

The Big Band of Rossmoor
Ellingtonia Research Presentations
A Voluntary Educational Opportunity
December 20, 2024

Please consider working with one of your colleagues in preparation for and in presentation of an Informational discussion based on the world of Ellingtonia. Ellingtonia is an actual thing that includes the music of and culture created by Duke Ellington and his Orchestra.

- Please work with a member of the group who is not in your age group.
- You may choose to research and present on one of Duke Ellington's or Billy Strayhorn's compositions.
- You may choose to research and present on one of the musicians associated with Duke Ellington over his long career.
- Presentations should be five to ten minutes in length. No longer please.
- We will set aside time in rehearsal every couple to a few weeks for these presentations.
- You are encouraged to utilize audio/visual aids in your presentation.

Once you choose a partner and a topic, arrange a presentation date with Greg (or George if Greg is unavailable).

This project is intended to enhance the educational component of Lafayette Rotary's Festival at the Res featuring Duke Ellington to be held at the Lafayette Reservoir on May 10, 2025.

Here is a list of some musicians you might choose from:

Duke Ellington	Freddy Jenkins	Lawrence Brown
Billy Strayhorn	Ivie Anderson	Rex Stewart
Harry Carney	Ray Nance	Ben Webster
Johnny Hodges	Jimmy Blanton	Herb Jeffries
Jimmy Hamilton	Cat Anderson	Russell Procope
Paul Gonsalves	Al Hibbler	Louis Bellson
Mercer Ellington	Clark Terry	Jimmy Woode
Otto Hardwick	Sam Woodyard	Jimmy Grissom
Sonny Greer	Rufus Jones	Harlod Ashby
Arthur Whetsol	Wild Bill Davis	Cootie Williams
Juan Tizol	Joe "Tricky Sam" Nanton	Bubber Miley
Freddy Guy	Barney Bigard	Wellman Braud

Some highly recommended recordings:

...And His Mother Called Him Bill	Never No Lament - The Webster Blanton Band
Duke Ellington at Newport	Such Sweet Thunder
The Far East Suite	The Great Paris Concert
First Time! Count Meets Duke (Duke Ellington's Orchestra with the Count Basie Orchestra)	