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With Articles of Incorporation issued by the State of Arkansas on 7 January 1992, the Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation (which sponsors and maintains the Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame) is an all-volunteer, non-profit corporation dedicated to educating the general public about the historical significance of jazz in Arkansas. Foundation membership is open to any adult interested in the preservation, celebration, and promotion of jazz in The Natural State.

1994 INDUCTEES

Herb Ellis

Betty Fowler (LAA)

*Louis Jordan

*Art Porter, Sr. (1993 LAA)

*Ferrell "Pharoah" Sanders

*Charles Thomas

*Alphonso Trent

1995 INDUCTEES

Joe Bishop

Pat Davis

*Al Hibbler (LAA)

William Albert "Bitsy" Mullins

Walter Norris

Robert "Buck" Powell

1996 INDUCTEES

Buddy Jones

*James Leary

*Ralph Porter

*Sister Rosetta Tharpe

*Jimmy Witherspoon (LAA)

1998 INDUCTEES

Bob Dorough

*Art Porter, Jr. (LAA)

*John Stubblefield

Roseanna Vitro

2000 INDUCTEES

Clarence Edward "Tonk" Edwards

Earl J. Hesse

Robert (Bob) Bainum Steele, Jr.

Doug Stiles (LAA)

In 1993, the Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation presented its first Lifetime Achievement Award to **Arthur Lee (Art) Porter, Sr.** At the same time, the Foundation named **Tom Richeson** Jazz Person of the Year.

In 1994, the Foundation created the Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame. Annual inductions were held in 1994, 1995, and 1996; thereafter, inductions have been held only in even-numbered years.

Criteria, photos, and brief profiles for honorees are provided in the Hall of Fame/Artists/Archive sections at www.arjazz.org. Additional information may be found in The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture (www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net).

In the list below, asterisks precede inductees who connect to Arkansas's African-American jazz heritage and/or materials at the Department of Arkansas Heritage's Mosaic Templars Cultural Center (www.mosaictemplarscenter.com).

2002 INDUCTEES

Robert (Bob) Palmer

Al White (LAA)

2004 INDUCTEES

*C. "Sal" Bonner (LAA)

*Eddie Fisher

*Scott Joplin

2006 INDUCTEES

*Jim S. Porter, Jr.

*John Puckett

*Sam Rivers

2008 INDUCTEES

William (Bill) P. Scarlett

Lin Halliday

*Leonard Johnson

2010 INDUCTEES

*Amina Claudine Myers

Jerry Atkins

2012 INDUCTEES

Joe Cripps (LAA)

James (Jim) Greeson

Conrad Wilson

2014 INDUCTEES

*Richard Boone

*Martha Burks

Fred Marshall

*Carwin Pleasant

Tom Richeson

Dave Rogers

*Robert Trezvant

Joe Vick

INDUCTEES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER (Followed by Years in Which Nominated):

Jerry Atkins (2010)
Joe Bishop (1995)
C. "Sal" Bonner (2004)
Richard Boone (1999, 2014)
Martha Burks (1994, 2014)
Joe Cripps (2012)
Pat Davis (1995)
Bob Dorough (1998)
Clarence Edward "Tonk" Edwards (2000)
Herb Ellis (1994)
Eddie Fisher (2004)
Betty Fowler (1994)
James (Jim) Greeson (1994, 1995, 1998, 2012)
Lin Halliday (2008)
Earl J. Hesse (2000)
Al Hibbler (1995)
Leonard Johnson (2008)
Buddy Jones (1996)
Scott Joplin (2004)
Louis Jordan (1994)
James Leary (1994, 1995, 1996)
Fred Marshall (2012, 2014)
William Albert "Bitsy" Mullins (1994, 1995)
Amina Claudine Myers (2010)
Walter Norris (1995)
Robert (Bob) Palmer (2002)
Carwin Pleasant (1994, 2014)
Arthur Lee (Art) Porter, Jr. (1998)
Arthur Lee (Art) Porter, Sr. (1994)
Jim S. Porter, Jr. (2006)
Ralph Porter (1994, 1995, 1996)
Robert "Buck" Powell (1995)
John Puckett (2006)
Tom Richeson (1994, 1995, 1998, 2014)
Sam Rivers (2006)
Dave Rogers (1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2014)
Ferrell "Pharoah" Sanders (1994)
William (Bill) P. Scarlett (2000, 2008)
Robert (Bob) Bainum Steele, Jr. (1996, 1998, 2000)
Doug Stiles (2000)
John Stubblefield (1996, 1998)
Sister Rosetta Tharpe (1996)
Charles Thomas (1994)
Alphonso Trent (1994)
Robert Trezvant (2014)
Joe Vick (1994, 2014)
Roseanna Vitro (1996, 1998)
Al White (2002)
Conrad Wilson (2012)
Jimmy Witherspoon (1996)

NOMINATION CRITERIA: Any Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame nominee who was not born in Arkansas must have resided in the state for at least ten years. Provided the nomination is supported by a documented history of significant achievement and/or contribution specific to jazz (within or beyond the state of Arkansas), a nominee may be a musician, composer, educator, author, or major contributor to another aspect of jazz.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE: A current, official nomination form must be requested from AJHF President James Thomson (501.225.2891) or AJHF Secretary Alita Mantels (501.661.1604). If possible, the nomination form should be completed by the nominee. If the nominee is incapacitated or no longer living, the person making the nomination is responsible for verifying all information before signing and submitting the form, along with contact information for the nominator. Every attempt should be made to provide all applicable details requested on the form. Citations/links to online sources are encouraged and attachments are permitted. The completed form (typed or printed legibly, except for signature) must be submitted to a current AJHF officer for presentation to and consideration by the entire board (officers and directors) at the next board meeting with an agenda including Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame nominations.

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT NOMINATIONS: Though not all nominees become candidates for induction, each nomination form should be completed in detail and with care since, if the nominee is selected for induction, the information on that form will provide the basis for a formal profile (written and approved by the AJHF board) for inclusion under "Hall of Fame" on the AJHF website and possible submission to the Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture, which is part of the Central Arkansas Library System's Butler Center for Arkansas Studies. All those completing nomination forms are encouraged to peruse profiles and cited sources for Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame inductees already included in the encyclopedia: Bob Dorough; Al Hibbler; Scott Joplin; Louis Jordan; Fred Marshall; Walter Norris; Robert Palmer; Art Porter, Jr.; Art Porter, Sr.; Jim Porter; Pharoah Sanders; Sister Rosetta Tharpe; Alphonso Trent; Jimmy Witherspoon.

