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**“For the Love of ART” Celebrates the Enduring Legacy of Art Porter Sr.  
Posthumously on His 92nd Birthday**

*LITTLE ROCK, Ark.* — Art Porter Music Education, Inc. (APME) proudly presents its annual **For the Love of ART** celebration on **Friday, February 13, and Sunday, February 15**, honoring the life, legacy, and what would have been the **92nd birthday of the late Art Porter Sr.** This two-day event reflects the spirit of excellence, service, and love of music that defined Porter’s life and continues to inspire generations.

A true jazz statesman from Little Rock, Arkansas, **Art Porter Sr.** was a gifted pianist, entertainer, educator, and television producer. He founded the **Art Porter Singers** and dedicated his life to cultivating talent, uplifting community, and using music as a bridge to opportunity.

The celebration begins **Friday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m.** with the **Porter Players Jam Session** at the **Little Rock Four Points by Sheraton, 925 University Avenue**. This dynamic evening will feature **Minors in Music, Mentors in Music**, and local musicians who either performed alongside or were inspired by Art Porter Sr. The jam session embodies the Porter philosophy - learning across generations, honoring tradition, and creating joy through collaboration.

The weekend continues **Sunday, February 15, at 4:00 p.m.**, with a featured performance by the **Art Porter Singers** at **St. John Missionary Baptist Church**. St. John has partnered with APME to highlight the Singers while supporting the organization’s **scholarship fundraising goals**, reinforcing a shared commitment to faith, music, and youth development.

APME is a **501(c)(3) nonprofit organization** dedicated to honoring the memories of **Art Porter Sr.** and **Art Porter Jr.** Art Porter Jr., a world-renowned jazz recording artist, traveled the globe earning the respect of the international jazz community. Both father and son demonstrated a deep love for the Little Rock community by generously donating their time and talents to benefit others. APME continues their legacy by nurturing musical excellence and educational opportunity for the next generation.

**For the Love of ART** not only delivers two days of inspiring performances, but also strengthens the Porter Legacy in partnership with APME’s signature summer fundraiser, **A Work of ART (AWOA)**. Together, these initiatives support the **Art Porter Music Institute**, which includes **Minors in Music workshops**, the **“Lil’ Emcees”** program that builds confident public-speaking skills, and a **\$3,000 renewable scholarship** for students.

APME will soon announce the national touring artists who will headline this summer’s **A Work of ART** event. In the meantime, the foundation looks forward to participating in and supporting the **Little Rock River Market’s bi-annual Jazz in the Park Series** this April.

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