

TRIBUTE TO THE JAZZ GREATS OF WOODLAWN

On Sunday, April 18th, The Woodlawn Cemetery will dedicate the memorial to legendary jazz musician Lionel Hampton. Known as “The King of the Vibes,” Lionel Hampton (1908 - 2002) was laid to rest in the Fir Plot. The monument honoring his memory will be unveiled and the public is welcome to join us as we pay our respects to this generous and talented musician.

The program will begin at two o’clock in the afternoon with the dedication of the marker. After the Hampton marker is unveiled, a wreath will be placed on the grave in honor of his memory. Floral tributes will also be placed on the nearby graves of composer and bandleader Duke Ellington, and innovative trumpeter Miles Davis. Following the placement of the wreaths, there will be a performance honoring the music of Hampton and the many Jazz Greats of The Woodlawn Cemetery.

Chase Jordan, vibraphone player from Houston, Texas, and student at the New School in Manhattan, will be the featured performer. Jordan received the “Outstanding Vibraphone Soloist Award” at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival for three consecutive years from 2001 through 2003. At last year’s performance, he received a standing ovation from the crowd of seven thousand people attending the event when he played the tribute song for Mr. Hampton. Jordan will be accompanied by musicians on the drums, base and keyboards. The band will perform the music of Lionel Hampton in addition to honoring the many musical performers in Woodlawn’s care.

For information about the event, call The Friends of Woodlawn at (718) 920-1470.



Chase Jordan performs on the Vibraphone.