

DJ Resurrects Father's Jazz Music Legacy

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Bridging classic and contemporary jazz with electronic and smooth jazz. That's the goal of King Rip's Approachable Jazz Hour- a weekly show. DJ Jazzy L merges his fathers classic jazz with independent electronic artists.

Oak Park, IL — Earl E. Watts, also known as King Rip, was a Chicago jazz disc jockey for over 40 years. He passed away 10 years ago leaving behind hundreds of classic jazz CDs and LPs. Now his oldest son, Earl R. Watts aka DJ Jazzy L, desires to revive that legacy through a weekly jazz broadcast on WNUR 89.3 FM, Evanston/Chicago and via the internet stream at <http://www.wnur.org>.

At 2:30am CST every Saturday morning, DJ Jazzy L begins a 2 1/2 hour show titled King Rip's Approachable Jazz Hour, mixing legacy jazz tracks his father owned with electronic and smooth jazz tracks that he plays on his internet radio station, Jazzy Lounge. It results in an interesting mix of improvisational jazz. Now WNUR listeners can hear Jimmy Smith, Cannonball Adderly and Danny D'Imperio alongside of Christophe Goze, Cinematic Orchestra and David Benoit. The objective is to create a playlist and music atmosphere that jazz lovers of various levels can appreciate- a meeting in the middle, approachable jazz. Earl said, "This is my homage to my father for his steadfast commitment to the jazz community."

King Rip spun jazz music mostly in lounges and clubs on Chicago's south and west side with a few guest radio appearances. Rip was his nickname but King was attached to it because of the many DJ battles he won. And though he sold most of his LPs, any jazz collector will know if they own any because he usually wrote with a marker "King Rip" on each album jacket.

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Earl R. Watts (DJ Jazzy L) has been a streaming internet broadcaster for Jazzy Lounge radio since December 2003 and his broadcast is hosted on <http://www.live365.com>. He began broadcasting with WNUR-FM in May, 2011. He presents Jazzy Lounge as a "freeform electronica station, serving up an eclectic dish of Lounge, Nu Jazz, Downtempo, House, Smooth Jazz, Chill Out, Dance, Dub, World and Electronica."

Jazzy Lounge internet radio station promotes independent artists, producers and record labels of electronic music and its sub-genres.

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