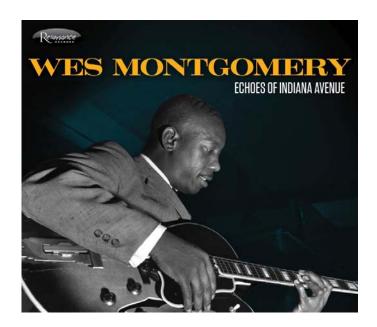


RESONANCE RECORDS TO CELEBRATE WES MONTGOMERY AT INDIANAPOLIS' JAZZ KITCHEN, MARCH 6

HOMETOWN EVENT WILL COMMEMORATE RELEASE OF ECHOES OF INDIANA AVENUE & LATE GUITARIST'S 88TH BIRTHDAY



FIRST FULL ALBUM OF PREVIOUSLY UNHEARD MONTGOMERY MUSIC IN OVER 25 YEARS <u>RESONANCE & MONTGOMERY FAMILY DONATING</u> CHARITY AUCTION PROCEEDS TO AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

In conjunction with the release of **Wes Montgomery's** *Echoes of Indiana Avenue* and the late guitarist's **88th birthday**, Resonance Records announces an album release and birthday celebration event on **Tuesday**, **March 6** at **The Jazz Kitchen** in **Indianapolis**. The event will begin at **6:30pm** and pay homage to the guitarist in his hometown, featuring performances by the The Indy Jazz Guitar Summit, as well as speeches by special guests, including **Dr. David Baker**, **Robert Montgomery** (Wes' son), **Melvin Rhyne & Mingo Jones** (both of whom are featured on the album), **Duncan Schiedt** (jazz photographer) and **Zev Feldman** (*Echoes of Indiana Avenue* producer and Executive Vice President & General Manager of Resonance Records). Additionally, WICR-FM host **Chuck Workman** will serve as the master of ceremonies for the event.

"I can't think of a better way to pay homage to Wes than to celebrate the new album and his birthday in his hometown," states Feldman. "We're honored to have the Montgomery Family's support and delighted to organize this event with the individuals who knew Wes and were a part of his life."

Additionally, Resonance Records recently commenced an eBay auction for the album, benefiting **The American Heart Association** (AHA). The winner will receive LP #0001 of a hand-serialized limited first edition pressing of 1,000 (which are already sold-out), as well as a sealed copy of *Echoes of Indiana Avenue* in CD format (with deluxe digi pack). All proceeds from the auction will benefit The American Heart Association in their ongoing efforts to raise awareness and prevention of heart disease (in honor of Montgomery, who died of a heart attack). The auction will end on Friday, February 24 at 20:42:31 EST.

Resonance & the Montgomery Family will present a check for the auction proceeds to Lynne Griffin (Cultural Health Initiatives Director for The American Heart Association) at the March 6 event.

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With a lot of sleuthing and a team of experts on the case, long lost tapes of **Wes Montgomery** have been discovered and restored. Resonance Records will release **Echoes of Indiana Avenue** - the first full album of previously unheard Montgomery music in over 25 years - on March 6, which would have been Montgomery's 88th birthday. Over a year and a half in the making, the release will provide a rare, revealing glimpse of a bona fide guitar legend. The tapes are the earliest known recordings of Montgomery as a leader, pre-dating his auspicious 1959 debut on Riverside Records. The album showcases Montgomery in performance from 1957-1958 at nightclubs in his hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana, as well as rare studio recordings. The release is also beautifully packaged, containing previously unseen photographs and insightful essays by noted music writers and musicians alike, including guitarist Pat Martino and Montgomery's brothers Buddy and Monk.

Wes Montgomery Album Release & Birthday Celebration @ The Jazz Kitchen Tuesday, March 6 · 6:30pm

\$10 cover at venue *Call for advance dinner reservations*

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For further information on this and other Resonance Records releases, visit: ResonanceRecords.org

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