

ARKANSAS JAZZ HERITAGE FOUNDATION / ARKANSAS JAZZ HALL OF FAME

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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 established in 1994) is an all-volunteer nonprofit dedicated to educating the general public about the historical significance of jazz in Arkansas. Foundation membership is open to any adult (21+) interested in preserving, celebrating, and promoting jazz in Arkansas. The Foundation's educational activities and Hall of Fame inductions are funded entirely by annual dues (\$20 payable 1 July) and donations from individuals. (The Foundation does not share its membership roster or mailing list; however, anyone donating at least \$50/\$100/\$500/\$1000, excluding dues, is recognized at the annual meeting.) Current versions of the Foundation's organizational profile, membership application, Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame Nomination Form, as well as educational materials (e.g., list of recommended resources, Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame reference sheet), are available (in print and PDF) from the AJHF Secretary; PDF copies are kept under Downloads tab on AJHF Website <https://arjazz.org>; scanned copies can be found within the "AJHF: Reference Materials" album under "Photos" on the Foundation's Facebook page, which is linked from a top tab on each page at <https://www.arjazz.org>. (That AJHF website, which includes a "Search" feature, serves primarily as an archival reference and provides information about Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame inductees under "Hall of Fame," "Artists," "Downloads," and "Archive.") Each year AJHF members receive a few special e-mails from the AJHF Secretary; otherwise, the Foundation communicates via its Facebook page, where several times each week the AJHF Secretary posts new information/photos/videos related to jazz artists/events/venues in Arkansas.

The Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation presented its first Lifetime Achievement Award (subsequently named in his honor) to Art Porter, Sr. in 1993. In 1994 the Foundation established the Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame with an inaugural group of seven inductees: Herb Ellis; Betty Fowler; Louis Jordan; Art Porter, Sr.; Pharoah Sanders; Charles Thomas; Alphonso Trent. Others inducted from 1994 through 2020 are Jerry Atkins; TeRoy "T" Betton' Jr.; Joe Bishop; Sal Bonner; Richard Boone; Bob Boyd; Brian Brown; Irene Crutchfield Brown; Martha Burks; John Cain; Shirley Chauvin; Junie Cobb; Bill Craig; Joe Cripps; Pat Davis; Bob Dorough; Thomas East; Tonk Edwards; Eddie Fisher; Jim Greeson; Lin Halliday; Earl Hesse; Al Hibbler; Alex Hill; Nathan Hood; Red Holloway; James Jeter; Leonard Johnson; Buddy Jones; Scott Joplin; Jackie Lamar; James Leary III; Ted Ludwig; Rose Marie McCoy; Fred Marshall; Gary Meggs; David Freeland Miller; Snub Moseley; Bitsy Mullins; Amina Claudine Myers; Walter Norris; Bob Palmer; Hayes Pillars; Carwin Pleasant; Art Porter, Jr.; Jim Porter, Jr.; Ralph Porter; Clyde Pound; Buck Powell; John Puckett; Nan Maureen Renaud; Tom Richeson; Sam Rivers; Dave Rogers; George M. Ryan, Jr.; Bill Scarlett; Henry Shed; Edmond "Ed" Mason Smith, Jr.; Bob Steele, Jr.; Doug Stiles; John Stubblefield; Clark Terry; Sister Rosetta Tharpe; Robert Trezvant; Joe Vick; Roseanna Vitro; Ken Walker; Al White; Conrad Wilson; Jimmy Witherspoon. (Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame nomination forms are available upon request from the AJHF Secretary and in Downloads Tab on AJHF website <https://arjazz.org>. Any nominee 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.)

The Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation now holds Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame induction ceremonies only in even-numbered years; however, after each annual meeting the Foundation presents a public concert featuring distinguished jazz artists. Except for the annual meeting (open to all members in good standing and held at the concert venue), the Foundation's meetings (including its annual audit) are held in the fourth-floor conference room near the offices of audit partner Cobb and Suskie, Ltd. at One Financial Centre (650 South Shackleford Road, Little Rock, AR 72211) and/or via conference call/link GoToMeeting.com. Operating on a fiscal year which begins 1 July, the Foundation holds regular quarterly meetings for its executive board (officers) and four special meetings for its full board (officers and directors). The location of the Annual Meeting (held at same venue as AJHF Annual Event) will be announced by April 2023.

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MEMBERSHIP, DUES, DONATIONS

Foundation membership is open to any adult (21+) interested in preserving, celebrating, and promoting jazz in Arkansas. Annual dues (\$20 payable 1 July) and donations fund ongoing educational activities and upcoming Hall of Fame inductions. The Foundation does not share its membership roster or mailing list; however, any individual donating at least \$50/\$100/\$500/\$1000 (excluding dues) is recognized at the annual meeting/event. The only requirement for general membership is submission of a current application (available from the AJHF Secretary and within the "AJHF: Reference Materials" album under "Photos" on the Foundation's Facebook page) with annual dues, which are waived for the Foundation's incorporators (James Thomson; Blake Hendrix, Attorney-at-Law) and Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame inductees. There is no penalty for late payment of dues, which are not prorated. No attendance requirement attaches to general membership; however, any member wishing to serve on the board, work on committees, or participate in elections must attend board meetings in Little Rock.

BOARD MEETINGS

2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
20 July	19 July	18 July	17 July	15 July	21 July	20 July
21 September	20 September	19 September	18 September	16 September	15 September	21 September
21 December	20 December	19 December	18 December	16 December	15 December	21 December
18 January	17 January	16 January	15 January	20 January	19 January	18 January
15 March	21 March	20 March	18 March	17 March	16 March	15 March
14 June	13 June	12 June	10 June	9 June	8 June	7 June
21 June	20 June	19 June	17 June	16 June	15 June	14 June
28 June	27 June	26 June	24 June	23 June	22 June	21 June

BOARD MEMBERS (As of 1 July 2022)

President:	Mike Cobb (Audit Partner - Cobb and Suskie, Ltd.)
Vice President:	Nan Maureen Renaud (Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame 2018)
Secretary:	James Thomson (1992 Incorporator for Arkansas Jazz Heritage Foundation)
Treasurer:	Melissa Woods (Former Guides Chair - CALS Arkansas Literary Festival)
Director:	Bob Cullers (Retired banker)
Director:	Sterling Ingram (President - Art Porter Music Education)
Director:	Chalk Mitchell (Arkansas First Judicial Circuit Judge)

LIVING ARKANSAS JAZZ HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES, 1994-2020 (Eff. 1 July 2022)

Brian Brown, Irene Crutchfield Brown, Martha Burks, John Cain, Shirley Chauvin, Thomas East, Tonk Edwards, Jim Greeson, Earl Hesse, Nathan Hood, Jackie Lamar, Ted Ludwig, Gary Meggs, David Freeland Miller, Amina Claudine Myers, Clyde Pound, Buck Powell, Nan Maureen Renaud, Tom Richeson, Dave Rogers, George M. Ryan, Jr., Pharoah Sanders, Edmond "Ed" Mason Smith Jr., Joe Vick, Roseanna Vitro, Ken Walker.

"SHARED-MISSION" NONPROFIT ALLIANCES (Membership/Donations/Volunteerism)

Adopt-a-Street (Little Rock's historic West Ninth Street)
Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism: Arkansas Entertainers Hall of Fame, Arkansas History Commission
Arkansas Jazz Educators Association: Arkansas Jazz Festival in April (Jazz Appreciation Month)
Arkansas Nonprofit Alliance (formerly Arkansas Coalition for Excellence)
Art Porter Music Education: scholarship, Minors in Music, For the Love of Art, A Work of Art, Jazz in the Park
Central Arkansas Library System: Butler Center for Arkansas Studies (Arkansas Sounds, Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture, Encyclopedia of Arkansas Music), FOCAL sales, Ron Robinson Theater Department of Arkansas Heritage: Arkansas Arts Council (Arts on Tour), Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (Dreamland Ballroom/Taborian Hall), Delta Cultural Center, Historic Arkansas Museum, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center (Arkansas Black Hall of Fame), Old State House Museum
Society for American Music

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