



# The Duke Ellington Society (TDES, Inc.)

Celebrating the music of Duke Ellington

Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 7:15PM

Saint Peter's Church; 54th St. & Lexington Ave

## HOLIDAY CONCERT/PARTY: THE ELLINGTON LEGACY BAND

Edward Kennedy Ellington II – guitar  
Norman Simmons – piano, arranger  
Virginia Mayhew – saxophone, band leader, arranger  
Nancy Reed – vocalist

Jami Dauber – trumpet  
Noah Bless – trombone  
Tom DiCarlo – bass  
Paul Wells – drums  
Sheila Earley – percussion

The Ellington Legacy Band is all about keeping the legacy of Duke Ellington alive. The band is headed by Edward K. Ellington II, grandson of the jazz legend.

Edward Kennedy Ellington II played guitar and traveled with his grandfather's mighty orchestra, and then with his father Mercer's edition of the orchestra after Duke's passing in 1974. Edward befriended Mayhew upon her arrival in NYC in 1987, and in 2004 he and Virginia started acting on their idea of forming a band that would highlight Ellington's music. [www.ellingtonlegacy.com](http://www.ellingtonlegacy.com)

The Ellington Legacy Band's CD debut, "Thank You Uncle Edward" (on Renma Recordings), is an important contribution to the preservation of the timeless music from the songbook of the hallowed composer-arranger-bandleader Duke Ellington. It's also a personal thank-you from Legacy Band guitarist Edward Kennedy Ellington II to his beloved grandfather (who preferred being called "uncle"; it made him feel younger).



This stirring tribute, rooted in the past, but of the present moment, is everything Virginia Mayhew, Legacy Band leader-saxophonist, says and more—"a testament to the greatness and adaptability of Ellington's music."

Don't miss this celebratory evening of great music, holiday cheer, and the opportunity to see old and new friends. Please arrive before 7:30PM. The band will start playing promptly at 7:30PM so that we can have longer sets before ending at 9:45PM.

We'll have a surprise birthday celebration for Tom Harris, a founding member of our society and its second president. Please don't mention the surprise to him.

Members Free      Nonmembers \$20 Donation      Students \$10 Donation

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