

Congratulations to Wally's Jazz Club in Boston

Wally's Café in Boston's South End received a prestigious Jazz Heroes Award in June from the Jazz Journalists Association (JJA), for its great contribution to promoting high

quality jazz in the United States.

The award honors Elynor Walcott and her sons, sons Paul, Frank, and Lloyd Poindexter, owners of Wally's Café. The club

was started in 1947 by Elynor's father Joseph "Wally" Walcott, an immigrant from Barbados who made the club a centerpiece for the South End community, and one of the first racially integrated nightclubs in New England.

Simultaneous to the JJA Awards Gala, which is held each June in New York City, JazzBoston helped organize a satellite party at Wally's, where WGBH radio hosts Eric Jackson and Steve Schwartz presented the Jazz Hero award to the family as the awards were announced in New York City.

A number of local officials and neighborhood leaders attended the ceremony, along with jazz musicians and local residents.

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