



Jazz Portraits by Gill Levin, FRSA

October 20 – November 17 2018

THE FIRST EXHIBITION of contemporary art at The Jazz Centre UK will be 'Jazz Portraits' by Gill Levin. Eight of her works will be on display and sale from **Saturday October 20th to Saturday 17th November**.

Born in Hampton 1935, brought up in Chelsea, Gill spent 5 years at Chelsea School of Art 1951-56 studying sculpture, lettering, print making, and graphic art, then majoring in Fine Art under the tutelage of Prunella Clough, Ivon Hitchens, and Julian Trevelyan amongst others.

After graduating, Gill worked at the Design Centre, Haymarket, and also for the FHK Henrion Group of Designers, followed by self-employment. She became a silversmith and studied ceramics in the '70s, then moved to Norfolk in the '80s.



Bessie Smith

Gill has exhibited at Grabowski's, Sloane Avenue; the Medici and Piccadilly Galleries, Cork Street; Whitechapel Art Gallery; and Piers Feetham, Fulham. Collections reside with Bury (Lancs) Art Museum, the Contemporary Arts Society, Hertford College, and the John Lewis Partnership, with private collections in South Africa, Canada and the UK.

In the 1990s, Gill was commissioned to paint seventeen murals of jazz musicians in Boswell's Restaurant, Norwich. In the end that became thirty eight large portraits in oils. Of this jazz portraits series The

JCUK is now proud to exhibit the following:

Canadian trumpeter and bandleader Maynard Ferguson; alto saxophonist Julian 'Cannonball' Adderley; tenor saxophonists James Moody and Ben Webster; the great blues singer Bessie Smith; two of jazz' greatest vocalists Billie Holiday and Sarah Vaughan; and hard bop pianist Horace Silver.

Influences on Gill's work include Rembrandt, Turner, Matisse, Modigliani, Joseph Herman, and Delacroix. A wide selection of her work can be viewed on <https://gilllevin.wordpress.com/about/> including the wonderful 'Structures', 'Grasses', 'My Garden' and 'Landscapes' series.



James Moody

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