



The Duke Ellington Society (TDES, Inc.)
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Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 7:30PM
Saint Peter's Church, 54th Street and Lexington Avenue

Will Friedwald: Lyricist Bob Russell's Career



Will Friedwald, one of today's top writers on jazz, will talk about the career of the lyricist Bob Russell and his connection with Duke Ellington and others. Russell wrote the lyrics for several Ellington songs, including "Do Nothin' Till You Hear from Me" and "Don't Get Around Much Any More."

Friedwald is the jazz and cabaret critic for *The New York Sun* and has written for many other newspapers and magazines. He has also appeared on hundreds of television and radio programs. He is recognized internationally as an authority on virtually all genres of American and 20th-century music, and has served as a producer, historian, specialist, consultant and commentator on that music.

His books include *The Good Life*, a biography of Tony Bennett, *Jazz Singing*, and *Sinatra! The Song is You*.

Anyone who follows jazz and American music in general has probably seen, heard, and/or read the works of Will Friedwald. The evening should be one that offers insights into areas that may surprise even those who know a great deal about Ellington and Strayhorn.