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## **Expressions in Sound and Motion: Capturing the Dynamism of Jazz Performance**

**(Hartford, Connecticut)** As part of Greater Hartford Arts Council's Jazz Activation series, Hartford Public Library presents Hartford photographer Maurice D. Robertson's work in an exhibition titled "Expressions in Sound and Motion" at its Albany Library, 1250 Albany Ave., and Park Street Library @ the Lyric, 603 Park Street.

"Expressions in Sound and Motion" presents a collection of intimate portraits featuring jazz musicians and artists who have performed in Hartford. Robertson, a board member of the Hartford Jazz Society and local photographer, brings his extensive experience and passion for jazz to this extraordinary exhibition.

His dedication to precise portraiture, camera techniques, and lighting experimentation enables him to convey a sense of connection and intimacy with the vibrant spirit of music-making. As a self-taught photographer, Robertson's journey began in the 1970s, driven by his deep passion for music and armed with nothing but his camera. Motivated to learn from the masters of jazz photography, Robertson immersed himself in the works of photographers such as Herman Leonard, Roy De Carava, James Marshall, William Gottlieb, Charles Stewart, and Gordon Parks Sr. Through extensive research, mentorship from local photographers, and participation in digital photography and printing workshops, he honed his unique approach to capturing the spirit of jazz through his lens.

The exhibit will be on view through August 31, 2023 at both neighborhood libraries. An opening reception will take place on Thursday, June 8 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Albany Library, 1250 Albany Ave. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. The exhibit will be on display throughout the summer during the libraries' [regularly scheduled hours](#).

**About Hartford Public Library** With seven locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance and youth leadership training. [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).

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