



The Duke Ellington Society (TDES, Inc.)

Celebrating the music of Duke Ellington

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 7:30 PM *
 Saint Peter's Church
 54th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York, NY

BUSINESS MEETING: Nomination of TDES Officers for the 2006–2007 Season and MEMBERS' CHOICE

Our Members' Choice, this month is **PASSION FLOWER: THE MUSIC OF BILLY STRAYHORN**. Billy Strayhorn joined the Duke Ellington Orchestra in 1939 as a lyric writer. However, Ellington grasped the full potential of this young man and almost immediately began to use him as his right-hand man as arranger, composer, and pianist. Billy stayed on until his untimely death in 1967. Because we must have a short business meeting before the program, we are limited to twenty selections. So, first come first served!



TDES members are invited to make a five-minute presentation including a personal introduction and a musical selection from the many recordings of the music of Billy Strayhorn. If you wish to make a presentation, call Morris Hodara at **718-463-0085** or e-mail him at **mhodara@aol.com** no later than Friday, May 12.

If Morris does not answer the phone, leave your name, telephone number, and your selection (title, date, album, or other identification) on the answering machine. He'll get back to you. A CD will be prepared only of the choices. Local members are expected to be present at the meeting to introduce their own selections. There is time for about twenty selections of approximately five minutes each, including the members' comments, so long as they do not abuse the time limit.

An out-of-town member can participate by putting his or her choice on an audiocassette with a short personal comment. Send it to **Morris Hodara, 30-20 Parsons Blvd.; Flushing, NY 11354**. If you cannot tape your comments, write or type them out and send them by mail, e-mail, or fax (**718-463-1252**), and one of our local members will read them for you.

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* Come at 7:00 PM to hear Tyler Schwartz and his friends play for us. Or socialize in the back of the room.