



**LCA CULTURAL MUSIC PORTAL:**

**North Carolina's Influential/Improvisational Jazz Musicians**



**JOHN COLTRANE**  
Sept. 23, 1926 - Jul. 17, 1967

**BIRTHPLACE**  
Hamlet/High Point



[Coltrane Official Website](#)



**LOU DONALDSON**  
Nov. 1, 1926 -

**Badin**



[Donaldson Official Website](#)



**DIZZY GILLESPIE**  
Oct. 21, 1923 - Jan. 6, 1993

**Cheraw, SC / Laurinburg**



[Gillespie Official Website](#)



**RUFUS HARLEY**  
May 20, 1936 - Jul. 31, 2006

**Raleigh**



[Harley On Harley](#)



**ALBERT HEATH**  
May 31, 1935 -

**Wilmington**



[Albert "Tootie" Heath pics & more](#)



**JAMES HEATH**  
Oct. 25, 1926 -

**Wilmington**



[Jimmy Heath Pics, music samples & more](#)



**PERCY HEATH**  
Apr. 30, 1923 - April 28, 2005

**Wilmington**



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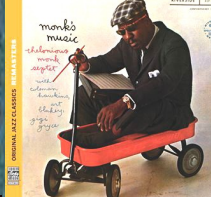
[Heath Brothers DVD](#)

**THELONIOUS MONK**  
Oct. 10, 1917 - Feb. 17, 1982

**Rocky Mount**



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**MACEO PARKER**  
Feb. 14, 1943 -

**Kinston**

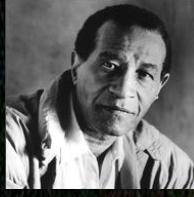


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**MAX ROACH**  
Jan. 20, 1924 - Aug. 16, 2007

**New Land**



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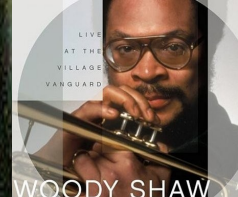


**WOODY SHAW**  
Dec. 24, 1944 - May 10, 1989

**Laurinburg**



[Shaw Official Website](#)



**NINA SIMONE**  
Feb. 21, 1933 - Apr. 21, 2003

**Tryon**



[Simone Official Website](#)



**BILLY STRAYHORN**  
Nov. 29, 1915 - May 31, 1967

**Hillsborough**



[Strayhorn Official Website](#)



**GRADY TATE**  
Jan. 14, 1932 -

**Durham**



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**(Dr.) BILLY TAYLOR**  
Jul. 24, 1921 - Dec. 28, 2010

**Greenville**



[Taylor Official Website](#)



[Taylor Performs w/ Duke Ellington & Willie Smith](#)