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Stars trumpet Fitzgerald at annual tribute

WASHINGTON — Vice President Al Gore and wife Tipper joined jazz fans Sunday night at the taping for *The Second Annual Celebration of America's Music* at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The show, airing Dec. 27 on ABC and put on by the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, was hosted by Bill Cosby and featured a stellar lineup of musicians and actors.

There were musical tributes to several jazz greats, including Monk, Wes Montgomery, Dizzy Gillespie and Antonio Carlos Jobim. The most moving one was a salute to Ella Fitzgerald. Aretha Franklin sandwiched powerful renditions of *How High the Moon* and *Skylark* around a delightful *A-Tisket, A-Tasket* by Al Jarreau and a soaring *Midnight Sun* by Nancy Wilson. Jarreau also performed for the first time with pianist Dave Brubeck, whose *Take Five* has long been a signature tune for Jarreau.

Other performers included George Benson, Sonia Braga, Ron Carter, Herbie Hancock, Billy Dee Williams, Lee Ritenour, Wayne Shorter, Arturo Sandoval, Debbie Allen and Sheila E.



By Ron Frehm, AP

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