

Jazz Echoes

Rubber City Jazz & Blues Festival's
Gala of Giving

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Open Tone Music's Rubber City Jazz & Blues Festival is eagerly preparing for the inaugural Jazz Echoes RCJBF Gala of Giving. The event will be held at House Three Thirty, Saturday, June 8, 2024, 6:00PM-10:00PM. By attending Jazz Echoes 2024, you are not only supporting the festival, but you are also contributing to the betterment of our community through continued programming in musical education, enriching minds through Akron's forgotten jazz and blues history, and engaging artists by platforming local talent. Additionally, the Jazz Echoes 2024 promises to be a night filled with entertainment, delicious food, and dancing, making it a memorable experience for all who attend.

Please return your completed sponsorship form via email or mail to:

Open Tone Music
Attn: RCJBF Gala
140 E Market St.
Akron, OH 44308
info@opentonemusic.org



Akron's Cultural Significance

Akron has a deep cultural heritage, rooted in Black musical traditions, that is often overshadowed by other, larger cities like New York, Chicago, and Detroit. In the early 20th century, as jazz and blues musicians began to flourish, Akron had a growing Black population as a result of the “great migration” of Black families escaping the Jim Crow south, moving north to find work in the city’s growing rubber industry. While the city remained deeply segregated, it also became known as a hub on the Midwest “jazz corridor,” or hub for some of the most revered jazz musicians of the 1930s to 1960s. Jazz clubs such as Silver Leaf, Rhythm Bar, and Green Turtle Hotel drew legendary artists such as Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Count Basie, and Louis Armstrong among many others. While segregation remained the norm in Akron, across Ohio, and nationally, music was a conduit for integration. Howard Street, the center of Akron’s music scene (also known as “Little Harlem” at the time), had both White- and Black-managed jazz clubs that drew crowds of all races.



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Akron, OH 44303**

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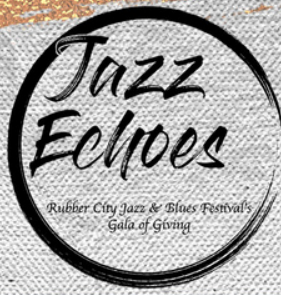


About Open Tone Music

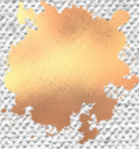
Open Tone Music has been committed to bringing music to students and families in Northeast Ohio. The mission focuses on providing access to premier music education and performance for all, with a focus on underserved communities that have been denied the benefits of the arts. Under the leadership of Founder and Executive Director Chris Anderson, the organization provides high quality music instruction and exploration, performance, and mentorship opportunities for youth ages 6 – 18 throughout Northeast Ohio. Open Tone Music has grown to provide programming in six Akron Area YMCA sites, Akron Public Schools, as well as expanding group and individual music lessons to Akron area middle and high school students in the Kenmore neighborhood. Partnerships with local artists, community organizations, school districts, and other arts organizations have helped to create diverse, year-round, in-person and virtual music education initiatives.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY LEVELS:

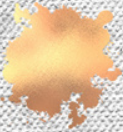


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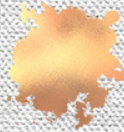
\$10,000
PRESENTING SPONSOR:

- 10 VIP admissions to the gala
- Prominent inclusion in outside media, social media, & web
- designated as Cabaret & Hometown Hall Presenting Sponsor on-site during gala
- opportunity to make brief remarks at the opening of the presentation
- Full color page ad in the gala program



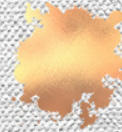
\$5,000
DIAMOND SPONSOR:

- 8 VIP admissions to the gala
- Inclusion in outside media, social media, & web
- Designated as one opening reception area Diamond Sponsor
- Full color page ad in the gala program



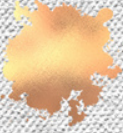
\$2,500
PLATINUM SPONSOR:

- 6 VIP admissions to the gala
- Inclusion in social media, web, and event signs
- Half-page color ad in event program



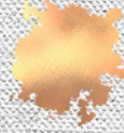
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GOLD SPONSOR:

- 4 VIP admissions to the gala
- Inclusion in social media, web, and event signs
- Quarter page color ad in the gala program



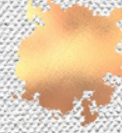
\$500
SILVER SPONSOR:

- 2 admissions to the gala
- Quarter-page color ad in event program



\$250
BRONZE SPONSOR:

- 1 admission to the gala
- Name listed in gala program



\$150
GENERAL ADMISSION:

- Enjoy music from a variety of artists, appetizers, open bar, wine pull, live auction, dinner stations, a brief presentation, desserts, & dancing

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