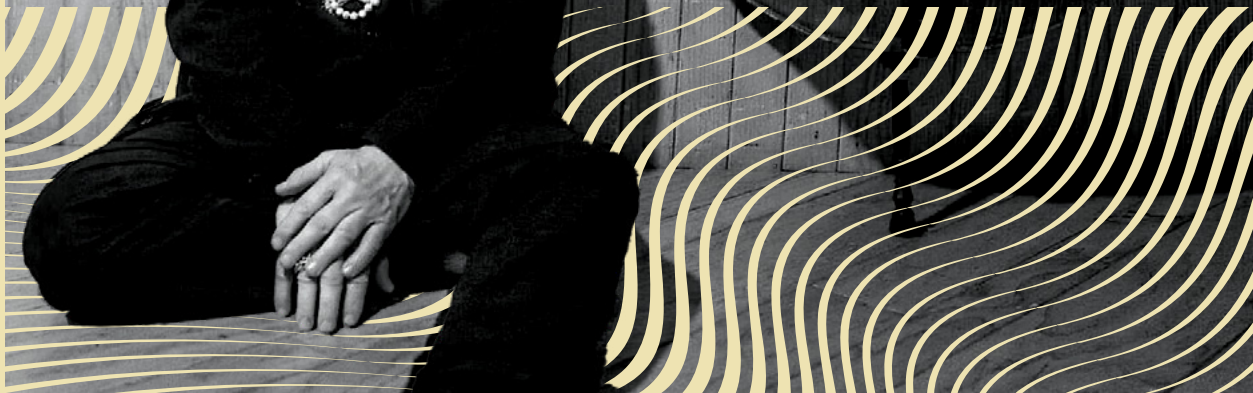


# SF JAZZ GALA 2015

HONORING DON WAS





“Don Was has always been passionate about jazz – America’s greatest art form. He has been a strong advocate for recognizing and preserving the music created by some of the most brilliant artistic minds in the world. As the President of Blue Note Records, he has an ideal platform to support both current and future musicians, helping to sustain our musical heritage in a way that continues to bring joy to listeners around the globe. In addition to his leadership role, he is one of the world’s most successful producers who collaborates with a diverse roster of artists. Now, we have the opportunity to experience him as a talented performer as well.”

- Terence Blanchard  
*SFJAZZ Executive Artistic Director*

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## SFJAZZ GALA 2025

### HONORING DON WAS

THURSDAY, JUNE 12  
SFJAZZ CENTER  
FRANKLIN & FELL STREETS, SAN FRANCISCO, CA  
EXPERIENCE AN ALL-STAR CONCERT PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON WAS  
A BENEFIT FOR SFJAZZ ARTISTIC & EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS ADVANCING THE ART FORM OF JAZZ

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# EVENING SCHEDULE

5:00 PM

VIP COCKTAIL RECEPTION & SEATED DINNER

VIP Tent

Lead, Legendary, Visionary, Major Sponsors & VIP Ticket

6:00 PM

LUMINARY RECEPTION

SFJAZZ Center, includes the Grand Lobby, Joe Henderson Lab and the Second Floor Fisher Family Lobby

Luminary Table Sponsor & Luminary Ticket

8:00 PM

GALA CONCERT (90mins)

For all Gala attendees

Robert N. Miner Auditorium

Presentation of the SFJAZZ Lifetime Achievement Award to Don Was, featuring performances by:

Terence Blanchard, Don Was, Ambrose Akinmusire, Melissa Aldana, Kurt Elling, Bill Frisell, Charles Lloyd, Jason Moran, Larry Grenadier, Eric Harland, SFJAZZ Collective + Many More To Be Announced!

10:00 PM-MIDNIGHT  
AFTER PARTY

For all Gala concert attendees and After Party guests

Featuring: DJs and dancing throughout SFJAZZ Center and our very own SFJAZZ High School All-Stars & RJAM Ensemble in the Joe Henderson Lab

Includes cocktails & late-night bites & sweets for all guests throughout SFJAZZ Center

FESTIVE BLACK TIE ATTIRE SUGGESTED

## VIP SPONSOR PACKAGE OPTIONS

### LEAD SPONSOR

\$125,000 SEATING 10 GUESTS

VIP Cocktail Reception and Seated Dinner

Invitation for eight to a private Pre-Gala Salon on April 9, 2025 with guest artist Kenny Barron at a private home in San Francisco

Premier seats during Gala Concert and admission for twenty-four to the After Party

### LEGENDARY SPONSOR

\$75,000 SEATING 8 GUESTS

VIP Cocktail Reception and Seated Dinner

Invitation for six to a private Pre-Gala Salon on April 9, 2025 with guest artist Kenny Barron at a private home in San Francisco

Prime seats during Gala Concert and admission for fourteen to the After Party

### VISIONARY SPONSOR

\$50,000 SEATING 6 GUESTS

VIP Cocktail Reception and Seated Dinner

Invitation for four to a private Pre-Gala Salon on April 9, 2025 with guest artist Kenny Barron at a private home in San Francisco

Prime seats during Gala Concert and admission for ten to the After Party

### MAJOR SPONSOR

\$25,000 SEATING 4 GUESTS

VIP Cocktail Reception and Seated Dinner

Invitation for two to a private Pre-Gala Salon on April 9, 2025 with guest artist Kenny Barron at a private home in San Francisco

Preferred seats during Gala Concert and admission for four to the After Party

SEE SFJAZZ.ORG/GALA FOR A FULL LIST OF BENEFITS

## INDIVIDUAL TICKET OPTIONS

### SINGLE VIP DINNER TICKET

\$5,000

VIP Cocktail Reception and Seated Dinner

Invitation for one to a private Pre-Gala Salon on April 9, 2025 with guest artist Kenny Barron in a private home in San Francisco, and admission for one to the After Party

One preferred seat during Gala Concert

### LUMINARY RECEPTION

THERE ARE TWO TIERS OF GUEST TICKETING AT THE LUMINARY LEVEL OF SUPPORT:

**\$7,500 TABLE FOR 5 PERSONS (\$1,500 PP)**

Private Luminary Cocktail Reception throughout the SFJAZZ Center in the Grand Lobby, Joe Henderson Lab, and Second Floor Fisher Family Lobby with entertainment, wines, craft cocktails and canapés

Dedicated table for five guests during the reception with table service of food and drink

Five preferred seats during Gala Concert and admission for five to the After Party

### LUMINARY INDIVIDUAL TICKET

**\$750 PER PERSON**

Private Luminary Cocktail Reception throughout the SFJAZZ Center in the Grand Lobby, Joe Henderson Lab, and Second Floor Fisher Family Lobby with entertainment, wines, craft cocktails and canapés

One seat during Gala Concert and admission for one to the After Party

### CHAMPION CONCERT TICKET

**\$500**

One seat during Gala Concert and admission to the After Party

Note, there is no pre-concert reception; this is a gala concert only ticket

### AFTER PARTY TICKET

**\$150**

The After Party begins at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music Bowes Center in the 11th floor Barbro Osher Auditorium & Zack Family Foyer and the 12th floor Rooftop Deck for a pre-Gala party at 8:00PM and continues with a celebration throughout the SFJAZZ Center following the Gala Concert between 10:00PM and 12:00AM

**For both table sponsorships and individual tickets, please respond by April 15, 2025**



RSVP AT SFJAZZ.ORG/GALA  
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## SFJAZZ LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

# DON WAS

“A music legend behind and  
in front of the scenes.”

– *The Santa Barbara Independent*

Born in Detroit in 1952, Don Was has enjoyed a multi-faceted career as a musician, record producer, music director, film composer, documentary filmmaker, radio host, and label head.

He co-founded the satirical band **Was (Not Was)**, whose 1988 debut *What Up, Dog?* was named to *Rolling Stone's* list of 100 Best Albums of the 1980s. The album's single “Walk the Dinosaur” hit #7 on the *Billboard* chart.

He has won six GRAMMY Awards as a producer, including Album of the Year in 1989 for **Bonnie Raitt's** *Nick of Time* and for Producer of the Year in 1994 for his work with Raitt, the **Rolling Stones**, and **Randy Newman**. His other productions have sold 100 million albums for **Bob Dylan**, **Willie Nelson**, **John Mayer**, **Ringo Starr**, **Wayne Shorter**, and **The B-52's**.

An Emmy and BAFTA winner for his film work, Was produced and directed the 1995 documentary about Beach Boys legend **Brian Wilson**, *I Just Wasn't Made for These Times*.

In 2011, Was became president of the iconic jazz label **Blue Note Records**, ensuring the company's eight-decade legacy through the **Classic** and **Tone Poet** audiophile vinyl reissue series. He oversees the label's current and historic roster of artists including **Robert Glasper**, **Wayne Shorter**, **Dr. Lonnie Smith**, **Gregory Porter**, **Charles Lloyd**, and **Jason Moran**.

In 2018, Was and Grateful Dead guitarist **Bob Weir** formed the **Wolf Brothers**. The band consistently tours the world, as does **Was's Pan-Detroit Ensemble**, who made their SFJAZZ debut in September 2024.

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### AFTER PARTY

Dance Party with DJ in Robert N. Miner Auditorium  
Listening Lounge in Joe Henderson Lab featuring our  
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