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The Brubeck Collection's Digital Archive at Wilton Library Wins 2024 Award of Merit from the Connecticut League of Museums

Wilton, Conn. – November 22, 2024 – Wilton Library is pleased to announce that the Connecticut League of Museums (CLM) has awarded the library a 2024 Award of Merit for The Brubeck Collection's Digital Archive. The awards recognize excellence in museum work by individuals and organizations in Connecticut.

“The committee felt this was a great example of a digital project providing access to an incredible wealth of historical materials useful to a wide swath of people, while also elevating the cultural impact of music and music history,” said Amrys Williams, Executive Director of CLM, in a letter to Wilton Library.

The Connecticut League of Museums' annual Awards of Merit were presented at a ceremony held on Tuesday, October 22 at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks. Michael Bellacosa, Curator of The Brubeck Collection, and Julie Hughes, Archivist/The Brubeck Collection, accepted the award on behalf of Wilton Library. This year's other awardees included historical societies and history and art museums of various sizes across the state.

“We are honored to receive this prestigious award from the Connecticut League of Museums. The Brubeck Collection is one of the world's premier jazz archives, and we are extremely proud of our new digital archive which we launched in April,” said Bellacosa. “In the pre-networked age, a public library was the intermediary for bringing the world to a town; now, however, in the networked age, a public library can be the intermediary for

bringing a town to the world. Dave Brubeck and his music are one of Wilton's treasures, which we are so pleased to share. We would like to thank the Brubeck family for all of their support. And we could never have accomplished this without the hard work over 18 months of Thomas Kozak, the library's Head of Technology, Julie Hughes, our archivist, and our database and website design consultants at Whirl-i-Gig."

About the Connecticut League of Museums

The League unifies and strengthens the state's museums and cultural resources to expand their capacity and community impact. Since 1950, the League has supported museums, historical societies, libraries, and other cultural heritage institutions across the state through professional development, networking and community, workshops and training, and an annual conference and awards program. For more information, visit www.ctleague.org.

About Wilton Library

For more than 129 years, Wilton Library has served as the cultural and intellectual center of Wilton with the mission to inform, enrich, connect, and inspire our community. Home to The Brubeck Collection, one of the world's premier jazz archives, the library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For more information, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or call 203-762-3950.

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Photo courtesy of the Connecticut League of Museums - 2024 Awards of Merit Recipients
Shown in the photo - Julie Hughes, Archivist/The Brubeck Collection (pictured third from right) and Michael Bellacosa, Curator of The Brubeck Collection (pictured second from right)



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