

***HARLEM BLUES AND JAZZ BAND TRIO*, A STUNNING SUCCESS IN TEANECK, NJ!**

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On September 19, 2015 the legendary *Harlem Blues and Jazz Band Trio* brought inspiring music to the people of The Five Star Premier Residencies for Seniors, located in the beautiful suburbs of Teaneck, New Jersey. The Trio: One hundred-year old Fred Staton on Tenor Sax; Ninety-year-old Reynolds “Zeke” Mullins on piano; and Forty-year-old youngster, Richard Rivers on drums. The Trio’s founder and manager, Dr. Albert Vollmer acted as emcee and provided historical background on the group.

Staton played with power and imagination, and left his heart and soul on the stage with his featured number, “That’s All.” Mullins served up a tour de force on the piano performing Duke Ellington’s “Squeeze Me” to perfection. And last but not least, Rivers received an uproarious applause for his varied and tasteful drumming on “Caravan.” The latter is a favorite vehicle for percussion, and a popular tune by Juan Tizol (longtime Duke Ellington band member).

Elegantly dressed, the enthusiastic audience - of more than one hundred twenty people - were incredibly responsive to the concert performance, and seemed to be able to relate to the performers from the perspective of life experience alone. The senior members of Five Star are used to seeing top-rated performances, and The Trio was sure to deliver nothing but excellence. Following the incredibly vibrant performance, several audience members approached the band and declared them “a Mitzvah!” (Yiddish for gift or blessing)

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