

2018
African American Jazz Preservation
Society of Pittsburgh, Inc.



Honoring Our Elders
First Annual Scholarship Dinner
Sponsorship Opportunity



Dear Potential Sponsor,

The African American Jazz Preservation Society of Pittsburgh is an outgrowth of the realization that a great deal of the rich cultural contributions made to the genre of jazz originated from musicians who were born, raised, living or have lived in Pittsburgh including George Benson, Billy Eckstine, Billy Strayhorn, Mary Lou Williams and Erroll Garner to name only a few. The need to preserve, disseminate and promote the history, accomplishments and music of the African American jazz artist cannot be over emphasized.

AAJPSP first prioritized recapturing the lost legacy of the Black Musicians' Union, Local 471 AFM (1908-1966) through oral history interviews. More than 74 musicians including Stanley Turrentine and Art Blakey were interviewed. Artifacts dating back to the early 1900s, including historical documents, union records, photographs and club bills have been archived at the University of Pittsburgh-University Library System Archives Service Center.

Though many remain active as musicians, opportunities to perform are limited. However, they can still play and would enjoy performing occasionally. On December 17, 2016, AAJPSP held a holiday event to offer the elders such an opportunity. The Holidays, and All That Jazz was the first of what would become quarterly events featuring the surviving members. Today there are less than 30 surviving members from that Union with the eldest being 95 years old.

On Sunday, June 24, 2018, the African American Jazz Preservation Society of Pittsburgh, Inc will host its first annual Honoring Our Elders Scholarship Dinner to further our mission to preserve, disseminate, and promote the history, accomplishments, and talents of the African American Jazz Experience.

We invite you to consider supporting the mission and programs of AAJPSP, Inc. Sponsorship opportunities are now available. In-kind donations are also welcomed. Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to discussing our events and programs with you soon.

Yours in Jazz,

Harry Clark, PhD
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Trumpeter, bandleader, composer, educator, and Mack Avenue recording artist Sean Jones (center) drops in for our first event in December 2016. Left: bassist Anthony DePaolis. Right: sound technician Terry “Tweeter” Kulchar.



Meet Janay Giles, the first recipient of the Charles Austin Scholarship (April 2017) and Duquesne University student.



Retired Judge, Warren Watson and his new favorite instrument, an EWI at Honoring Our Elders June 2017



Jazz Appreciation Month 2017 was all about “Women in Jazz”. Pictured left to right are vocalists Sandy Dowe, Betty Asche, Marva Josie and Etta Cox

AAJPSP PROGRAMS

Quarterly Jam Sessions

The Jam Sessions offer the survivors of the former Local 471 of AFM “Black Musicians’ Union” an opportunity to perform and share their history from their days on the road and playing with national artists in concert in Pittsburgh. Each quarterly event has a theme related to the jazz experience in the city. In April our theme coincides with the Smithsonian’s Jazz Appreciation Month. June is earmarked for Honoring Our Elders. September we remember The Musicians’ Club and December is The Holidays and All That Jazz. A portion of all tickets sales go toward our scholarship fund.

Honoring Our Elders Scholarship Dinner

Honoring Our Elders Scholarship Dinner is an outgrowth from the jam sessions. Each year in June, we honor the survivors with an afternoon of music, hor d’oeuvres, and fun. We saw how much they enjoyed performing. Now we want to expand the idea with a formal dinner and a scholarship attached to their legacy and the AAJPSP founder, trumpeter Charles Austin.

Each One Teach One (Funded for 2018)

Each One Teach One will pair an elder with a student musician for up to eight sessions to further their professional development as jazz musicians. The elders will offer music and history lessons on the rich jazz tradition and professionalism found in Pittsburgh and its surrounding suburbs. At the end of eight weeks, the elders and their students will all perform together.



The Survivor's Legacy Photograph 1997
Participating Members of former Pittsburgh Musicians' Union Local No. 471



2018 Sponsorship Package

Honoring Our Elders Scholarship Dinner

Diamond Package (Presenting Sponsor) \$5,000 includes

Mention as presenting sponsor on all media ads including print, web, and social media.
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Four tickets for your company representatives, coworkers, clients, or friends.

Bronze Package \$500 includes

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Acknowledge as a Bronze sponsor in the Honoring Our Elders Scholarship Dinner Program Booklet.
Company name included on sponsor banner in the ballroom.
Stage recognition as a sponsor by our emcee.
Two tickets for your company representatives, coworkers, clients, or friends.

For a donation of \$100 you will receive 2 tickets plus acknowledgement as a Patron of AAJPSP in the Honoring Our Elders Scholarship Dinner Program Booklet.

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First Annual Honoring Our Elders Scholarship Dinner Sponsorship Order Form

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On the cover, from left to right: George “Duke” Spaulding (deceased, February 2018), Warren Watson, Fred Pryor, Art Nance, and Harold Betters

