



TO PRESENT, PROMOTE, PRESERVE **AND** CELEBRATE
THE GREAT ART FORM KNOWN AS "JAZZ."

**There Are Many Reasons To Participate In
The "We Always Swing"® Jazz Series "Top It Off 3!"
Individual Donor Campaign.**

DEAR JAZZ SERIES SUPPORTER: We are celebrating another successful "We Always Swing"® Jazz Series season – No. 23. This latest Jazz Series run did not disappoint. Similar to its 22 predecessors, No. 23 delivered an astounding number of highlights including another set of spectacular performances and a great many educational and community events. Some of this season's many high-water marks that come to mind include:

- **Saxophonist Chico Freeman** honoring his iconic and legendary father and formally dedicating the 7,000 CD/LP and literature-filled Von Freeman Memorial Lending Library Collection.
- **Latin Jazz King Eddie Palmieri** delivered a stellar performance with the Jazz Series taking it upon itself to donate \$2,000 to the Puerto Rican Relief Effort.
- **Pianist Billy Childs** learning he had won the 2018 GRAMMY® for "Best Jazz Record of 2018" literally *less than five minutes* before he began his show at Murry's.
- **Clarinetist Anat Cohen's Tentet** wowed just about everybody; the energy was infectious to say the least.
- **Innovative drummer Matt Wilson** teamed up with visiting authors who joined him on stage to read the poetry of Carl Sandburg as part of a collaborative event with the Unbound Book Festival.

\$78,900 raised of \$90,000 goal
Only 3.9 "Ounces"* Remain!
Ea. Ounce = \$2,813



We Are Just \$11,100 Shy Of Our \$90,000 Goal.
"Top It Off 3!" Campaign is Now 87.7% Complete.

This season we originally set a goal of attracting \$80,000 from Individual Donors – a goal we're pleased to say that with your assistance is now imminent. Since last July, thanks to more than 500 donors, **people have pledged \$78,900, a remarkable total and a mere \$1,100 shy of \$80,000.** However, unanticipated funding cuts have occurred in just the past few months and they will carry over to the upcoming season and annually from now on. The loss of funding **now requires us to absorb upwards of an additional \$30,000 annually, in various ongoing expenses.** This development prompted the Jazz Series to "Move the Fundraising Goal Posts" and seek an additional \$10,000 in Individual support, making \$90,000 the goal. Even so, we are now only \$11,100 shy of hitting the mark.

Have You Contributed Yet This Season? • If Not, Please Consider Doing So.
Your Tax-Deductible Gift Has Great Impact.

To the more than 500 of you who have pledged in the last 12 months we say "Thank You!" many times over. We would like to encourage those of you who have yet to contribute this season – or perhaps for an even longer stretch of time, or perhaps never – to join your fellow Jazz Series fans to please consider doing so at this juncture.

There Are Many Reasons To Support The Jazz Series. • Here Are Just A Few.

- **A RARE GEM:** We are one of fewer than 10 all-jazz projects in the entire country located in a market our size – 250,000 people within a 30-mile radius. We are a rare and valuable community and regional asset.
- **CONCERT PERFORMANCES:** Since 1995, we have produced more than 300 concerts that, cumulatively, have seen literally thousands of the world's finest musicians perform in Columbia/Mid-Missouri.
- **EDUCATION:** Since 1995, now more than a generation ago – more than 50,000 Columbia Public School students have participated in Jazz Series in-school programs.
- **VON FREEMAN MEMORIAL LENDING LIBRARY:** The 7,000 CD/LP and literature collection serves the entire community and is open to all on a daily basis. It is the only one of jazz-centric library in Missouri.

If So Inclined, Please Accept A “Thank You!” Premium* At Your Donor Level

(*Subject To Availability.)

- **\$25+ Student/\$60-\$149+ Public:** A Year-Long Jazz Series membership to the Jazz Series Lending Library.
- **\$100+ “I PLEDGED PATCH.”** Contribute \$100 or greater and receive the limited edition, iron-on, embroidered, 3” patch [Pictured atop this page] in addition to above premium.
- **\$150-\$349 Level:** “Best of Vonski” 2-CD/DVD set PLUS previous premiums.
- **\$350-\$499 Level:** Make a \$350+ Contribution and receive the above premiums PLUS a set of FOUR (4) Customized “Top It Off! Pilsner Glasses with Jazz Series Logo + North Coast Brewing Co. Logo.
- **\$500-\$2,499 Level:** Become a Sustainable Freeman Library Member at the \$500+ Level and receive the above premiums PLUS a Personalized Lending Library Name Plate.
- **\$2,500+/\$10,000 Level:** Pledge \$2,500+ for four (4) consecutive years, \$5,000 for two (2) consecutive years or contribute more than \$10,000 as a single contribution and become a LIFETIME SUSTAINABLE MEMBER of the Von Freeman Memorial Lending Library AND receive the above premiums.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE:

SECURELY ONLINE: <http://www.wealwaysswing.org/support/>

BY PHONE: M-F, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.: 573/449-3009

IN PERSON/BY MAIL: Jazz Series, 21 N. Tenth Street, Columbia, MO 65201.

[All Major CCs Accepted. • Checks: “We Always Swing,”® Inc.]

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