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...



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



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



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



...at Jazz on the Hudson...





...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...

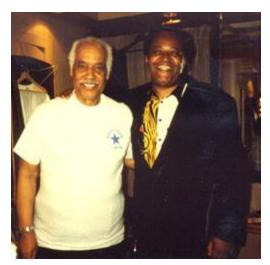
The arts, and great artists, have shaped and enriched my life...



Dorothy Donegan



Stevie Wonder







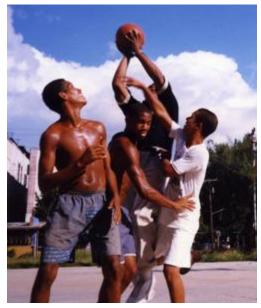
Dr. Billy Taylor

Mercer Ellington



Betty Carter

Maya Angelou



... from the streets of Havana



Mary Wilson





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."

