

Paying Tribute to The Innovation Jazz Combo

The Innovation Jazz Combo, is my favorite group of this musical genre, that I know has performed more than any other group of musicians at the North Star Coffee Station. Clearly, they enjoy the 'vibe' of performing on the Mills Brothers Stage, and are socially and culturally attuned to the honor of the musical genius of a people who historically have been recognized as having exclusively contributed their gift to this uniquely American musical style.

Their music gives way to individuality of mastering the play of their instruments but allows the listeners to appreciate even more the collective harmony of the group. It is impossible to sit still in their presence and audiences are often engaged in the rhythmic beat of The Innovation Jazz Combo through clapping their hands, stomping their feet, or voicing out their wonderment with the thought, of WOW!!! What are these guys doing here! Then as soon as you ponder your appreciation and gratitude for the guys performing their instrumental solos and applauding, the professional leadership style of Chris Braun, blowing his trumpet, Eddie Brookshire, plucking the strings on base, and the coolness of John Parcell on drums. But, wait for it! On to the stage suddenly appears the vocalists, Brenda Flowers, whose voice is her instrument and scat singing makes her unique to this group in this performance form that deservedly crowns her with the title of Queen of Scat, in the Miami Valley.

The Innovation Jazz Combo, show their appreciation of the audiences they perform in front of but they also benefit the communities by helping in fundraisers to uplift and validate their cultural support and social responsibilities in giving back to others. They also affirm your efforts to be a blessing to others and have shown their love on a personal level in dedicating the musical score of OWNERSHIP IDENTITY to me and the interpretive center of The Randolph & McCulloch Freedom's Struggle Complex which was an honor of personal legacy gifted to me on November 19th of 2022 that will live on forever. I love this group!!!