

Tribute to Mingus Gala

An evening of fun and music with a special All-Star band led by the incomparable composer/musician James Newton with Bennie Maupin, Roberto Miranda, Nolan Shaheed, Sonship Theus, and Steve Cotter performing several selections of Mingus' most influential and memorable music compositions.

Mingus' concern for social events during his life and his influence on other art forms will be remembered through individual testimonials by friends and fellow artists, a photo and memorabilia exhibition, and a multi-media presentation of his life.

Mingus' passion for teaching young people and preserving the heritage of jazz will be celebrated by students from DCA's Music LA program. This gala evening will also include special guests and presentations, with a reception to follow.

Music LA Program Student Performance

DCA is proud to partner with Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa and The Walt Disney Company, Title Sponsor of Music LA and the City's Heritage Month Celebrations, to provide free music classes focusing on the repertoire of Charles Mingus to students aged 6 to 18. Classes were offered during African American Heritage Month at Art in the Park, the William Grant Still Arts Center, and the Los Angeles Jazz Society. Students will perform selections learned during these sessions.

Music LA, an initiative of the Department of Cultural Affairs, is a citywide music education program for youth providing high quality music education instruction in areas of the City where few or no arts education programs exist.

Tribute to Mingus Band

Conducted by James Newton (Flute) with Roberto Miranda (Bass), Bennie Maupin (Tenor Sax), Steve Cotter (Guitar), Nolan Shaheed (Trumpet), and Sonship Theus (Drums).*

* Tribute band line-up subject to change

Date:	Friday, May 1, 2009
Times:	6:30 p.m. - Pre-Performance Reception and Charles Mingus Exhibition 8:00 p.m. - Concert
Location:	Nate Holden Performing Arts Center 4718 West Washington Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90019
Cost:	\$25
To Purchase Tickets:	Inglewood Tickets 128 South Market Street Inglewood, CA 90301 320.671.6400 or 800.671.SEAT inglewoodtickets.com
Information:	James Burks Email: jvburks@earthlink.net Phone: 213.202.5508
Honorary Gala Hosts:	Geoffrey Holder and Carmen de Lavallade
Concert Host:	Bubba Jackson
Presented By:	The Honorable Herb Wesson, Councilman 10th District