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### **NEA JAZZ MASTERS ON TOUR FEATURES DAVID BAKER**

Director of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra, Dr. David Baker, is a year 2000 Jazz Master inductee and is now featured with the 2006 NEA Jazz Master On Tour roster. Baker recently won an Emmy for compositions written for the PBS film "For Gold and Glory." To celebrate Mr. Baker's Jazz Masters On Tour status, the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra is developing a concert program around his vast career as a composer, educator and sideman with many of the prominent bands/musicians of yesteryear. These concerts are eligible for program grants.

- NEA Jazz Masters on Tour is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts sponsored by Verizon in partnership with Arts Midwest. Grants will pay 30% of artists fee up to a cap of \$5,000
- Tour period is from June 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006
- An educational event must be part of the Jazz Masters tour
- Additional support is provided by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation through a grant to Chamber Music America.

SRO has represented several NEA Jazz Masters throughout the years, and you have landed a wonderful booking opportunity. SRO is now booking the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra through fall 2006 and would be happy to discuss. Please contact SRO, and/or review these helpful links:

[NEA Jazz Masters](#) then click-on links for **NEA Jazz Masters on Tour** including focus on [Meastro David Baker](#).