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Friday, Feb. 17

Film: 6:30 pm
Reception: 8 pm

Students/Seniors \$10
Regular Price \$12
Double Bill \$20

Duration: 83 min.



The Girls in the Band

They wiggled, they jiggled, they wore low-cut gowns and short shorts, they kow-towed to the club owners and smiled at the customers... just to play the music they loved. Director Judy Chaikin's bebop documentary uncovers the startling history of female jazz musicians and all-woman big band music. From the 1930s to the swinging sounds of the contemporary DIVA Jazz Orchestra, the story of these incredibly talented pioneers roars with spirit and sound.

The Girls in the Band tells poignant untold stories of sexism, racism and diminished opportunities lasting decades, yet the female instrumentalists continued to persevere, inspire and elevate their talents. Chaikin takes as a starting point Art Kane's famous 1958 Harlem portrait of jazz legends, and weaves together a combination of archival footage and interviews featuring Gerri Allen, Jessie Bailey, Carla Bley, Clora Bryant, Melba Liston and more than a dozen others.

Today a new breed of gifted young women are taking their rightful place in the world of jazz. Featured in the film are noted contemporary artists like Marian McPartland, Diana Krall and Esperanza Spalding, the bass player/singer just named Grammy New Artist of the Year.

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