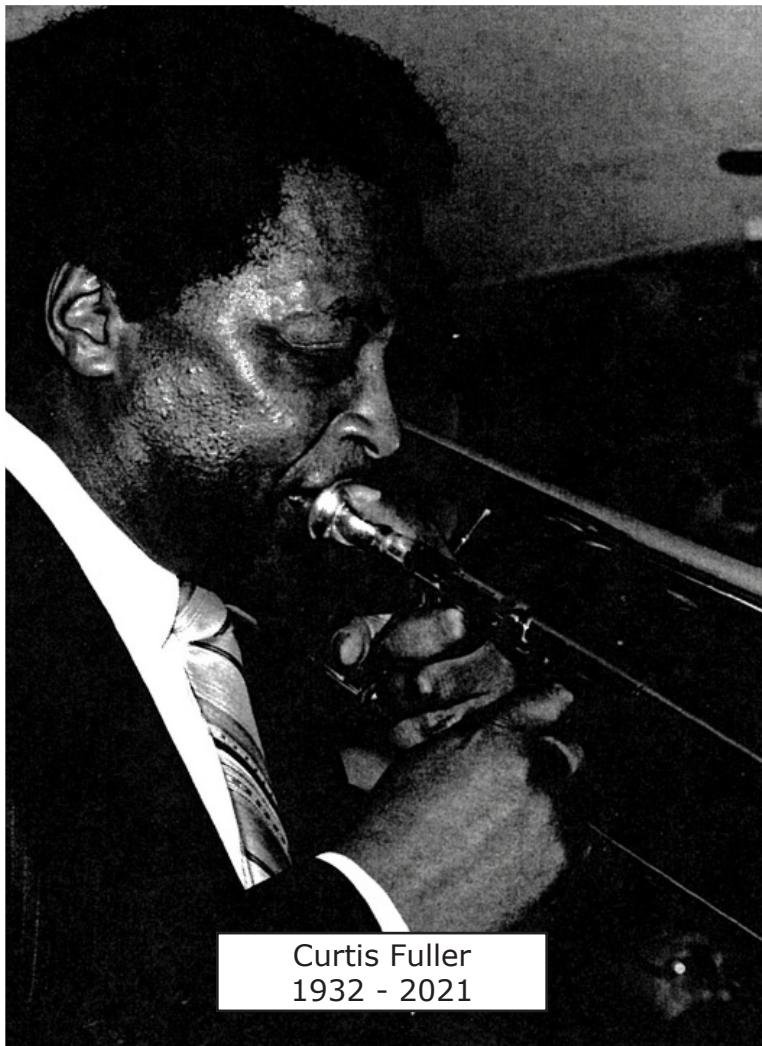
Junior Mance
1928- 2021

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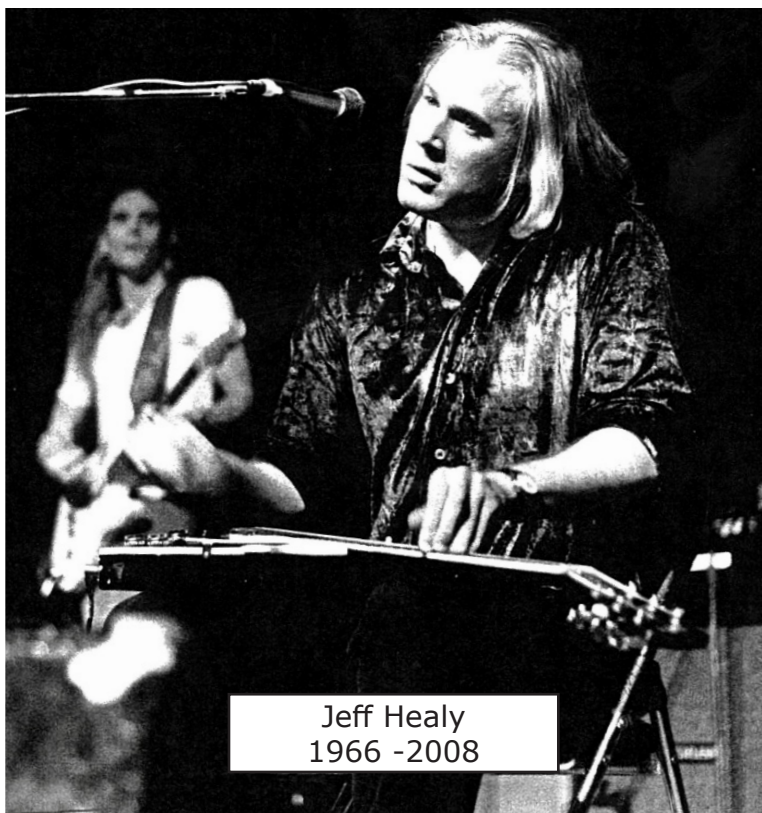
Roy Haynes
1925 - 2024



Curtis Fuller
1932 - 2021



Michel Petrucciani
1962 - 1999



Jeff Healy
1966 - 2008

B. Thomson 1984

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Pat Martino
1944 - 2021



Lou Donaldson
1925 - 2024



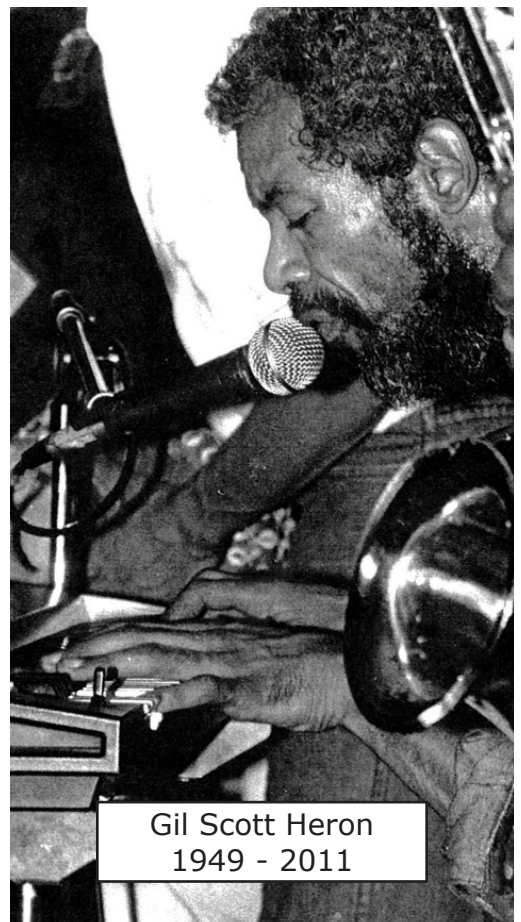
Charlie Haden
1937 - 2014



James Williams
1951 - 2004



Buddy Tate
1913 - 2001



Gil Scott Heron
1949 - 2011

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Ira Sullivan
1931 - 2020

Red Rodney
1927 - 1994



Mongo Santamaria
1917 - 2003



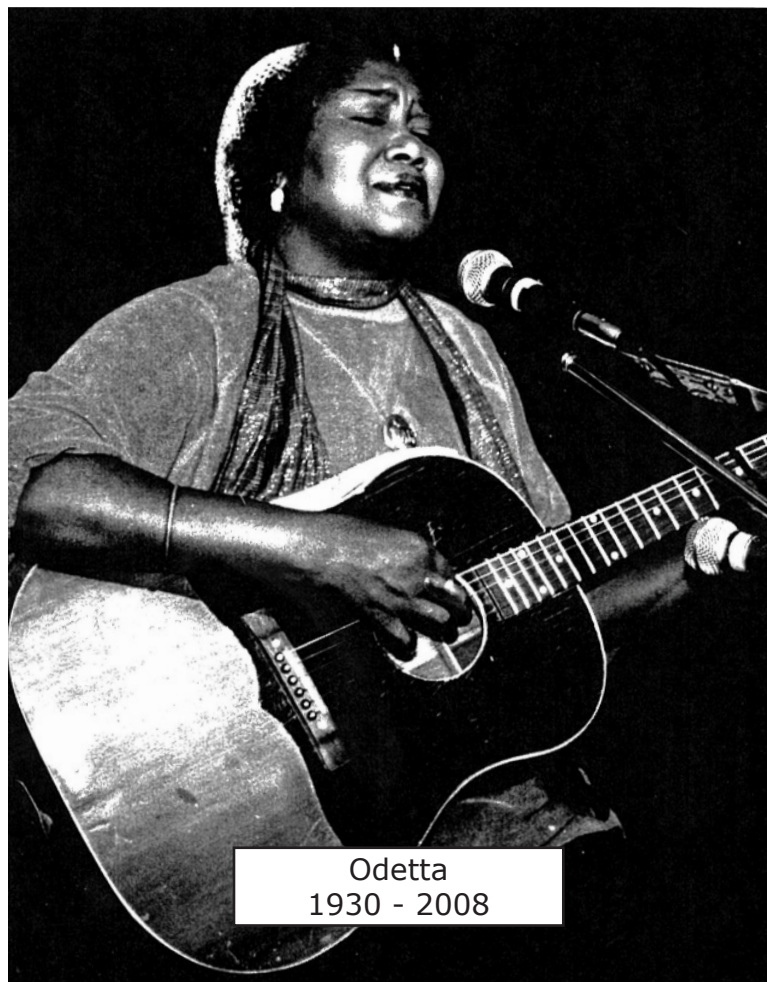
Roy Hargrove
1969 - 2018



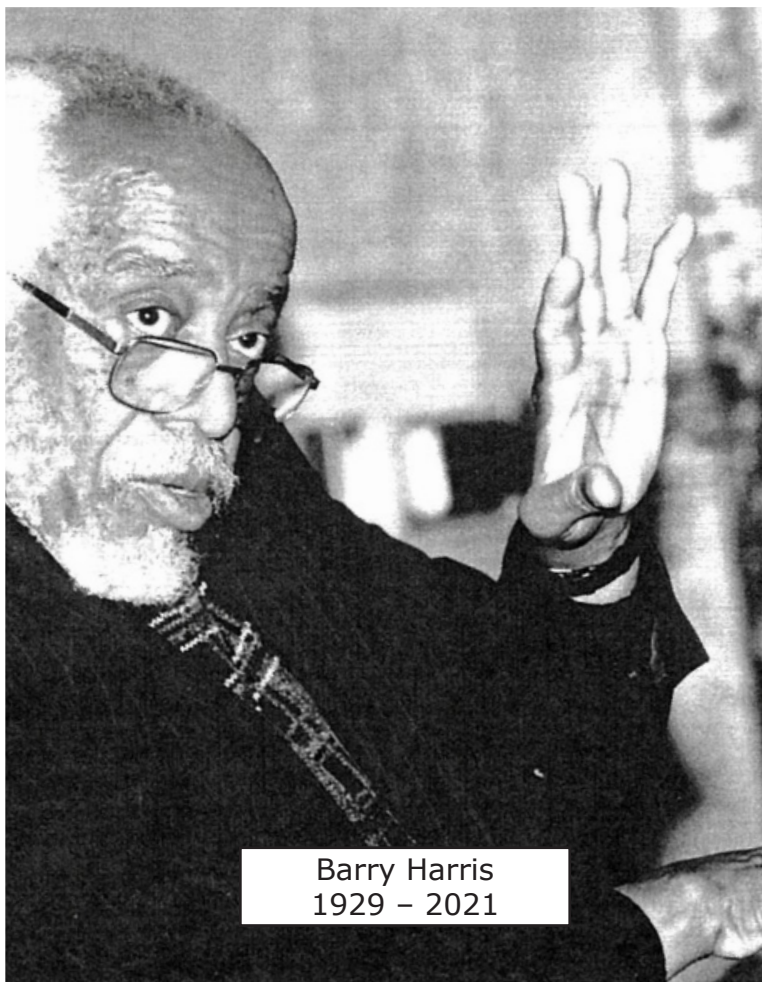
Marcus Belgrave
1935 - 2015

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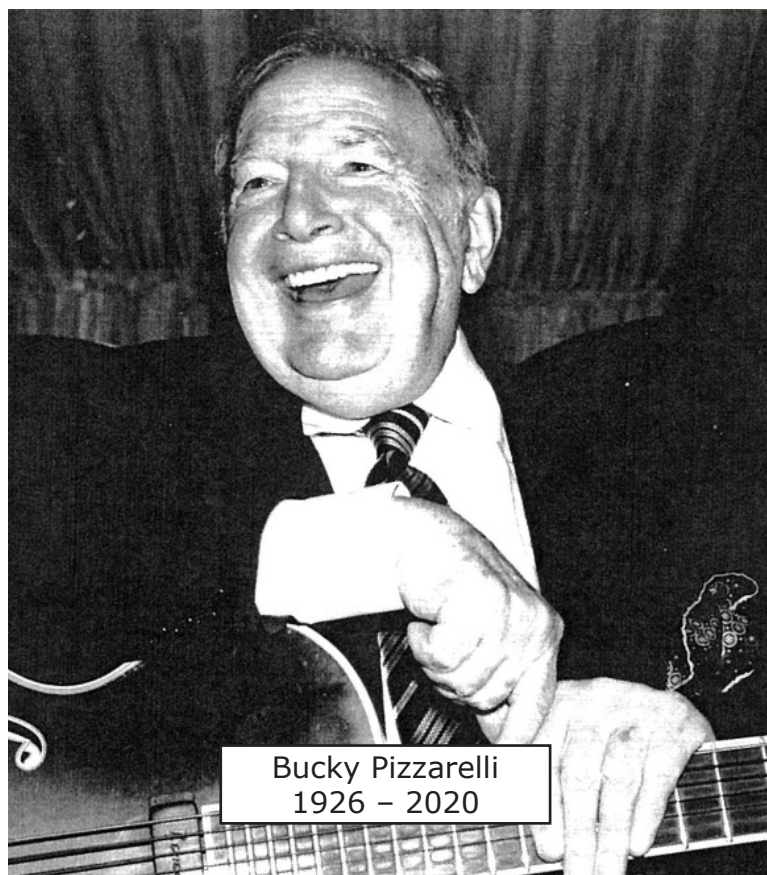
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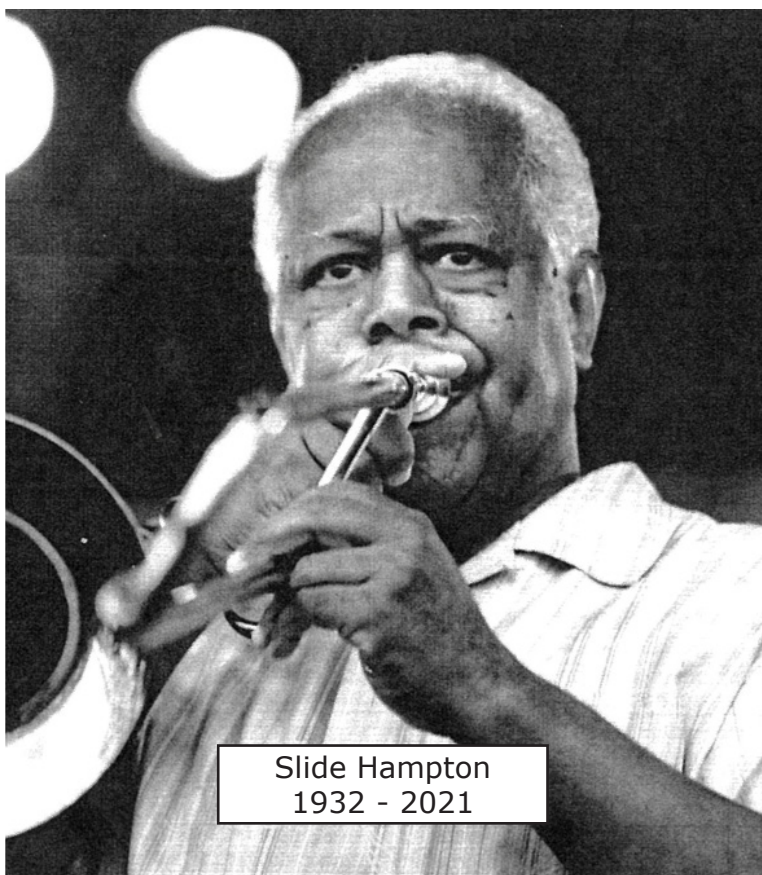
Odetta
1930 - 2008



Barry Harris
1929 - 2021



Bucky Pizzarelli
1926 - 2020



Slide Hampton
1932 - 2021

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