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Birthplace of Art Farmer and Addison Farmer

featuring

The Art Farmer Reunion Quintet

The Bobby Watson Quintet

Dave Stryker

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August 16, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Contributions of Art and Addison Farmer

Looft Hall - Iowa Western Community College

Panelists consisting of speakers, dignitaries, and musicians will host seminars covering topics including Art and Addison growing up in the 1930's, their early family life in Council Bluffs and Phoenix, their ascent to becoming popular jazz musicians and jazz educators. Hosts for this panel will be **Lynne Mueller** of New York City, who is a leader of the **Duke Ellington Society** and was Art Farmer's partner and manager, **Mauvelene (Farmer) Thomas**, Art and Addison's sister, now a retired school administrator living in Tucson, Arizona.

Musicians Jimmy Owens, Ron Blake and Bobby Watson are scheduled to discuss topics about Art and Addison from a musician's standpoint. There will be a small combo to host an informal jam session and the film "**A Great Day in Harlem**" is planned to be shown and discussed.

Free will donation.

Art and Addison Farmer were two of the most respected jazz musicians in America and Europe. The twin brothers were born in Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1928 to a musical family.

Though Addison died in 1963 of a brain aneurysm, he made his mark as a respected bassist playing in Los Angeles with Miles Davis and Charlie Parker. A graduate of Julliard School of Music, Addison later played with Teddy Edwards, Jay McShann and Gerald Wilson before moving to New York to work with his brother Art, Stan Getz, and other notable New York Jazz musicians. He was an original member of the famous Farmer-Golson Jazztet, which was formed by his brother Art, and saxophonist Benny Golson.

Twin brother Art enjoyed a long respected jazz career that lasted about 50 years before he died of a heart attack in New York City at the age of 71. Art Farmer was an eloquent jazz musician who was a master of the trumpet, flugelhorn and an instrument of his own creation and developed by David Monet called the "flumpet", which was sort of a hybrid flugelhorn and trumpet.

Art practiced his trumpet diligently all of his life and was a very versatile musician. His playing was characterized by a sweetly lyrical tone and a melodic approach to phrasing. Art was an excellent reader and improviser. These skills enabled him to play with big bands and small groups of various kinds from Horace Silver, Lionel Hampton and Gerry Mulligan to Art Blakey.

August 17, 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The Art and Addison Farmer Memorial Jazz Festival

Lake Manawa, North Shore

The **Bluffs Big Band** featuring **Matt Wallace**, **Dan Knight** and **Camille Schmidt** will kick off the event followed by Kansas City's acclaimed alto saxophonist, **Bobby Watson** and his Kansas City Quintet. The Des Moines based Jazz/Latin group, **Ahsanti** will add a Caribbean spice to the mix followed by the driving "post bop" sounds of guitarist, **Dave Stryker**. If that's not enough, the festival will feature an "All Star" Art Farmer Reunion Quintet featuring Art's former musicians, who have since become international stars in their own right.

The group includes:

- **Geoff Keezer**, piano
- **Ron Blake**, saxophone
- **Jimmy Owens**, trumpet
- **Kenny Davis**, bass
- **Lewis Nash**, drums

The festival is for everyone and will be *family friendly*. Security will be tight and no alcohol will be sold. Pack up your favorite lawn chair, picnic blanket or whatever and head to the beach. Come hungry and be ready to be *Struttin' With Some Great Barbeque!*

Admission \$10 per car, \$5 per walk through (No advance tickets).

TWO GREAT JAZZ MUSICIANS

A concert honoring his lifetime musical achievements was given in the Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center in 1994. Many jazz musicians, including Wynton Marsalis and Gerry Mulligan, paid him special tribute.

One of Arts last performances included a concert on April 28, 1999 at the American Embassy in Vienna, Austria where he performed with his long time Austrian pianist, Fritz Pauer, in celebration of the 100th birthday of his favorite composer, Duke Ellington.

Council Bluffs is very proud of the many accomplishments of the Farmer twins.

