

PRESENTATION

« Julian Priester, an American in Paris »

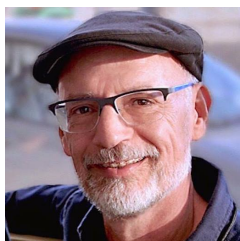
Ken Steiner

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Abstract

Julian Priester has a long resume. He's played with Sun Ra, Muddy Waters, Dinah Washington, Max Roach, Abbey Lincoln, John Coltrane, Ray Charles, Woody Herman, Herbie Hancock, Dave Holland, and many others. Priester is also a composer of note, has led his own groups, and recorded as a leader. When Lawrence Brown retired at the end of 1969, Priester was hired by Ellington. Although Priester's time with Duke was short, it was pivotal in Priester's career. Priester did not make it to Paris with Ellington, but has many happy memories of performing for Parisian audiences. Ken Steiner and Julian Priester have been neighbors in Seattle since 2016. Ken will discuss Julian's career with an emphasis on his time with Duke.

Ken Steiner



Ken Steiner fell under Duke Ellington's spell on February 10, 1974, at a concert at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, where Ken was in his junior year. He's been an Ellington aficionado ever since. In 1975, Ken started doing a radio program, opening his first show with "Cottontail" from the LP "Duke Meets Ella." Ken began his digging into Ellington history after attending his first conference in 1999 in Washington, DC. He has checked and double checked most of Stratemann's itinerary research for the years 1923-41, and has uncovered many new events, including Duke's appearance in the 1925 silent film, "Headlines." Ken has a special interest in Ellington's radio broadcasts, mapping their extent, and uncovering set-lists. Ken is most pleased to be in Paris