

Resolution



CITY OF SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

City Council

COUNCIL MEMBER ALLEN/BLANCHARD/ BRUCKER / offered the following:
DELLA SALA/ERIKSON/KING/McCARTHY

A Resolution Proclaiming April 15, 2011 as Butch Conn - A Place for Jazz Day in the City of Schenectady

WHEREAS, Bernard Z. "Butch" Conn (9/25/1940 – 8/22/2005), a dedicated and visionary supporter of Jazz in 1987 founded and served as the tireless volunteer leader until 2005 of A Place for Jazz, a unique and valuable non-profit organization that has played an unparalleled role in promoting arts & culture in our community for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, A Place For Jazz is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Jazz, America's original art form. through presenting at least five concerts annually for 25 years with world-class Jazz artists, as well free workshops, school-based clinics & other youth & community events; and

WHEREAS, A Place For Jazz has advanced the appreciation, awareness and understanding of Jazz as a distinctive art form, by presenting enjoyable and impressive concerts to over 1,000 attendees annually in a very affordable, quietly focused, distraction-free venue; and

WHEREAS, A Place For Jazz in its 25 years of concerts has presented more than 130 Jazz bands, comprising more than 500 world-renowned artists, many of whom are internationally acclaimed legends, Downbeat Poll winners, Grammy nominated artists or outstanding Capital District local favorites; and

WHEREAS, A Place For Jazz, as a certified 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization, has been awarded many grants over the years in recognition of the value to the community of its work, by a wide range of private philanthropic foundations, corporate entities and governmental agencies, including Schenectady County Initiative Program (CIP) and the New York Council on the Arts (NYSICA), allowing their ticket prices (an average of \$15) to remain the lowest in the region for the top flight talent level presented;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Council pause in their deliberations to proclaim April 15, 2011 as Butch Conn - A Place For Jazz Day in the City of Schenectady, to commemorate the very special legacy of Butch Conn and the impressive accomplishments of all those in A Place For Jazz these past 25 years for bringing world-class artists performing this remarkable American art form to our city.

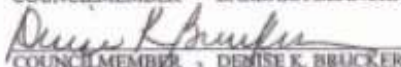
DATED April 11, 2011


CLERK OF THE COUNCIL - EILEEN M. VERSACI


ACTING MAYOR - GARY R. MCCARTHY


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