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January 29, 1987

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Hi Music Lover,

We had a terrific meeting on January 3rd. Nat Kinneer was at his innovative best, and, as he had promised, everything he played (or almost everything) was brand-new - German, Russian, Swedish, Danish jazz men swinging Ellington classics like mad!! And, on top of that, Jack Dennis' beautiful wife, Betty, served us with pots full of "Arroz con Pollo". Fantastic! Thanks again very very much - sweet Betty. We had a good crowd too even if I did miss the Contingent. What happened fellows?

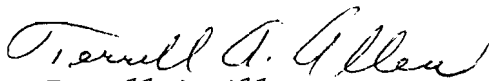
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At any rate, I don't want to miss anyone on February 7th at Omega House. This is the Ol' Pro's session - Ray Knight, formerly of WBJC in Baltimore. I think it wouldn't be unfair to categorize Ray as a swing-era Deejay. Big bands of the past and present are his thing, so he's quite at home with the great Ellington aggregations of whatever period.

So be present and punctual. I promise you'll be entertained royally.

See you on the 7th.

Madly,


Terrell A. Allen

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February 20, 1987

Dear Music Lover,

My favorite Ellingtonian, if I may be permitted to hazard so personal an opinion, is the supreme tenor saxophonist, Paul Gonsalves. And Paul is the focus of host Ted Shell's attention on March 7th at Omega House from his earlier years with Sabby Lewis and beyond, down through his days with Basie and the inevitability of his premier years with Duke. Paul made a great and lasting contribution to America's only true art form - Jazz. We'll enjoy a nice sizeable slice of this music at our next club session, so come prepared for an evening of full aural enjoyment.

Last call for delinquent dues. I'll be waiting at the door for you late-payers. You'll have your check in your hands, won't you? 😊

Until March 7th then. This promises to be a full evening, so be punctual.

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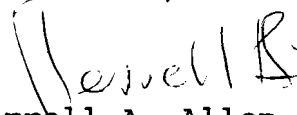
Hi, Ellingtonian,

As you have been advised during the past few months, the city of Washington, D. C. is hosting the Duke Ellington International Festival for the whole month of April. We issued schedules at our last meeting, outlining and describing the many and varied events that have been planned for this glorious month. We can assure you there will be something for everybody--dances, concerts (both sacred and secular), costume balls, film presentations, etc. We'll talk about it at length at our next meeting at Omega House, 13th and Harvard Streets, N.W. on Saturday, April 4th. We start promptly at 8:30 p.m. Our host for this special session is the urbane, witty and soft-spoken D.J. of WAMU 88.5 fm, Rusty Hassan. His emphasis will be on the vast influence of Ellington's music on his contemporaries and how they interpreted it. Be on time--this will be a good show.

Our congratulations and heartfelt best wishes to our newest bride and groom, Geneva and Teddy Hudson. All the happiness in the world to them.

And--don't forget the Ellington Conference in Toronto in mid-May. Have you made your reservations and sent in your registration fees?

'Til later,


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Hi -

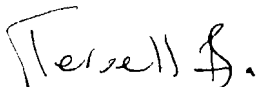
This is the last meeting of our 1986-87 season and it will be a celebration of our fantastic Toronto mid-May Ellington Conference. Jack Towers is the host and he's bringing some tapes that he made in Canada and will also make a full report of what happened along with other Chapter members adding their two-cents worth. It promises to be a very nice musical and informative meeting. This is on June 6th, 8:30 p.m. at Omega House, 13th and Harvard Streets, N.W. Come out and enjoy yourself while we reminisce about Buck Clayton, Doc Cheatham, Aaron Bell and other fabulous guests.

We'll also talk about our annual Fourth of July picnic at Ted and Marian Shell's estate on Lake Caroline. We are all invited along with our families and guests. We'll give you directions at the meeting, so please be punctual.

Ann Ledgister still has the stamp-pins that quite a few of our members ordered. Please come out and redeem them so they won't have to be returned.

See you on the sixth and get ready for a splendiferous summer.

Madly,



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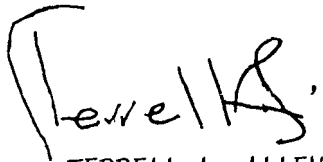
Hi Ellingtonian,

Great news!! The hot, hot summer is over and pleasant autumnal relief is here - and so is musical relief. Jack Towers has a super, world-class program planned for our first session Oct 3rd at Omega House. He's been saving and collecting new Ellingtonia ever since last June and he wants to lay a small portion of this good stuff on us.

So please - let's all come out and enjoy the first of the many exceptional meetings we've planned for you.

We also want to discuss in some depth Ellington '89 which we are scheduled to host here in D.C. in celebration of Duke's ninetieth birthday. We're starting early in order to have sufficient time to get the best musicians, panelists, etc. that are available. If you want us to be involved in this most worthy project, meet me at Omega House Saturday night, October 3rd at 8:30 p.m. Bring your thinking cap with you ~~and~~ we can do it, I know we can, so come on out. Let's talk about it.

Later and madly,



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October 21, 1987

Hi "Aficionado" -



All you Ellington lovers will be glad to know that John Callanan is to be the host of our November 7th meeting. His theme will be "Ellington is Forever" or "The Duke from the 20's to the 70's," Of course, John didn't know until this instant that I have arbitrarily chosen his program, but, in any case, he has enough lee-way to play whatever he wants to play. So - come on out on the 7th and be pleasantly titillated along with the rest of us Ellingtonians.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the Toronto Conference were advised that Ellington '88 is to be held in Great Britain. The Conference in '85 was held there and it was a great success. Elaine Norsworthy assures us that no stone will be left unturned to make Ellington '88 as great or greater an event as the '85 seminar. You'll be hearing more about this shortly - so stay by the phone!!

In the meantime, we're working hard on preparations for Ellington '89 for which we - Chapter #90 - are the hosts. We'll talk about this and other important things on November 7th.

See you there -

Love you,

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November 23, 1987

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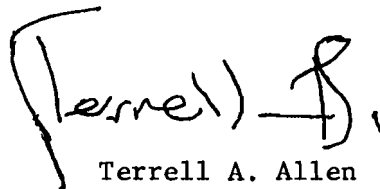
As you ponder, in general, the coming holiday festivities and, in particular, Turkey Day, with all the trimmings, let me lay this bit of good news on you -- the great Nat Kinnear is our host for our December 5th get-together!!!! That's all I'm going to say. In fact that's all I need to say. You know Nat's programs as well as I do and how enjoyable and informative they are. So I'll let it rest there -- just be on time and if you can, bring a musically compatible guest. Thank you.

Jack Towers has traipsed off to Thailand. We sent Rhoda and him over to pick up some brand-new Ducal material he heard about from a friend. Well, we didn't really send him. He was making the trip anyhow and I just told him to keep his eyes and ears open for new items.

One last bit of trivia -- you all know that our own Honorable Jack Fauntleroy, a Chapter #90 charter member, is one of the most brilliant legal minds in the country. So, naturally, I sent his name up to the White House for High Court consideration. I never heard anything from the Administration. And it's not that I didn't vote for Reagan (even though my friends don't believe me), but I did expect some kind of reply. Well, it's their loss!! I promise to submit his name again for the next vacancy --

Well - Goom-bye for now.

Love you madly (and see you on the 6th),


Terrell A. Allen

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