



Friends of Jazz at UCLA provides financial support and other resources to advance the study of jazz at UCLA. The organization's core objectives include:

- Supporting the growing needs of the UCLA Jazz Studies program with respect to student support, workshops, lectures, and master classes;
- Producing musical events to benefit jazz studies;
- Supporting the ongoing development of the Kenny Burrell Archive of African American Music;
- Supporting outreach to secondary school students to raise awareness of jazz;
- Improving knowledge of UCLA and its extraordinary educational resources including its Jazz Studies Program;
- Providing more positive exposure and public awareness of jazz.

Programs and Accomplishments

- Produces major fundraising concerts and co-sponsors auxiliary concerts including the debut of the moving **'Ralph J. Bunche Suite'** composed by our Executive Director, Kenny Burrell.
- Present performances by a wide cross-section of jazz legends, including **Diana Krall, Steve Tyrell, John, Jeff & Gerald Clayton, Mike Melvoin, Nancy Wilson and Hubert Laws.**
- Presented the **UCLA Jazz Orchestra** — directed by Charley Harrison and featuring Gerald Wilson — and the **UCLA Latin Jazz Orchestra** directed by Bobby Rodriguez performing a "Tribute to Dizzy Gillespie," composed and performed by Lalo Schifrin and featuring Jon Faddis.
- Presented awards to **Tony Bennett, David L. Abell, Louie Bellson, Benny Carter, Benny Green, Hank Jones, Hubert Laws, James Moody, Horace Silver, Clark Terry, Gerald Wilson, Nancy Wilson, Gerald Wiggins, and Snooky Young.**
- Presented informative lectures by world famous jazz producers and historians, **George Avakian, George Wein and Orrin Keepnews.**
- As part of the David L. Abell Jazz Salon Series presented piano performances by **George Cables, Benny Green, Fred Hersch, Hank Jones, Harold Mabern and Jessica Williams.**

- Raised over **\$200,000 for scholarships** in the UCLA Jazz Studies Program.
- Sponsored ***A Great Day in LA*** — a magnificent gathering of Los Angeles jazz artists assembled to document and capture, in a series of photographs, the connections, growth, and universal appeal of jazz music and jazz musicians of all generations and styles.
- Honored **Gerald Wilson** – one of the foremost trumpeters, composers, arrangers, band leaders and educators in jazz – at a special reception following the Gerald Wilson Tribute Concert.
- Sponsored the **UCLA Jazz Orchestra** and **UCLA Contemporary Jazz Ensemble** (both student groups) to travel to Reno, Berkeley, and, Japan for special performances and competitions.
- Co-hosted a New Years Eve celebration with the Jazz Bakery and KKJZ featuring the All-Star Quintet **James Moody, Kenny Burrell, Benny Green, Clayton Cameron** and **Trevor Ware**.
- Hosted an afternoon at Catalina Bar & Grill with author **Claire Gordon**, the **Alan Broadbent Trio**, and the UCLA Jazz Studies Faculty.
- Co-hosted a holiday celebration with the Jazz Bakery and KKJZ featuring **Tierney Sutton, Hubert Laws** and **Larry Koonse**.
- Coordinated and co-sponsored a campus visit for 130 students and 10 teachers/administrators from **Fernando Pullum Performing Arts High School**, consisting of a campus tour, admissions advising presentations, class visits, dinner with current students, and attendance at the UCLA Big Band Concert at Schoenberg Hall.
- Sponsor of the the **Gerald Wilson Living Legends Music and Lecture Series** – a unique series created to honor Maestro Gerald Wilson for his many years of outstanding contributions in the fields of music and music education. The series features Wilson with guests who are experts in the fields of jazz and popular music.