

Jazz Legend Clark Terry Showcased in UNH Exhibition

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The life and times of jazz trumpeter Clark Terry, who performed with the Duke Ellington and Count Basie bands, will be showcased in an exhibition opening at the University of New Hampshire Monday, Oct. 2.

"Mumbles: Clark Terry's Life in Music" features memorabilia of the artist who has inspired generations of jazz musicians. Terry is expected to attend the opening reception at the Library of Traditional Jazz Oct. 2, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Terry joined the Basie Orchestra in 1948, and moved on to become the featured soloist with Ellington in the early 1950s, a coveted position he held for nearly a decade. He set a standard that Miles Davis and Quincy Jones later would cite as a major influence on their work.

His connection with UNH spans more than two decades. David Seiler, professor of music and founder of the UNH Jazz Festival in 1974, asked Terry to headline one of the first festivals. Not only did Terry come to UNH that year, he has returned every year since, delighted to work with students. The festival, now known as the Clark Terry UNH Jazz Festival, is held every March and concludes with a gala concert in his honor.

"Mumbles: Clark Terry's Life in Music" is part of UNH's year-long celebration of Terry's 80th birthday. The exhibition includes correspondence from Louis Armstrong, historic photographs of Terry and fellow jazz legends, his signature flugelhorn, and many recordings.

The exhibition is free and open to the public, and runs through December. The Library of Traditional Jazz is within the Milne Special Collections at Dimond Library. Hours are: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 1-5 p.m.

Clark Terry's 80th Birthday Celebration, Thursday, Dec. 14, will feature special guests, including Bob Brookmeyer, trombone, and Roger Kellaway, piano, with a Big Band of UNH alumni. The event will take place at UNH Johnson Theatre, at 8 p.m.

The Clark Terry UNH Jazz Festival will be held Saturday, March 10. The Gala Jazz Concert, with Clark Terry on trumpet and flugelhorn, and special guest Paquito D'Rivera and the UNH Jazz Band, will be held Sunday, March 11, at Johnson Theatre. Tickets for both events are \$8 and \$6. Call (603) 862-2290 for more information.

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