

# Salute to Duke

The Chicago Daily Defender joins the world in saluting Edward "Duke" Kennedy Ellington upon reaching his 75th birthday Monday, April 29. He is one of the most consistently creative musical geniuses the world has known and his artistic spirit as expressed through his compositions and performances has touched the world providing pleasing sensations to a multitude of people.

Internationally famous musicians and jazz stars will pay tribute to Duke at the Jazz Interactions' ninth fund raising event at the Pub Theatrical, Broadway at 51st st. In New York beginning at 5 p.m. and continuing through the morning of April 29.

During the entire week the National Association of Television and Radio Artists (NATRA) had the cooperation of black radio stations who played his music and interviewed individuals in the entertainment world such as Sarah Vaughn, Ella Fitzgerald and Quincy Jones who paid vocal tribute to the eminent jazz artist.

While American musicians were still clinging to European traditions in musical composition and performance during the early years of the 20th Century, Duke was among the young adventurers who spanned the era by producing sounds that were uniquely American.