

# 2023 JAMES MOODY JAZZ SCHOLARSHIP FOR NEW JERSEY

## IMPORTANT DATES

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

April 28, 2023

### AWARD NOTIFICATION:

May 2023

### AWARD CEREMONY:

September 9 @ Montclair Jazz Festival

## ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The 9th annual **James Moody Jazz Scholarship for New Jersey**, will recognize an outstanding high school senior who embodies the qualities that NEA Jazz Master James Moody expressed through his life and music. The scholarship seeks to foster the qualities of this jazz icon — musicianship, creativity, leadership and community involvement.

## ABOUT JAZZ HOUSE KIDS®

Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, JAZZ HOUSE **KIDS** transforms lives using the power and legacy of jazz through world-class education and performances that create avenues of access, learning, career development and community building. The organization and its students have received more than 135 awards and honors for excellence in jazz and jazz education. The JAZZ HOUSE produces over 350 free public concerts per year to audiences close to 100,000, including the organization's far-reaching cultural signature program, the award-winning MONTCLAIR JAZZ FESTIVAL, the largest free jazz festival in the NYC area, attracting more than 25,000 attendees to Downtown Montclair each year.

### ADMINISTRATOR:



## SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

**LINDA MOODY** is steward of the legacy of NEA Jazz Master James Moody and recognizes the importance of music education through financial assistance.

**CHRISTIAN McBRIDE** is a 8x GRAMMY Award-winner, bassist and one of the most omnipresent and important figures in the jazz world in the last 25 years. McBride is Artistic Director of the Newport Jazz Festival and JAZZ HOUSE **KIDS**.

Saxophonist **MARK GROSS** has toured the world with Dizzy Gillespie, Charles Mingus Big Band, Freddie Hubbard, Duke Ellington Orchestra, Nancy Wilson, James Moody, and many more. He has also appeared on Broadway and films.

**TED CHUBB** is Vice President, Jazz Education + Associate Producer at the JAZZ HOUSE, trumpet professor at Princeton University, and Artistic Director of The Statuary. Chubb has led performance tours and education programs across the US and worldwide.

Trumpeter **NATHAN EKLUND** has performed with the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Mingus Big Band, Roy Hargrove Big Band, and Phil Woods Festival Orchestra, among others. Director of the award-winning JAZZ HOUSE Big Band and teaching artist, he also teaches at New Jersey City University.

**RENEE ROSNES** is one of the premier pianists and composers of her generation, and has recorded and toured with many jazz greats. In 1989, James Moody hired her for his quartet, and she remained a member of his band until his passing in 2010.

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# LINDA MOODY + JAZZ HOUSE KIDS ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THE 2023 JAMES MOODY JAZZ SCHOLARSHIP FOR NEW JERSEY

Honoring the life of Newark native NEA Jazz Master  
**JAMES MOODY**



## RECORDING REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

1. Required: **Billie's Bounce** (key: F)
  - Backing Track: Jamey Aebersold Volume 6 "All Bird"
  - <https://www.amazon.com/News-the-Time-Billies-Bounce/dp/B00C68G3DW>
2. Choose one additional tune from these selections:
  - **There Will Never Be Another You** (key: Eb)
    - Backing Track: Jamey Aebersold Volume 44 "Autumn Leaves"
    - <https://www.amazon.com/There-Will-Never-Another-You/dp/B007THHNHU>
  - **Lady Bird** (key: C)
    - Backing Track: Jamey Aebersold Volume 36 "Bebop and Beyond"
    - <https://www.amazon.com/Lady-Bird/dp/B007TFYQ4A>
  - **All The Things You Are** (key: Ab)
    - Backing Track: Jamey Aebersold Volume 43 "Groovin' High"
    - <https://www.amazon.com/All-The-Things-You-Are/dp/B007THFO58>

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS?

[scholarship@jazzhousekids.org](mailto:scholarship@jazzhousekids.org)

or 973-744-2273

This scholarship would be an immense source of pride for Moody. He fondly recalled growing up in Newark and was always thrilled when he could provide aspiring musicians with the resources he never had. Moody's enormous presence will always be with us.

*Linda Moody*

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- GPA of 2.5 or higher strongly preferred
- Graduating senior (2023) in the State of New Jersey
- Strong musical aptitude
- Student will be pursuing a bachelor's degree in Jazz Studies at a college/university within the United States
- Demonstrated financial need

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION DETAILS

All materials must be submitted electronically via email to: [scholarship@jazzhousekids.org](mailto:scholarship@jazzhousekids.org).

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Each submission must include:

- Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA
- College Letter of Acceptance
- Financial aid letter from college attending in Fall of 2023
- Official high school transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a current music teacher
- Contact information (name, telephone, email) for two personal references
- A short essay (300 words maximum) on the subject "How has jazz changed your life and how can you use it to make a positive contribution to your community?"
- Proof of community service (for example, a letter from a supervisor or volunteer coordinator)

Applicants must also submit a link to a YouTube video performance of two of the selections listed. Each video should be no longer than 3-4 minutes in duration. Applicants are required to play "Billie's Bounce," plus one additional tune from the selections. Students should play the melody followed by two improvised choruses on a standard or three on the blues, followed by the melody out. Learn about uploading the video at <https://support.google.com/youtube>

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

**\$10,000 + Professional Level Instrument**

- \$10,000 (lump sum) award is paid directly to the college or university where the winner will attend
- Professional level instrument, donated by RS Berkeley Musical Instruments (woodwind and brass players only)
- Non-renewable, one-time per student
- Must be used toward tuition only

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## ABOUT JAMES MOODY

Born in Georgia in 1925 and raised in Newark, New Jersey, James Moody took up the alto saxophone at age 16. After serving in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, Moody joined Dizzy Gillespie's influential bebop big band. Moody's now legendary 16-bar solo on Gillespie's "Emanon" alerted jazz fans to an emerging world-class soloist. He made his recording debut as a leader (James Moody and His Bebop Men), using players from the Gillespie band. In addition to being inducted into the International Jazz Hall of Fame in 1996, Moody was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Florida Memorial College; the prestigious Jazz Masters Fellowship Award granted by the National Endowment for the Arts; an Honorary Doctorate of Music from the Berklee College of Music; and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts Living Jazz Legend Award. In 2001 "Moody's Mood for Love" was inducted into the GRAMMY Hall of Fame "honoring recordings of lasting, qualitative or historical significance."



*James Moody*