

KEEP YOUR MOJO WORKIN'...JOIN US ON FOURTH MONDAYS MONTHLY!!

BILL COLEMAN & FRIENDS PAY TRIBUTE TO WES MONTGOMERY



The Mystic Order of the Jazz Obsessed (MOJO) is excited to bring you another spectacular live jazz celebration, as BILL COLEMAN & FRIENDS pay tribute to the legendary Wes Montgomery! Acclaimed as one of the most influential jazz guitarists in recent history, Montgomery was known for his unusual technique of plucking the strings with the side of his thumb and for his extensive use of octaves, which gave him a distinctive sound. Montgomery's recordings up to 1965 were oriented toward hard bop, soul jazz, and post bop, but around 1965 he began recording more pop-oriented instrumental albums that found mainstream success. His later guitar style influenced jazz fusion and smooth jazz.

Popular local guitarist, Bill Coleman, along with drummer Warren Wilson and bassist Dave Wells, will honor this tradition with a tribute concert you won't want to miss! Join us this coming Monday night, March 23rd for one incredible live jazz experience. Plan to arrive at 5:30 p.m. for "Happy Hour with Curly" at The Outsider Bar. Doors open at 6 p.m., with the concert to commence at 6:30 p.m. It all goes down at "Carmen's Club" (a.k.a., Cedar Street Social Club, 522 Dauphin Street in downtown Mobile, AL). Tickets are selling fast, so be sure to get yours today at mojojazz.org!

MOJO Jazz Jambalaya
Proudly presents
The
BILL COLEMAN
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TRIBUTE TO THE LEGENDARY
WES MONTGOMERY

Monday, March 23, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.
CARMEN'S CLUB
522 Dauphin Street in Mobile, AL

Alabama State Council on the Arts
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**"Slow down, 'cause where you're going
is gonna be there when you get there...
and nothing happens until you get there, baby!
Str8 ahead!!**

**Carmen Brown, Legendary Broadcaster
& MOJO Muse, 1947-2023**



👉 The MOJO Member Exclusive 👈 170 Members Strong & Still Swinging!

Welcome to the inner circle! Being a MOJO member isn't just about the music—it's about the access. Here is what's hitting the high notes on your 2026 calendar:

⚡ The Fast Track: Beat the Rush!

Don't wait in line while the music is playing. From intermission until the final note of the Bill Coleman show, our online ticket window for the April 27 Jazz Jambalaya will open exclusively for members in attendance.

- Pro Tip: Keep those phones charged and snag your seats before the general public! 📱

📅 Save the Dates

We've got a soulful year ahead. Mark your calendars for these headliners:

- May 25 (Memorial Day): A special MOJO Member evening. Stay tuned—exclusive details are dropping soon!

- September 28: The Big One. Our MOJO 25th Anniversary Event. You definitely don't want to miss this milestone.

- December 28: The Grand Finale. We're hosting a special New Year's Party to swing our way into 2027.



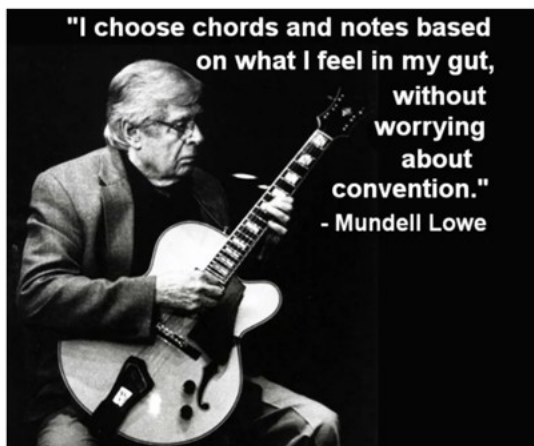
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🏠 Member Perk: Catt's Crib

Remember, Catt's Crib is available for member reservations. It's the perfect way to elevate your MOJO experience. Reserve Online at mojojazz.org today!

🎵 Get the Full Score

Visit mojojazz.org/jambalaya to check out the complete 2026 lineup of MOJO's Jazz Jambalayas (and scroll to the bottom for the full program).



"I choose chords and notes based on what I feel in my gut, without worrying about convention."
- Mundell Lowe

The Jazz Studio: A Program of Excelsior Band Preservation, Inc., invites you to its 11th Annual Musical Tribute concert on March 26th at 5:30 p.m. in Bernheim Hall at Ben May Main Library in downtown Mobile, AL (a pre-Jazz Appreciation Month celebration)! A dynamic group of local youth musicians will perform iconic jazz standards, as directed by Hosea London, Sr. You won't want to miss it! A light reception follows. The event is free, donations are welcome. Visit excelsiorbandpreservation.org for more information.

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Excelsior Band Preservation, Inc., invites you to its upcoming "Spirit Night" at Dave & Buster's in Mobile. The event requires admission tickets to Dave & Buster's, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit EBP. Visit excelsiorbandpreservation.org for information.

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Join us for "SPIRIT NIGHT" at Dave & Buster's as The Excelsior Band Preservation host this fundraiser event.

**TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2026
5:00-9:00 PM**

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The EBP will earn 20% of all sales with the exception of alcohol.

Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month with the Gulf Coast Ethnic & Heritage Jazz Festival organizers and friends! Mark your calendar for Friday, April 17th, from 7-9 p.m., for a special jazz jam session featuring renowned, crowd-pleasing artists, Leonard Houston and Mobile's iconic Excelsior Band! Kazoola's Eatery & Entertainment will set the stage for this exciting night of live jazz! Tickets are just \$20 at the door.

Thank You!

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DID YOU KNOW...

March holds a significant place in jazz history, characterized by key birthdays, landmark recording sessions, and a focus on the contributions of women in the genre during Women's History Month.

Key Historical Events in March

- Births of Jazz Icons: Several foundational jazz artists were born in March, including blues singer Bessie Smith (March 15, 1894), bassist/composer Charles Mingus (March 12, 1922), trombonist Benny Green (March 12, 1923), and multi-instrumentalist Rahsaan Roland Kirk (March 13, 1935).
- Recording Milestones:
 - 1957: Coleman Hawkins recorded *The Hawk Flies High*.
 - 1961: Cannonball Adderley and Bill Evans recorded *What I Mean?*, and Miles Davis recorded *In Person: Saturday Night At the Blackhawk*.
 - 1964: The Great Concert of Charles Mingus was recorded in Paris.
 - 1977: Mary Lou Williams and Cecil Taylor recorded *Embraced* at Carnegie Hall.
- Women's History Month in Jazz: March is used to highlight pioneering women in jazz, such as Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Mary Lou Williams, and Alice Coltrane, reflecting on their roles as innovators rather than just singers.

"March" as a Musical Foundation

In the context of the *origins* of jazz, the word "march" refers to the musical style that heavily influenced early New Orleans jazz music rising at Tulane.

- Brass Band Influence: Early jazz (c. 1895) grew out of the marching bands in New Orleans, which utilized European military instruments like trumpets, clarinets, trombones, and tubas.
- Hybrid Genre: Jazz is a blend of ragtime, blues, and military march music.
- Funeral Tradition: New Orleans brass bands would play slow marches for funerals, followed by upbeat tunes after the interment.

Notable March Birthdays & Events (According to Today in Jazz History):

- March 12, 1922: Charles Mingus born.
- March 12, 1923: Tito Puente born.
- March 15, 1894: Bessie Smith born.
- March 13, 1941: Sidney Bechet records "Sheik of Araby" as a one-man band.