2013 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
PROCLAMATION

Whereas Ethel Ennis possess one of the great voices in jazz today described as “exuding the personality of a sage who has lived many lives”...

And Whereas Ethel Ennis has sung with Benny Goodman, jammed with Louis Armstrong, performed with Duke Ellington, been praised by everyone from Billie Holiday to Frank Sinatra and more recently sung with Wynton Marsalis, McCoy Tyner, and Toots Theileleman...

Whereas Ethel Ennis was the first to sing the national anthem a cappella at a presidential inauguration and no she didn’t lip sync....

Whereas Ethel Ennis made a commitment early in her career to be true to her roots in Baltimore, staying in and supporting our community while also touring the world as Baltimore’s jazz envoy...

Whereas Ethel’s nightclub Ethel’s Place made important and major cultural contributions to Baltimore during critical years...

Whereas Ethel Ennis has offered an amazing role-model for the youth of our City, while also actively supporting the music education of those youth through her commitment to Frederick Douglass High School and other youth arts programs in Baltimore...

Whereas Ethel has offers us all a shining example of how to grow into our elder years with grace and superb style....

Therefore we are proud and honored to present Creative Alliance’s 2013 Life Time Achievement Award to Ethel Ennis.