

2009 Hall of Fame Inductee

Marty Ehrlich

Class of 1973

Marty Ehrlich is one of the most celebrated artists of his generation. Critically acclaimed as both a composer and player, he is equally fluent on clarinet, saxophone and flutes.

The *New York Times* calls Ehrlich, a 1973 University City High School graduate, “one of his time’s most original thinkers (with) a rare and wonderful talent.”

He has performed his compositions throughout America, Europe and Canada with numerous ensembles. He has been honored as the 2001 Wind Player of the Year by the Jazz Journalist Association, as well as the association’s Clarinetist of the Year in 2003. In 2004, he was awarded a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship in Composition.

Ehrlich’s love for jazz was heavily influenced during his time as a student at UCHS, where the teen musician came in contact with the influential Black Artists’ Group. He studied at the New England Conservatory, forming a close friendship with pianist Jaki Byard.

Since moving to New York in 1978, Ehrlich has performed his amazing compositions throughout America, Europe and Canada with numerous ensembles. *JazzTimes* hailed Ehrlich’s last recording “News on the Rail,” as one of the best albums of 2005. He has been a performer and leader with numerous legendary bands, as well as a soloist for a number of major orchestras.

Ehrlich still lives in New York City, commuting to share his love for music with students at Hampshire College, and devoting much energy to his beloved music.



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