

LIVING LEGACY JAZZ AWARD

2023

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Honoring Billy Hart

Thursday, November 2, 2023

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“AT A CERTAIN POINT, YOU REALIZE MUSIC DOESN'T COME FROM YOU, IT COMES THROUGH YOU FROM A HIGHER ENERGY, RIGHT? SO, YOU TRY TO MAKE YOUR BODY MORE FAVORABLE TO RECEIVE THAT KIND OF INFORMATION.”

BILLY HART

From an interview with Dave Cantor in *JazzTimes*

BILLY HART

Born in Washington, DC, William “Billy” Hart is a jazz drummer and educator who has performed with some of the most important jazz musicians in history.

Early on, Mr. Hart performed with Buck Hill and Shirley Horn and was a sideman with the Montgomery Brothers (1961), Jimmy Smith (1964–1966), and Wes Montgomery (1966–1968). He moved to New York in 1968, where he recorded with McCoy Tyner, Wayne Shorter, and Joe Zawinul, and played with Eddie Harris, Pharoah Sanders, and Marian McPartland.

Mr. Hart was a member of Herbie Hancock’s sextet (1969–1973), and played with McCoy Tyner (1973–1974), Stan Getz (1974–1977), and Quest (1980s), in addition to extensive freelance playing (including recording with Miles Davis on 1972’s *On the Corner*).

Mr. Hart works steadily and teaches widely. Since the early 1990s, he has spent considerable time at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and is adjunct faculty at the New England Conservatory of Music and Western Michigan University. He also conducts private lessons through The New School and New York University. Mr. Hart often contributes to the Stokes Forest Music Camp and the Dworp Summer Jazz Clinic in Belgium.

Currently, he leads the Billy Hart Quartet with Mark Turner, Ethan Iverson, and Ben Street. They have released two albums on ECM Records.

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Kimmel Cultural Campus, Philadelphia, PA

7:00-9:30 PM

Award Ceremony and Dessert Reception

Hamilton Garden, Kimmel Cultural Campus


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ABOUT THE LIVING LEGACY JAZZ AWARD

Established in 1994, Living Legacy Jazz Award honors living jazz master artists residing in the mid-Atlantic region who have kept the spirit and tradition of this evolving art form alive, maintaining the vitality of jazz for future generations through advocacy, mentorship, and the transmission of artistic skill and cultural knowledge. Each year a committee of invited nominators generates a list of master jazz artists to be considered for the award.

PAST LIVING LEGACY JAZZ AWARD RECIPIENTS

The 2023 Living Legacy Jazz Award Presented by PECO is a program of Mid Atlantic Arts.

Roger Humphries
2022

Amina Claudine Myers
2021

No recipient due to pandemic
2020

Charles Tolliver
2019

Toshiko Akiyoshi
2018

Odean Pope
2017

Ron Carter
2016

Gary Bartz
2015

Joanne Brackeen
2014

Nathan Davis
2013*

Muhal Richard Abrams
2012*

Phil Woods
2011*

Roy Haynes
2010

Frank Foster
2009*

Kenny Barron
2008

Benny Golson
2007

Oliver Lake
2006

Rufus Reid
2005

Randy Weston
2004*

Keter Betts
2003*

Jimmy Heath
2002*

Joe Kennedy, Jr.
2001*

Shirley Scott
2000*

Reggie Workman
1999

Dr. Donald Byrd
1998*

Larry Ridley
1997

Barry Harris
1996*

Robert "Boysie" Lowery
1995*

Clark Terry
1994*

In 2000, Dr. Billy Taylor* was awarded a special Millennium Award.

*Deceased



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Known for his “astounding creativity and authority” (Detroit Free Press), revered drummer Billy Hart has been inspiring Oberlin students for decades.

Congratulations to Professor Hart on this extraordinary honor—the 2023 Living Legacy Jazz Award!



WHYY congratulates the extraordinarily talented Jazz drummer and educator

Billy Hart

2023 recipient of the Living Legacy Jazz Award



WHYY Must-See!
Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life
Documenting the resilience of Pittsburgh residents, its leaders and a community coming together to understand what it means to be ‘stronger than hate.’

At MCS Construction we're tipping our hat to 2023 Living Legacy Jazz Award recipient Billy Hart. Please join us and Mid Atlantic Arts as we say congratulations! Thank you for all you do to build and educate our cultural communities.

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Dear Billy Hart,

Thank you for your gifts.
Thank you for your impact.
Thank you for the legacy you will leave behind.

Brownstone joins PECO and the many other organizations and individuals gathered this evening to salute you.





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