

Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Cartright Attend Grand Opening of the Jazz Loft in Stony Brook

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Farmingville, NY – On May 21, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright, Assemblyman Steve Englebright and members of the Ward Melville Heritage Trust were on hand for the grand opening of the Jazz Loft, brain child of Jazz historian, music educator and musician, Tom Manuel. The Jazz Loft is located at 275 Christian Avenue in Stony Brook, the former home of the Stony Brook Fire Department. The historic building, which had been vacant for many years, was renovated to serve as both a museum, education center and a performance space. The Grand Opening ceremony started with a kick-off parade through Stony Brook featuring classic cars from the Jazz era, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony and a performance by the Jazz Loft Big Band.

The Jazz Loft features instruments, diaries, autographed pictures, original sheet music, letters from world leaders, vintage record albums and even an orchestra stage constructed from New York City's legendary Roseland Ballroom dance floor. Its mission is to advocate, educate, and preserve this American-born music. The future of the Jazz Loft will include a full calendar of musical performances as well as classes for special needs people with autism, learning disabilities, dementia and Alzheimer's.

Pictured with members of the Ward Melville Heritage Organization are Assemblyman Englebright (left), Supervisor Romaine (second from right), Mr. Manuel (with proclamation) Councilwoman Cartright (second from right) and Gloria Rocchio, President of the Ward Melville Heritage Organization (right).

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