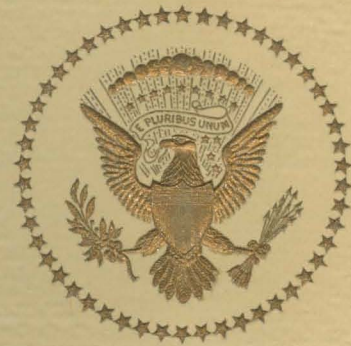


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BILLY TAYLOR

has earned world fame as both a composer and a performer of jazz. As a pianist, composer, lecturer and radio and television personality, he is one of the best-known and most effective exponents of this uniquely American art form.

Born in Greenville, North Carolina, Mr. Taylor received his first musical training at the age of seven in Washington, D.C. He subsequently graduated from Virginia State College which later bestowed a Doctorate of Music on him.

Two days after his graduation from college, Billy Taylor launched his professional music career with the Ben Webster Quartet. Since

then he has gone on from triumph to triumph in the performing field and also managed to find the time to compose three hundred songs and write twelve books.

Mr. Taylor is currently Musical Conductor for National Educational Television's *Black Journal* and writes special material for two popular children's television programs, *Sesame Street* and *The Electric Company*. He also serves in various leadership capacities with the National Council on the Arts, the Newport Jazz Festival, the Harlem Cultural Council, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, and is President of Jazzmobile, a group that provides free concerts to culturally deprived areas.

BILLY TAYLOR TRIO

BILLY TAYLOR, *piano*

LARRY RIDLEY, *bass violin*

ROBERT C. THOMAS, *drums*

