

Essentially Ellington Judges by Year

1996

Wynton Marsalis
Illinois Jacquet
John Lewis**
Loren Schoenberg

1997

Wynton Marsalis
Michael Brecker
Ronald Carter
Jimmy Heath**
Horace Silver**

1998

Wynton Marsalis
Slide Hampton**
Paul Jeffrey
Branford Marsalis
David Sanborn

1999

Wynton Marsalis
Toshiko Akiyoshi**
Paquito D'Rivera**
Chuck Israels
Aaron Bell

2000

Wynton Marsalis
Buster Cooper
Bill Dobbins
Joe Lovano
James Moody

2001

Wynton Marsalis
Carmen Lundy
Charles McPherson
Lalo Schifrin
Monsignor John Sanders

2002

Wynton Marsalis
David Berger
Stanley Cowell
Arturo O'Farrill

2003

Wynton Marsalis
David Berger
Rufus Reid
Loren Schoenberg

2004

Wynton Marsalis
David Berger
Rodney Whitaker
Bob Wilber

2005

Wynton Marsalis
David Baker**
David Berger
Gunther Schuller**

2006

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David Baker**
David Berger
Gunther Schuller**

2008

Wynton Marsalis
David Berger
Reginald Thomas
Bob Wilber

2009

Wynton Marsalis
David Berger
Reginald Thomas
Gerald Wilson**

2010

Wynton Marsalis
David Berger
Ted Buehrer
Jimmy Heath**
Rodney Whitaker

** Denotes NEA Jazz Master