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Celebrating His 80th Birthday

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On May 16, 2002 at The Town Hall, New York City, tribute will be paid to legendary trombonist Eddie Bert on the occasion of his 80th Birthday. The concert will feature Eddie Bert himself with the George

Gee All-Star Jazz Orchestra under musical direction of Walt Szymanski, and with many special guests to be announced.

This will be a Town Hall homecoming for Eddie: In 1945 he played in a Red Norvo concert at Town Hall which also was recorded. bHe also played and recorded at Town Hall at the historic concerts of Charles Mingus and Thelonious Monk.

In his 62-year career, which is still going strong, Eddie moved back and forth between the big swing bands and the be bop bands and groups. Eddie was named Musician of the Year by Metronome in 1955.

Eddie's first professional performances were with Sam Donahue in 1940 and then Red Norvo's band. Since then, Eddie has been ubiquitous in jazz including being a member of the bands of Mingus, Monk, Stan Kenton, Bill Finegan, Charlie Barnet, Woody Herman, Charlie Parker, Benny Goodman, Thad Jones/Mel Lewis, Bobby Short, Lionel Hampton, just to name a few.

Eddie appears on hundreds of recordings with those bands and as a sideman in other bands like Tito Puente's.

Eddie is still going strong and touring worldwide. He just returned from a tour with the Duke Ellington Orchestra in Roumania and spent a week at the Zurich Festival with the Gee Band this past June. He appears regularly with Bobby Short's band.

Eddie Bert's career is a virtual history of jazz. His photographs are a treasure trove for jazz historians. In his well-known notebooks, he has recorded the members of the bands of all of his performances and recordings from 1940 to the present. He also has an archive of acetates he and his wife Mollie recorded in the forties.

For the Town Hall tribute evening, the Gee All Star Orchestra will include Lance Bryant Tenor Sax and Co-Musical Director, Charles Stephens Trombone, Eddie Pazant Alto Sax, Willard Dyson Drums, Jon Cowherd Piano, Daryl Hall Bass, Jack Jeffers Bass Trombone, Alex Harding Baritone Sax, Mark Gross Alto Sax, Derrick Gardner Trumpet, Vincent Gardner Trombone, Steve Wiseman Trumpet, Carla Cook Vocalist and many others.

This concert is being organized by The Friends of Eddie Bert.

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