

*To all the musicians, artists, and jazz enthusiasts, who have encouraged, nurtured, and inspired me over the past four decades...*

***Thank you!*** *From the depths of my heart, thank you!*

*Your names are too numerous to mention, but you've had a profound impact... bringing joy, hope, and the gift of music...*



*This year marks the celebration of my 45th musical anniversary and a life milestone...*

*This photo journal is a joyous reminder that I've never walked alone...*



*To all the gifted young artists, to old friends and new...may God grant me His grace to sing my songs for you.*

*'Tis good to pause and reflect. This year marks a milestone in my sojourn on the planet. After four decades of performing, the gift and joy of music continue to linger in my soul, Melodies floating around my mind – old sweet songs the lasting kind...*



...at the Blue Note tribute to Billy Eckstein...



...sacred duet with Irene Day-Comer...



...at Jazz on the Hudson...



...1984 New York debut with Frank Foster...



...at Harlem's famous Lenox Lounge...



...my original work, Jazzstoria, at St. Peters Church...



...with the late Bross Townsend...



...as Pontius Pilate in the Passion Play...

The arts, and great artists, have shaped and enriched my life...



Dorothy Donegan



Stevie Wonder



Mercer Ellington



Maya Angelou



Dr. Billy Taylor



Betty Carter



Bill Cosby



Mary Wilson



...from the streets of Havana



Avery Brooks

And even when I walk through  
the park or ride in the cars or  
stroll by the light of the silvery  
stars, music echoes from  
my past to now, brightens  
my days...and illumines  
my ways...



... to Red Square in Moscow...



*"Without a song the day  
would never end. Without a  
song the road would never  
bend..."*



*...When things go wrong,  
a man ain't got a friend,  
without a song."*