

WES AROUND TOWN

Celebrating 100 Years of

Wes Montgomery



WES MONTGOMERY

HIS LEGACY

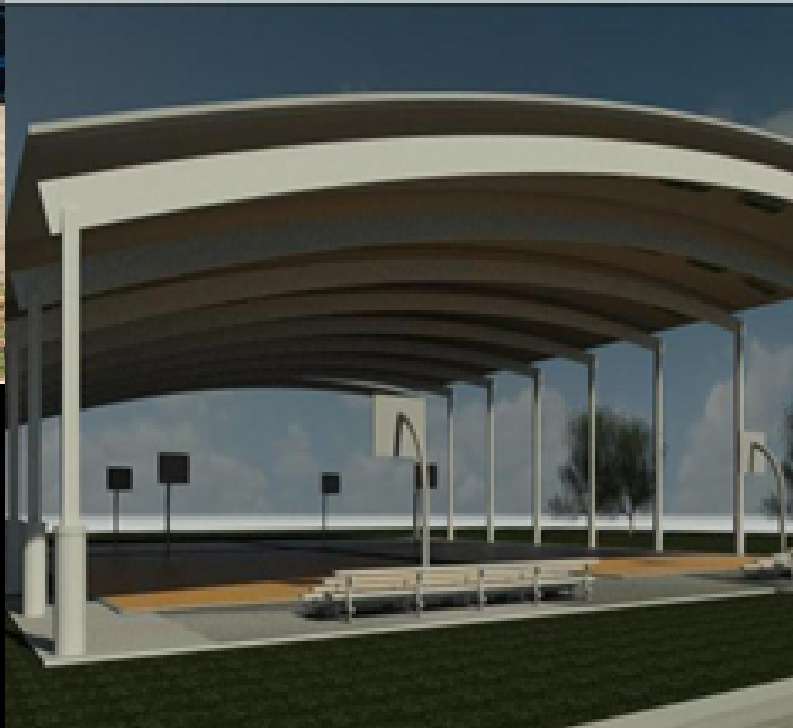


John Leslie (Wes) Montgomery, World Famous Jazz Guitarist and Composer was born in Indianapolis, IN on March 6, 1923 and died June 15, 1968. Wes was a self-taught musical genius, who developed his own sound using his thumb and mastering a style playing octaves. This unique talent set him apart in the industry and would become his signature trade mark. Since being a self-taught musician, this would allow for Wes to change the approach to the guitar and become a leader in every genre of music. Wes was known for his warm tones and the ability to make any song sound like his own. Wes Montgomery received a Grammy for *Going Out of My Head* (1966) and for *Willow Weep for Me* (1969), a Grammy Hall of Fame Award for *The Incredible Jazz Guitar of Wes Montgomery* (1998), and RIAA Gold Album for *A Day in the Life*. Wes Montgomery's uniqueness and brilliance is an inspiration to musicians both then and now, making him a symbol of Indiana history and Hoosier pride! Celebrate 100 years of Wes Montgomery by visiting remembrance places for him throughout the City of Indianapolis or events going on throughout the year.

CELEBRATE

Wes Montgomery

Check out some of the murals, parks, and events around Indianapolis that celebrate Wes Montgomery and his legacy.



WES MONTGOMERY PARK

Wes Montgomery Park was established in 1970. IndyParks named this park which is located at 3400 N. Hawthorne Lane with 37-acres that includes a spray park, basketball courts, public pool, swing sets, shelter house, and a greenspace area. From a bird's eye view the, the park looks like a guitar. Attached are pictures of the park and renderings of the new basketball court pavilion.



PORTRAIT OF WES MONTGOMERY AT CAPITAL GRILLE



PIECE AT HOTEL INDY

Indianapolis's downtown Hotel Indy, tribute portfolio hotel, features a unique piece of Montgomery. This piece was created by Casey Roberts and The Art Direction was "Icons of Indy".



MURAL ON INDIANA AVE AND CAPITOL STREET

You can find Wes Montgomery along with other Indy jazz artists in a mural located on Indiana Ave and Capitol Street. You can find the mural on the side of Musician's Repair & Sales. It was painted in 2012, as an addition to the city as part of Super Bowl XLVI planning. All of the artists painted are associated to the Indy jazz scene from the 1950's and 1960's.



GRAVE SITE AT NEW CROWN

The last home of Wes Montgomery was located in Butler-Tarkington. His funeral took place at Puritan Baptist Church while his final resting place is New Crown Cemetery, located at 2101 Churchman Ave.



INDIANAPOLIS CULTURAL TRAIL ART INSTALLATION: "TALKING WALL" AT IUPUI CAMPUS

African American artist Bernard Williams pays tribute to Montgomery in his outdoor art installation titled Talking Wall. In this piece, a collection of symbols are fused together to tell a story and promote discussion regarding African-American history within Indianapolis. The large guitar speaks to the story of Montgomery and the impact he made within Indy and the musical community.

CELEBRATE *Wes Montgomery*

"Wes Bound" Documentary

The Wes Montgomery documentary will premiere in March 2023 which will be coinciding with Montgomery's 100th birthday. Robert Montgomery, youngest son of Wes Montgomery, will be sharing reels of home movies for the film. Robert wants the documentary to shed light on his father's personal life to learn more about him and where his music came from. You can find the documentary on Local PBS stations. After the premier on WTIU, it will be available to stream on PBS Video starting February 27th. It will air again on March 5 and March 6 on the 100th anniversary of Wes Montgomery's birth.

THE CABARET MAY 13TH IN OUR OWN SWEET WAY

Honoring the Artistic Legacy of Wes Montgomery, September/October Jazz Fest will be celebrating Wes. In Our Own Sweet Way is a creative tribute honoring the life, legacy, and creative spirit of Indianapolis native, Wes Montgomery. The evening will feature a dynamic fusion of spoken word poetry, vocalese, and live jazz. Rob Dixon & the Indiana Jazz Collective are joined by spoken word artists Manon Voice, Bashiri Asad, and Lasana Kazembe to celebrate the music and living memory of one of the true pioneers and innovators of modern jazz music.

EVENTS CELEBRATING WES MONTGOMERY



FEBRUARY 25
4:30PM- 7PM

*Wes Montgomery tribute at
Art and Soul. Robert Coleman
will be the featured guitarist.*

FEBRUARY 26

*WTIU will premier Wes
Bound: The Genius of Wes
Montgomery.*

MARCH 11
7 & 9:30PM

*Wes @ 100 featuring the
Indianapolis Jazz Collective
The Jazz Kitchen*

MAY 13TH

*The Cabaret In Our Own
Street Way*

JULY 20TH
7PM
INDIANAPOLIS ARTS CENTER

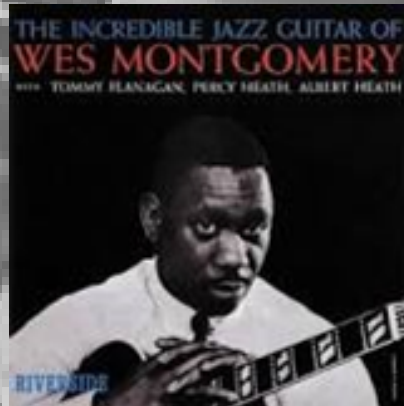
*Indy Jazz Foundation
presents Jazz at the Center:
Wes at 100 concert, Feat
the Indy Jazz Collective*

SEPTEMBER
26TH -28TH

*Week of Indy Jazz Fest
Wes at 100 events*

WES ALBUMS TO CHECK OUT!

The Incredible Jazz Guitar of Wes Montgomery



Fingerpickin'



Bumpin



Movin Wes



Boss Guitar

