

Jazz City

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For the average jazz fan in Edmonton, Jazz City '83 is the highlight of the musical year. This year's festival featured many established greats and several faces newer to Edmonton audiences. The 'fresh blood' at this year's festival helped to make the 4th Annual International Jazz Festival an overall success. Among the musicians themselves the festival is considered to be one of the major events in Canadian jazz.

Concerts by the Art Ensemble of Chicago, The Timeless Allstars, Anthony Braxton and Dave Holland, and Betty Carter were just some of the highlights. New faces which helped add a different flavour to this year's festival were Alive! Loek Dikker, Franco D'Andrea, Time Warp and United Front.

One of the most important aspects of Jazz City is that it helps to inject a little enthusiasm into the local Jazz scene. The festival was a great opportunity for some lesser known local bands to play each noon hour in Sir Winsotn Churchill Square. The Alberta Jazz Repertory Orchestra (AJRO) also got some exposure playing an evening concert. In the clubs many local musicians had the chance to play with some of the bigger names

We hope these photos give you some idea of the musical moments which occurred at this year's Jazz City Festival.

Above: Dizzie Gillespie

Left: Buddy Tate

Right: Betty Carter

Below: Don Moye of the Art Ensemble

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