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Aretha Franklin Indomitable 'Queen of Soul'

Born: March 25, 1942, Memphis, TN Died: August 16, 2018, Detroit, MI



When Rolling Stone magazine put Ms. Franklin at the top of its 2010 list of the "100 Greatest Singers of All Time," Mary J. Blige paid tribute: "Aretha is a gift from God. When it comes to expressing yourself through song, there is no one who can touch her. She is the reason why women want to sing."

Ms. Franklin's airborne, constantly improvisatory vocals had their roots in gospel. It was the music she grew up on in the Baptist churches where her father, the Reverend Clarence LaVaughn Franklin, known as C. L., preached. She began singing in the choir of her father's New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, and soon became a star soloist.

But gospel was only part of her vocabulary. The playfulness and harmonic sophistication of jazz, the ache and sensuality of the blues, the vehemence of rock and, later, the sustained emotionality of opera were all hers to command. John Hammond, the Columbia Records executive who had championed Billie Holiday,

saw Ms. Franklin as a jazz singer tinged with blues and gospel.

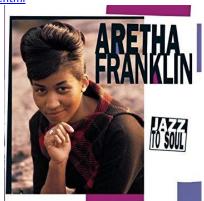
The Franklin household was filled with music. Mr. Franklin welcomed visiting gospel and secular musicians: the jazz pianist Art Tatum, the singer Dinah Washington, and gospel figures like the young Sam Cooke (before his turn to pop), Clara Ward, Mahalia Jackson and James Cleveland, who became Ms. Franklin's mentors.

Before she was 10, Aretha started teaching herself to play the piano, though she never learned to read music. Cecil Franklin recalled that his sister could hear a song once and immediately sing and play it. "Her ear was infallible," he said.

Onstage, Ms. Franklin proved herself night after night, forever keeping audiences guessing about what she would do next and marveling at how many ways her voice could move.

"We were simply trying to compose real music from my heart," Ms. Franklin said in her autobiography, "Aretha: From These Roots."

https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/16/obituaries/aretha-franklin-dead.html



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President's Improv

By Carla Page-Hays



The 2018-2019 season has begun. We're extremely pleased to be offering some exciting new talent as well as some of your old favorites. By the time this arrives in your mailboxes, we will have already presented our September concert with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra under the direction of Terry Myers. As much as we all love big bands and Terry Myers, I'm sure that most of you all were there. Our venue again this year is Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts in Winter Park. With the outstanding acoustics, the welcoming atmosphere and the charm of Melody and Chris, we were pleased to renew our contract.

Our kick-off party, *All That Jazz*, was August 26th at the Hilton Inn in Altamonte Springs. It was fabulous! The ballroom was huge and beautiful, the food was excellent, the dance floor was large and easily accessible and the Orlando Jazz Orchestra, under the direction of Greg Parnell, was phenomenal! The only thing that wasn't perfect was the attendance. I think that after your disappointing experience last year at Dubsdread, many of you chose to skip it this year. We missed you and will do our best to get you back next year. All of the wonderful guests that attended this year will attest to the fact that you missed a fabulous party.

I miss seeing you every month over the long, hot summer and am really looking forward to spending a Sunday afternoon with you every month from now through May 2019. This is **your** Central Florida Jazz Society so, as always, if you have suggestions as to how we can make the experience more enjoyable, we're all ears!

Take care and hope to see you soon!

Cheers, Carla



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Trombones:

Matt McCarthy—lead trumpet

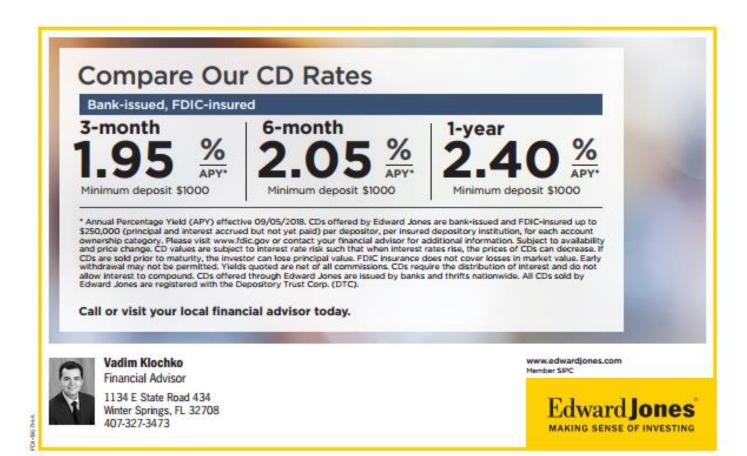
Trumpets:

Ed Gaston—2nd trumpet

Charlie Bertini—3rd trumpet Joe Young IV—4th trumpet

Michelle Amato—vocals Clyde Conner—drums Ron Mills—piano Greg Zabel—bass Et al...

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