

Forget what ails you, let art in: Terry Terry receives 2022 Jazz Award

Lansing, MI –Terry Terry was honored by the Jazz Alliance of Mid-Michigan (JAMM) for his contributions to jazz at their annual awards tribute held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at UrbanBeat in Old Town, Lansing.

Terry has helped the once-neglected area of Lansing, and he has catalyzed the community's expansion through the arts. Terry, the 13th JAMM honoree, has spent much of the past three decades bringing art to the streets of Old Town.

He's the co-founder of JazzFest Michigan and serves as President of the Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art (MICA), the nonprofit producer of JazzFest Michigan, Michigan BluesFest, and many other ventures in music and the visual arts.



Andy Schor, Lansing Mayor, “There is a lot going on in Lansing right now, which is awesome, but it all started with Terry Terry. It was really important for me to get here today and be a part of this not only because of what Terry has done for the community but because he has also become a good friend. He is an important piece of history and a leader in our city.”



John Gilkey, President of Biggby Coffee, “I am lucky to know Terry from a bit of a different perspective. I first got to know him as my next-door neighbor. We both love music, arts, bringing friends together, and the love of managing and growing businesses. We became friends and found ourselves in the same CEO group. I admire Terry Terry because he believes in the pursuit of a purpose beyond profit, He leverages his creativity and as a result, has built amazing communities.”



Paula Cunningham, State Director for AARP in Michigan, “Today, we celebrate Terry’s free-flowing spirit, we celebrate his tenacious attitude and his passionate pursuit that has resulted in so many activities right here in Old Town. The impacts of his efforts have created jobs, art galleries, new restaurants, housing, and other economic development opportunities.

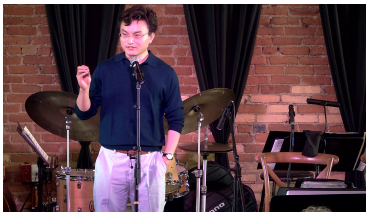


Ruelaine Stokes, Writer, Teacher, Poet & Performance Artist,” When Terry moved to Old Town, art went up over boarded-up windows and abandoned buildings. There was a

fashion show, musicians and after that came other festivals, like JazzFest Michigan, which is my favorite festival in our whole area. It's so rich and it shows us the potential of our community."



Gregg Hill, Jazz Composer, "I'd say determination is what is the key to Terry. A lot of people have 'vision', but he's got a rare combination of vision and determination. It is this combination of traits that have allowed Terry to ebb and flow with the spontaneity of life. Terry helps keep traditions alive and we thank him for that"



Qian Yang, Ph.D. candidate at Michigan State University, "Being from China, I felt skeptical about meeting Terry for the first time because I did not see what we had in common. But eventually, I sat down with him and we talked to each other. I soon realized we share many passions, like music, art, and a curiosity for the world."



Mark Grua, Attorney, Grua, Tupper & Young, "It was at one of Terry's events at MICA that I learned the true definition of art. I learned that it's the lifeblood and pulse of the community."



Sheri Jones, News Anchor, WLNS TV6, "Congratulations Terry! You are a force of nature and so deserving of this honor. Your vision, commitment, and loyalty to the community have been so impressive over the past 13 years. What's even more amazing is that you continue to give up your time, talent, and treasure and Greater Lansing really appreciates it. You are a loyal community servant with a generous heart who never stops supporting worthy endeavors."



Deb Muchmore, PR/Communications Strategist, "What great fun it is tonight to honor Terry Terry for the work he has done to bring music to life in our community all these years. Terry, of course, is one of the most transformational figures I know in Lansing and a great uniter of people. Nothing brings people together more than music and certainly jazz, in its many incarnations is the master uniter of communities, its people, and ut collective experiences." Thank you to everyone and all of the work you do to continue bringing music to life in our community and make it possible for musicians to showcase their craft and their art."

Watch the live recording here: <https://vimeo.com/703746701/989f7efeef>

About MICA

MICA Gallery is a program of the Michigan Institute for Contemporary Art (MICA), which is a 501c3 non-profit. MICA Gallery is dedicated to featuring artists whose work represents a mix of progressive styles, social commentary, experimentation, and innovation. The gallery provides exhibition opportunities for visual artists, musicians, poets, and performance artists. MICA Gallery showcases innovative contemporary visual art exhibits and corresponding programming that serves to be a catalyst for change.

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The crowd at UrbanBeat on 4/23



Terry Terry, the JAMM Honoree and President of MICA



Live art Illustration by Julian VanDyke



Portrait of Terry Terry



MICA Gallery Building (Before)



MICA Galler Building (After)



MICA Gallery Artist Reception



JazzFest Michigan Crowd



JazzFest Michigan Festival from a rooftop



JazzFest Michigan band



MICA Gallery presentation