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Portraits from the Golden Age of Jazz **at the Main Library February 23-March 29**

Portraits from the Golden Age of Jazz - Journey back to a time that lives today through photographs by William P. Gottlieb. His images of jazz greats (such as Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday, Charlie Parker, and Stan Kenton) have been widely published in magazines, books, and posters, as well as on 250 album and CD covers, and have appeared in television documentaries and in major motion pictures. As part of a traveling exhibition, *Portraits from the Golden Age of Jazz*, over 70 of Mr. Gottlieb's photographs will be on view in the Main Library Atrium, 800 Vine Street, from February 23 - March 29.

During the 1930s and 1940s, Mr. Gottlieb photographed the contemporary jazz scene to illustrate his columns in *The Washington Post*, *Down Beat Magazine*, and other publications. The photographic negatives were stored for more than 30 years until his retirement in 1979, when he began printing the negatives. The rest became history. Now one of the most honored jazz photographers of the "golden age of jazz," Mr. Gottlieb's images have become historically significant. In 1995, the Library of Congress acquired the photographs, which, according to the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, "...transcend mere documentation. They provide a dramatic, mood-inducing setting. All that's missing is the music."

RELATED PROGRAMS

Jazz Performance & Discussion – Local jazz musician Phil DeGreg will present *Spur of the Moment: The Art of Jazz Improvisation*, a discussion on what jazz musicians do when they improvise on Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library's Atrium. Following the discussion, Mr. DeGreg, who teaches jazz piano at the College–Conservatory of Music and once toured with Woody Herman's Thundering Herd, will perform as part of a jazz quartet. For the last 10 years, he has served as the house pianist at Cincinnati's Blue Wisp Jazz Club, accompanying visiting artists on weekends.

Golden Age of Jazz with Oscar Treadwell: Oscar Treadwell, host of Jazz with O.T. on WVXU-FM, will lead a discussion on the *Golden Age of Jazz* in the Main Library's Atrium on Saturday, March 4 at 2:00 p.m.

ABOUT OSCAR TREADWELL: Mr. Treadwell's career as a radio personality dates from 1947. His concentration in jazz led to friendships with many jazz luminaries including Dave Brubeck, Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, many who immortalized him in music. First came Wardell Grey's "Treadin with Treadwell." Then, Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie created "An Oscar for Treadwell" in honor of their friend. – **more** –

Thelonious Monk followed suit with “Osk T.” OT moved to Cincinnati in 1960, and has been a legend ever since. In 1993, Mr. Treadwell donated 308 reel-to-reel taped broadcasts of his popular jazz program, “Jazz with O.T.,” which aired over WGUC from 1975-1985. In 1994, most of these tapes were transferred to audiocassette. The resulting 258 audiocassettes feature seminal jazz musicians of the 20th century, such as Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Red Garner, Louis Armstrong, along with Oscar Treadwell’s commentary. In the late 1990s, Mr. Treadwell donated an additional 48 digital audiotapes (DATs) of his program.

EXHIBIT HOURS:

Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday: 9:00-6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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