

Ravinia Festival mourns the tremendous loss of jazz legend Ramsey Lewis, who served as Artistic Director of Jazz at Ravinia for 25 years. He championed music education by founding both the Ravinia Jazz Mentors & Scholars and Ravinia Steans Music Institute jazz residency, and served as Trustee from 2003 until 2011 when he was named a Life Trustee. His prolific career in jazz culminated with writing and performing his Concerto for Jazz Trio with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for his 80th birthday. This loss will be deeply felt by everyone he worked with.

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