

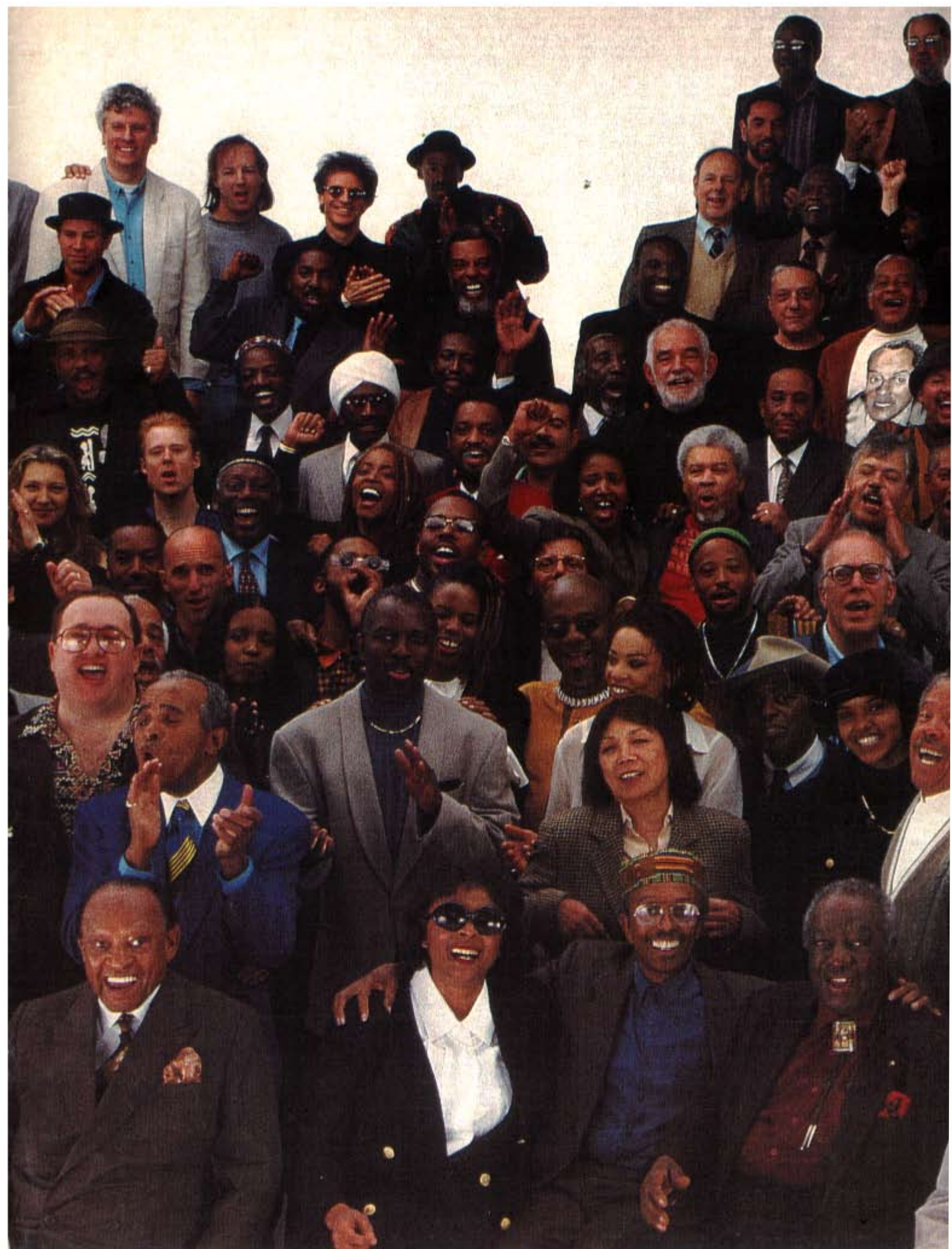
Real Big Band

LIFE invited 80 artists to the new Great Day, but word travels fast and far in the jazz community: 156 musicians showed up. They ranged in age from 93-year-old saxophonist Benny Waters (No. 1 in the key on page 71), who played with jazz patriarch King Oliver in the 1920s, to 14-year-old pianist Sergio Salvatore (No. 129), who recorded his first CD when he was 11. There were more women present than in 1959, and this time there were musicians born in Brazil, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, England, Germany, Israel, Japan and Scotland. But ultimately these were just variations on a theme—new notes, improvisations, tangents off the uniquely American melody of jazz.

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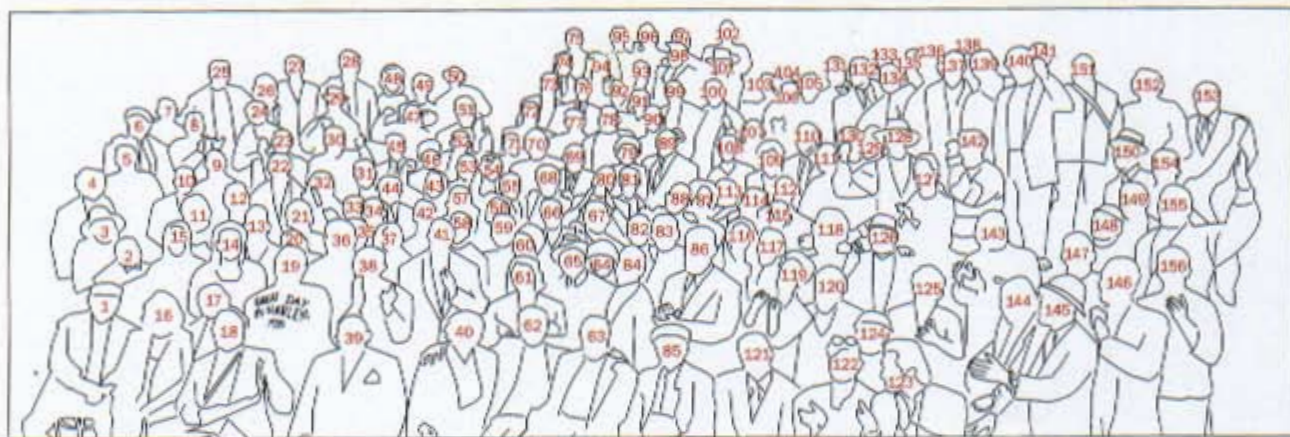
The jazz life, today as in 1959, means constant travel, which means that friends rarely get to see one another. But, as guitarist Mark Whitfield, 29, says, "The music itself is a community." As they gathered in a studio in Queens, the musicians engaged in round after round of robust embraces, startled looks, shouted greetings. The day before, Paris-based saxophonist Johnny Griffin had encountered pianist Hank Jones and exclaimed, "Baby, ain't you a sight for sore eyes!" Dave Brubeck, surrounded by old friends, couldn't get the smile off his face. Pianist James Williams said, "Usually we only have the chance to see each other at funerals." This event



Happy Reunion

The 74-year-old Brubeck (left) and singer Jon Hendricks, also 74, embodied the day's ritual: the renewal of friendships forged, and maintained, over the long, long years.

couldn't have been more different from a funeral: When Illinois Jacquet, who had brought his saxophone, began playing an easy-swinging version of his 1942 hit "Flying Home," the musicians started clapping and scatting along, the set started swaying—and LIFE staff photographer Joe McNally seized the spirit. Someone said that so much musical talent had never before gathered in a single room—and no one present could say that it was hyperbole. A second Great Day had come. □



The Key of Jazz

Here are the names that go with the faces inside.

- 1 Benny Waters
- 2 Miles Griffith
- 3 Horace Silver
- 4 Boss Townsend
- 5 Don Sickler
- 6 Hamid Mabem
- 7 Wesell Anderson
- 8 Charlie Haden
- 9 Greg Oby
- 10 Donald Harrison
- 11 Art Farmer
- 12 Kenny Davis
- 13 Charles Branst
- 14 Amy London
- 15 Tess Mansaks
- 16 Jane Janis
- 17 Mike Longo
- 18 Illinois Jacquet
- 19 Chubby Jackson
- 20 Cyrus Chestnut
- 21 Roni Ben-Hur
- 22 Ronnie Cuber
- 23 Antonio Hart
- 24 Joe Henderson

- 25 Mero Copland
- 26 Levi Stern
- 27 Michael Brecker
- 28 Herbil Mounkins
- 29 Ray Anderson
- 30 Roy Ayers
- 31 Bill Stewart
- 32 Eliane Elias
- 33 Lonnie Plaxco
- 34 Andy Narell
- 35 Benny Harris
- 36 Duffy Jackson
- 37 Tracy Wornworth
- 38 Jon Hendricks
- 39 Lionel Hampton
- 40 Valerie Capers
- 41 James Williams
- 42 Marc Cary
- 43 Cassandra Wilson
- 44 Rexxy Weston
- 45 Reggie Workman
- 46 Charles Lynton
- 47 Zane Massey
- 48 Bill Evans
- 49 David Sanborn

- 50 Marcus Miller
- 51 Harriet Bluet
- 52 John Hicks
- 53 Chico Freeman
- 54 Hilton Ruiz
- 55 Vanessa Rubin
- 56 Chick Corea
- 57 Christian McBride
- 58 Regina Carter
- 59 Ralph Peterson
- 60 Cindy Blackman
- 61 Toshiko Akiyoshi
- 62 Jimmy Heath
- 63 Milt Hinton
- 64 Terri Lyne Carrington
- 65 Roy Haynes
- 66 Winard Harper
- 67 Steve Kuhn
- 68 Frank Foster

- 69 Lou Donaldson
- 70 William Russo
- 71 Eddie Locke
- 72 Charrett Moffett
- 73 Dick Katz
- 74 Mike LeDonne
- 75 LeRoy Williams
- 76 Hank Jones
- 77 Tomie Zito
- 78 Johnny Parker
- 79 Jackie McLean
- 80 Ray Mantilla
- 81 Gary Bartz
- 82 Pat Martino
- 83 Al Jeanou
- 84 Johnny Griffin
- 85 Doc Cheatham
- 86 Lew Tabackin
- 87 Bobby Watson

- 88 Don Braden
- 89 Abraham Burton
- 90 Michael Weiss
- 91 Helen Merrill
- 92 Abbey Lincoln
- 93 Virginia Mayhew
- 94 Earl May
- 95 Cecil Bridgewater
- 96 Michael Wolf
- 97 Dave Samuels
- 98 Mulgrew Miller
- 99 Don Byron
- 100 Akira Tana
- 101 Pequito D'Rivers
- 102 Ronald Westray
- 103 Ron Carter
- 104 Wycliffe Gordon
- 105 Wayne Shorter
- 106 Rachel Z

- 107 Steve Turre
- 108 Fareed Haque
- 109 Marian McPartland
- 110 Dave Brubeck
- 111 James Moody
- 112 Craig Handy
- 113 Bill Saxton
- 114 Terence Blanchard
- 115 David Sánchez
- 116 Jeanie Bryson
- 117 Thomas Chapin
- 118 Rufus Reid
- 119 Jane Ira Bloom
- 120 Gerry Mulligan
- 121 Panama Francis
- 122 Holly Cole
- 123 Ivo Perelman
- 124 Joe Temperley
- 125 George Mraz
- 126 Nat Adlerley
- 127 Troy Davis
- 128 T.S. Monk
- 129 Sergio Sautere
- 130 Tom Scott
- 131 Alan Yeans

- 132 Victor Gones
- 133 Javon Jackson
- 134 Eric Reed
- 135 Wynton Marsalis
- 136 Herlin Riley
- 137 Lonnie Harris II
- 138 Kenny Barron
- 139 Mark Whitfield
- 140 Marcus Printup
- 141 Kevin Mahogany
- 142 Eli Fountain
- 143 Carl Allen
- 144 George Wein
- 145 Al Grey
- 146 George Garzone
- 147 Pete LaRocca Sims
- 148 Phil Woods
- 149 Mike Manieri
- 150 Arley Farber
- 151 Ray Drummond
- 152 Bob Belben
- 153 Maces Parker
- 154 Howard Alden
- 155 Jon Faddis
- 156 Jon Gordon

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