

- The nominee(s) made a significant contribution to the arts or entertainment industry in one or more of the following areas: music, dance, theater, writing, visual arts, motion pictures, television, or radio.

A “significant” contribution would be iconic in terms of renown and the impact on the artistic disciplines or popular culture.

Nominee's Stage Name	Boo Frazier
Nominee's Given Name	Marion Leroy Frazier
Date Range of Winston-Salem Residency (ex: 2015-2020)	1940-1958
Category -Select One	Music

Required Documentation

- Attach nominee’s performance/accomplishment biography which must include at least 5 years of accomplishments in the arts, culture, or entertainment field.
- Attach a list of nominee’s civic/community involvement.
- Attach a copy of nominee’s death certificate or obituary.

Nominee's Professional Accomplishments/Biography	Boo Frazier ArtistInfo.pdf
Nominee's Civic/Community Involvement	Boo Frazier ArtistInfo_1.pdf
Nominee's Death Certificate or Obituary	Marion Frazier Obituary (2014) - Dumont, NJ - The Record Herald News.pdf

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Nominator Information

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State	NC
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Artist/Band

born (opt.)

Louis Armstrong

US 1901

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Boo Frazier



Producer

A.k.a. Marion Leroy Frazier

Record producer who worked with Chuck Berry, the Shirelles, Janet Jackson, Louis Armstrong and most famously, his cousin Dizzy Gillespie. Founded the label Booman Records. Born 1930 in South Carolina Died Sept. 13, 2014 in New Jersey It was John Birks Dizzy Gillespie, 13 years older, who gave him the nickname 'Boo' which he would carry through life. At 16, Mr. Frazier went to work as Gillespie's band boy and valet and served eventually as tour manager. He traveled the world with the jazz trumpet great and took part in a 1956 State Department tour that spread the gospel of jazz in South America, the Middle East and elsewhere. The experiences with Gillespie, coupled with a stint as the first black radio announcer in Winston-Salem, N.C., helped launch Mr. Frazier's career as a record producer. He was associated with such labels as Capitol Records, Mercury Records, Perception Records and PolyGram. Mr. Frazier and Gillespie, who lived in Englewood, New Jersey, were as close as brothers, and Mr. Frazier handled various affairs for Dizzy, who died in 1993, and Dizzy's widow, Lorraine, who died in 2004.

FRAZIER

Marion "Boo" Leroy, of Dumont was 84 when he passed away on September 13th. Born in Cheraw, South Carolina, Marion attended Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and Winston-Salem State University. He enlisted in the United States Army 1951 and served a tour of duty in Korea. After leaving the Army he moved to New York to attend Cambridge School of Radio and TV Broadcasting where he learned foundational skills that served him well throughout his career in the music industry. He returned to Winston-Salem and became a radio announcer for WAIR. By 1958 he relocated to Corona, Queens to travel with John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie. Marion toured the world with Dizzy Gillespie and his band as tour manager. From these two experiences his journey with the music industry was launched. Marion's promotional, sales/marketing, and artist and development skills with Chess, Perception, Mercury, Capitol, Polygram and A & M Records are legendary. He trained and mentored many individuals that wanted to know how to make it successfully in the business aspect of the music industry.

In 1965 he married Brenda Hemphill and they resided in Bergen County, NJ. They had five children Cheryl, Brandon and Tai, one daughter-in-law Sandra and two grandchildren, Tatum and Braydon. Marion was the brother of Willa F. Lash, Elaine F. Brown, Loretta (Major) Hairston, Tobbie Frazier and a sister-in-law Sylvia Douthit. He was preceded in death by two children, Takiya and Marion, Jr. and his brother, Edward Frazier. He was also survived by many nieces, nephews, and three loyal friends, Irene Ware, Jesus Garber, and Al Jones.

A memorial service will be held Saturday September 20th from 12 noon-2 PM at the Boulevard Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 1151 River Road, New Milford.

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