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From year to year, Buddy Rich's band just keeps rolling along, riding on the consistent and persuasive drumming of its leader. But there are some nights when it rolls better than others. One of those nights was Thursday evening, when it gave two performances at New York University's Loeb Student Center as part of Jack Kleinsinger's "Highlights in Jazz" series.

It was not simply that the band was in excellent form, playing as an ensemble with a tight, eager crispness — despite the brief absence of one saxophonist who, arriving late, was publicly fined \$50 by Mr. Rich. The sound system, unlike the all too customary amplification that is turned up so high that the band comes across as a loud smear of noise, allowed the band to play at its own natural level, filling the auditorium easily, but permitting the individual instruments to be heard even when the band was at full volume. It was a refreshing and instructive change that made the band's merits vividly evident instead of burying them.

Those merits lie primarily in the clean, precise ensembles, the group's drive and enthusiasm and arrangements that are colored with twists and turns that give the musicians something to bite into. Mr. Rich is, of course, the predominant soloist — he took his main solo out of a drastically shortened version of the band's once-lengthy "West Side Story" medley — as well as its driving core. Simply as accompanist to a long piano solo by Barry Keiner, Mr. Rich's unobtrusive shadings and variations with brushes overshadowed the pianist's playing. Three saxophonists — Steve Marcus, Andy Fusco and Gary Bribek — carry most of the solo work capably, although none has a distinctive personal flair.

The concert opened with a brief set by Lance Hayward, who plays regularly at the Village Corner — a set in which he had time to do little more than indicate he has a personal way of developing the widely used Art Tatum concept of solo piano. JOHN S. WILSON

Rich due at NYU

Buddy Rich will perform in concert at NYU Loeb Student Center on March 15th. Rich will offer two concerts at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. at the center located at 566 LaGuardia Place. Tickets are priced at \$5.50, \$4.50 for students, and \$3.50 for the student body. For information call 598-8787.

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LOREN CRAFT **PREVIEW**

HERE AND THERE

WHATSIT? JAZZantiqua, a group of classically trained musicians lead by guitarist Frederic Hand, will blend renaissance and jazz improvisations at 8 Wednesday night at Abraham Goodman House 129 W. 67th St.

SKIN GAME. Drummer Buddy Rich will play performances at 7:30 and 9:30 Thursday night at the Loeb Student Center of New York University, as part of the "Highlights in Jazz" series.

VARIETY

Wednesday, February 28, 1979

On The Upbeat

Buddy Rich gives two performances at the Loeb Student Center, New York U., N.Y., March 15, as part of Jack Kleinsinger's "Highlights in Jazz" series.

Wednesday, March 14, 1979

VARIETY

On The Upbeat

Lance Hayward, blind jazz pianist, opens the Thursday (15) concert "Highlights in Jazz" concert of Jack Kleinsinger at Loeb Student Center, New York U., N.Y. Buddy Rich is featured.

ON JAZZ

Buddy Rich will be featured in two concerts at Jack Kleinsinger's Highlights of Jazz show March 15 at NYU Loeb Student Center. It is the first time an artist has appeared in two shows for one of the Highlights in Jazz series.

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Concerts

On Thursday, March 15, 1979, noted blind Jazz pianist Lance Hayward will appear as



Lance Hayward

opening performer for Jack Kleinsinger's "Highlights in Jazz" concert featuring Buddy Rich and his Band. The event will take place at the NYU Loeb Student Center, 566 LaGuardia Place at Washington Sq. South. Two shows are scheduled at 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm. For more information call (212) 598-3757.

To hear the music of Lance Hayward is to "Dig" the sounds of one of the best jazz pianists around. He's been described by critics as "a one-man orchestra" because of the varied and subtle effects he gets across.





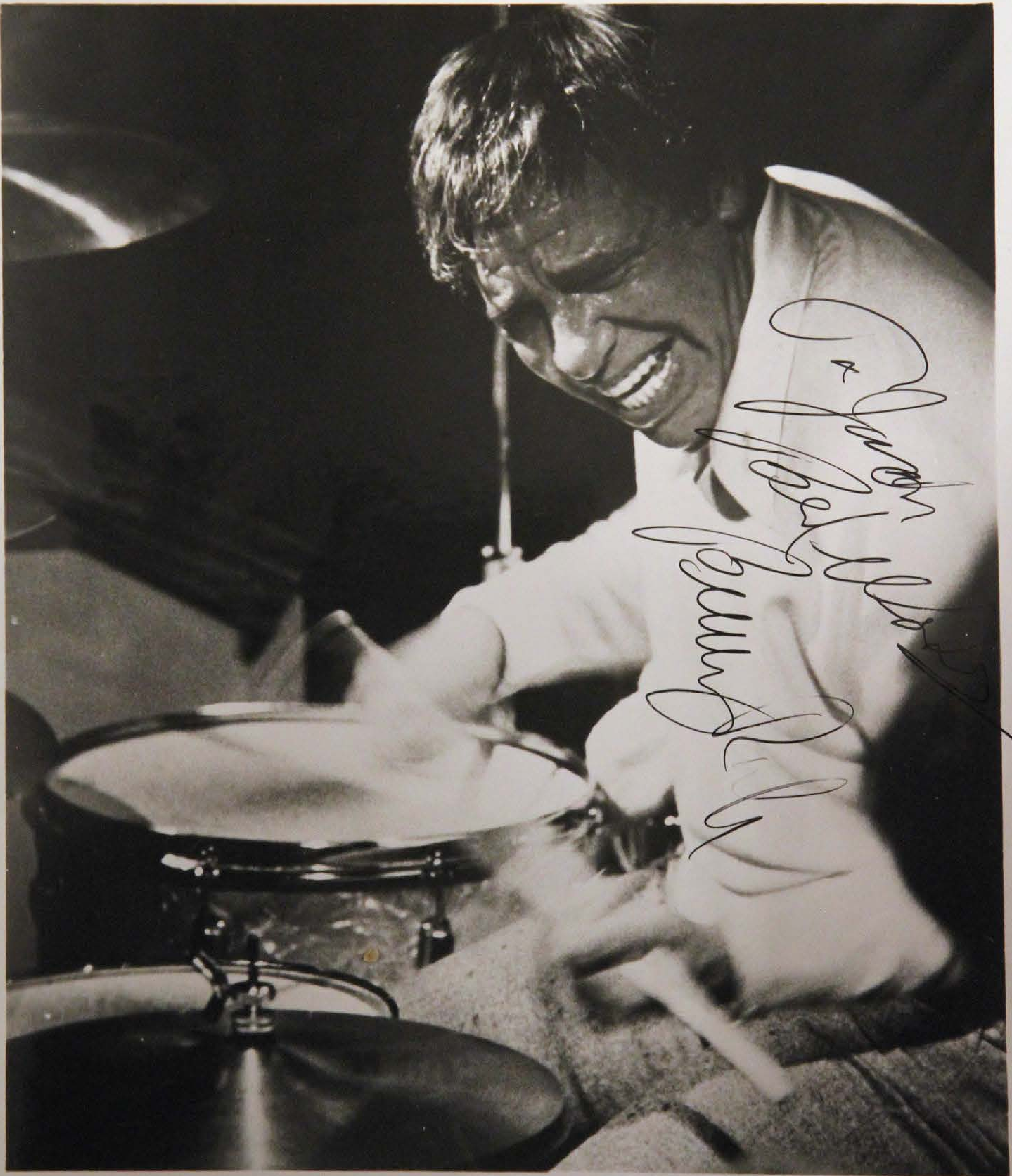
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On Broadway

By ALLAN McMILLAN

WILL MASTIN, uncle to Sammy Davis, Jr. and originator of the Will Mastin Trio, that gave Sammy his first shot at the Big Time in Vaudeville, died in California last week at the age of 100...PENELOPE JOHNSON RUFFIN, one time concert violinist who organized the Penny Sight-seeing Company twenty years ago, died last week at the age of 61...BUDDY RICH and his block-busting band sensational at New York University's Loeb Student Center last week as part of Jack Kleinsinger's "Highlights in Jazz." I have never heard Buddy Rich sound better and I went backstage to tell him so. He's really a great drummer and musician and the people there loved him...JAZZ SINGER MARTHA MITCHELL due in from Denver this week, where she was visiting her mother...JANYSE SINGLETON, "the Magnificent Chanteuse" made her nightclub debut at Leviticus on Thursday night of last week and played to a packed audience. Good to see there were ERNESTINE JACKSON of "Guys and Dolls," DEE DEE SIMMONS of the Ophelia DeVore Combine, EMMIE KEMP, the singer-pianist and producer and actor-writer Maxwell Glanville.



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year the series played to packed dance floors, featuring artists like Charlie Parker, "Dizzy" Gillespie, Thelonius Monk, Errol Garner, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Bud Powell, Max Roach, Miles Davis, and Art Blakey and the 17 Jazz Messengers. Machito and his Afro Cubans, and Elmo Garcia's Latin band also performed. They contributed greater balance to the programming, offering another kind of dance music popular at that time; the mambo.

This early participation on Billy's part is qualitatively no different from the nature of his present contribution. His commitment has remained pure throughout. Of note, and worthy of recognition, is the drive and energy he has focused to realize the same goals in a more encompassing format. In 1964 he spearheaded the formation of Jazzmobile, serving, since its inception, as its unsalaried President and Chairman of the Board. During this time, he has guided Jazzmobile from an organization offering a ten concert summer series and operating on an annual budget of \$10,000, to its present structure which includes a yearly budget of \$1,000,000 plus, and seven programs operating on a year-round basis.

Billy Taylor has not changed very much since I first met him in 1947. His commitment and dedication to Jazz—America's

classical music, has never faltered. He has probably played more benefits for jazz and other causes than any other person I know. He continually encourages young people, from the kindergarten level straight through to the undergraduate and graduate levels, to dedicate themselves to some positive aspiration, through his personal appearances at schools. He has served on many federal, state and municipal arts commissions, councils and panels, championing the arts in general, and music in particular.

I have been in audiences, observing Billy play solo piano. I have also had the unique privilege of playing drums in his trio, and appearing with him in a wide variety of settings. Billy has always possessed a special knack of being able to communicate with people *off*, as well as on the bandstand. His regard and respect for his audience is ever present. After a performance, whether playing solo piano, playing with the trio, or appearing with a symphony orchestra, Billy is comfortable and able to share this sense of ease with the audiences that are inexorably drawn to him.

I am honored to have been given this opportunity to salute Billy Taylor: jazz musician, composer, conductor, educator, author, lecturer, executive, and, above all, a friend.

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The Other Side
by Teddy Taylor

The lifestyle of a musician does not readily lend itself to what most people would consider the typical married life. From the very beginning, I knew this lifestyle would take some getting used to.

Our marriage began with a honeymoon in Europe—the only catch was that Bill was on tour, performing *every night* and sleeping most days. We weathered that, though, only to return to New York where I worked days and he worked nights. For the early years of our marriage I was sure that he loved the piano more than me, but we managed.

We had two children and tried to raise them with deep appreciation of music. As a result, while most children were singing nursery rhymes, ours were singing scat to the Nutty Squirrels! As they grew older, we'd sit for a family meal and like most parents we'd try to speak properly and correct our children's grammar. Inevitably though, Bill would receive a phone call during the meal from a musician and start saying "Hey man, what's the word? Have we got a gig this Saturday?" and all of our corrections would promptly go out the window.

But aside from the strange hours, the traveling, and the other elements of a musician's lifestyle that militate against the "Typical" married life, the most important element which distinguishes our marriage is that, unlike most, it has lasted 32 years, and that makes it pretty special.

The definitive Billy Taylor source, Teddy Taylor, describes herself as Billy's better half.

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by John Duffy

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John Duffy—besides being a composer of note, serves as Director of Meet The Composer.

will contribute over \$1,000,000 for MEET THE COMPOSER events and audiences will exceed 1,000,000.

Tonights program features one of the finest creative spirits in American music. It would be difficult to image any other single person who while sitting on various boards, the Council of the National Endowment for the Arts, Jazzmobile and other arts organizations, continues to pursue a distinguished professional career. Billy Taylor manages to do all of this with grace and dedication. He is a composer-performer of sparkling invention as well as one of the most informed, forceful and articulate spokesman for public support of the arts and individual artists.

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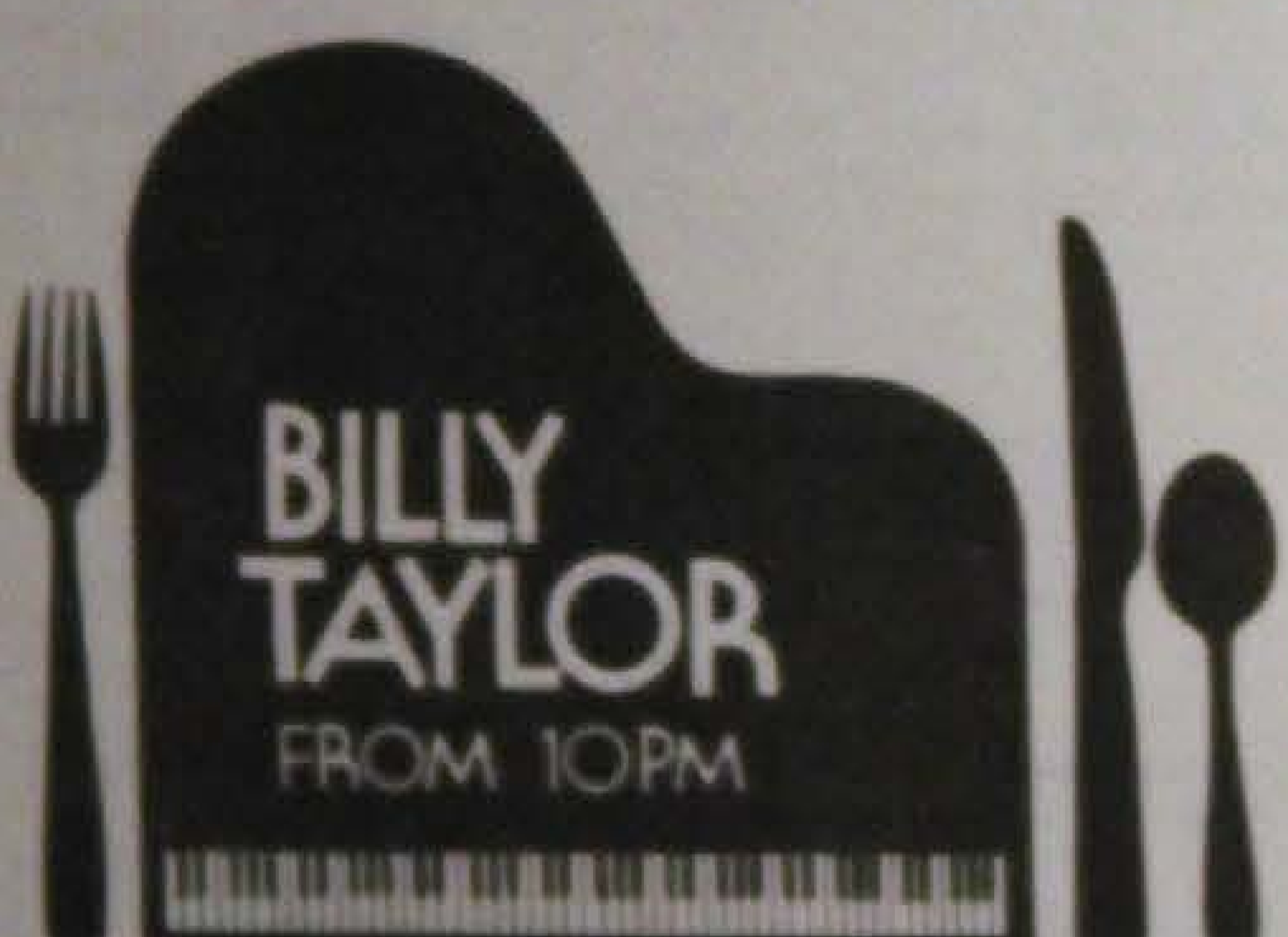
Notes from an admirer
by J.B. Shelton

Billy brings a joy, a warmth, a glow to everything he touches—whether it be a piano's keys or the hearts of his audience. Three years ago he performed with a Jazzmobile combo at *Summerfare*, an Arts and Business Council event designed to show the professionalism of community arts organizations to a couple of hundred corporate executives. (Admittedly, Billy is not the typical

J.B. Shelton—is Associate Director of the Arts Business Council Inc., and a great Billy Taylor fan.

community artist, but the business representatives were very impressed.) Just a few months ago, one of the corporate execs from that *Summerfare* audience asked me what ever happened to that marvelous piano player. In the interim "that piano player" became the Arts and Business Council's president. He serves as our leader, an enthusiastic advocate, and the epitome of combining the arts and business in one intelligent, concerned, caring soul. I've often asked Billy how he does it all—perform, teach, write, compose, record—and, in a weak moment, he confessed to being one of twins: if only he were.

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What? Me Sing Jazz —
by Ira Shankman

Whenever discussions concerning jazz arise, the trend is to talk about instrumentalists. Soloist improvisation, styles of various periods, the merits of different arrangers, are but a few of the topics concerning jazz which are geared to the instrumentalist. Why can't the vocalist fit into these categories?

A major argument against the vocalist or vocal group is that because the performance has been rehearsed many times to achieve an overall effect, the essential quality of spontaneous improvisation, important to all jazz performance, is taken away. Didn't Basie, Ellington, and Kenton have to rehearse their bands to achieve a desired sound? No one would deny the fact that these

Ira Shankman—Music Director of Vocal Jazz Incorporated and Director of Music at the Meadowbrook (NJ) Dinner Theatre.

bands play jazz. Why then should a vocal group be any different? Lambert, Hendricks, and Ross, The Hi-Lo's, The Pointer Sisters, Singers Unlimited, all sing rehearsed music but it is definitely jazz.

In terms of improvisation, that technique which is such an integral part of jazz performance, the vocalists can stand on their own. Listen to Ella Fitzgerald, King Pleasure, Dakota Staton, Dave Lambert, and Mel Tormé to name a few.

Just as every period in instrumental jazz has had their giants, vocal jazz is not without its greats also. Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday, Ray Charles, and some big band singers such as Anita O'Day, Chris Conner, and Joe Williams, are but a small sample of the singers who have made and who are making music with the most natural instrument of all, the voice, and are testimony to the fact that there is such a thing as vocal jazz.

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Side by Side
by John Garcia Gensel

I really shouldn't like Billy Taylor. Whenever I'm on a program with him speaking on Jazz, I feel inferior—and I am. The yearning to play the piano enters my spirit now and then—and then I hear Billy play with his left hand "There'll Never Be Another You" and I know there will never be a piano player named John Gensel. And it goes on and on—not only as a musician, composer, speaker—but with his sophisticated graciousness, his amazing business acumen, his prophetic wisdom, his sharp wit, etc., etc. Ok! I'm just a side man, you are the bionic spokesman for us in jazz—so—I love you Billy Taylor.

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