

AN INVITATION

THE WASHINGTON, D.C. DUKE ELLINGTON SOCIETY, CHAPTER 90
and
THE 1989 INTERNATIONAL DUKE ELLINGTON CONFERENCE

Welcome you to the Dedication
of the Birth Site of
EDWARD KENNEDY 'DUKE' ELLINGTON
2129 Ward Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C.



April 29, 1989

10:00 a.m.



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PROGRAM

MUSIC

INVOCATION

COMMENTS

Members of the Ellington Alumni

UNVEILING OF THE ELLINGTON PLAQUE

ULYSSES G. AUGER

COMMENTS

Members of the Ellington Conference

CONCLUDING REMARKS

MUSIC

Music by the Jazz Ensemble of the Department of Music,
University of the District of Columbia

(Inscription on
plaque)

2129 Ward Place, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Birth Site of

DUKE ELLINGTON

April 29, 1899 - May 24, 1974

Edward Kennedy Ellington, a native of Washington, D.C., was America's preeminent composer, musical innovator, orchestrator, and pianist. His unique and elegant musical style provided the wonderfully imaginative harmonies and richly textured arrangements that characterize both his solo piano performances and his orchestrations.

We the beneficiaries of Duke Ellington's great musical legacy are honored to participate in the celebration of his life and works.

Dedicated by

The Duke Ellington Commemorative Committee For The Duke
Ellington International Festival

April 29, 1987

Sponsored

The District of Columbia Commission on the Arts and Humanities
Government of the District of Columbia

Marion Barry, Jr., Mayor

FELIX GRANT-WDCU-FM-JAZZ 90
Coordinator of Events

In discussing Duke Ellington one night in 1972 on my radio program, a listener informed me she knew where Duke was born. This was further confirmed by research in Boyd's Directory of Washington, D.C. indicating the Ellington family lived at 2129 Ward Place, N.W. in 1899. This was corroborated when I applied for and received a notarized copy of Duke's birth certificate indicating he was born on that site on April 29, 1899, the son of Daisy and James Ellington.

Inspired by these facts, I pursued the idea of having an historic marker placed on 2129 Ward Place, NW site to honor this elegant musical genius - one of the most important people in the history and development of American music. Following discussions with several interested people in 1986, The Duke Ellington Commemorative Committee For The Duke Ellington International Festival was formed. April 1987 was designated as Duke's month and the month-long festival culminated in the unveiling and dedication of a commemorative plaque. Now the plaque is in place on a building owned by Ulysses 'Blackie' Auger, located behind Blackie's House of Beef. Mr. Auger not only agreed to install the plaque, but also to name the building 'The Duke Ellington Building'. We salute and thank Mr. Auger for honoring Duke on the Ninetieth Anniversary of his birth.

The Washington, DC Duke Ellington Society, Chapter 90, and The 1989 International Duke Ellington Conference wish to thank all of you for your participation in the dedication activities.

THANK YOU DUKE --- WE WILL ALWAYS --- LOVE YOU MADLY!

PLEASE JOIN US
FOR THE DEDICATION ACTIVITIES
OF DUKE ELLINGTON'S BIRTH SITE

* AT 2129 WARD PLACE, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1989 — 10:00 a.m.

(* Rear of Blackie's House of Beef 22nd and M Streets, NW)