TRIBUTE TO GENE DONATI

On Monday, February 23rd, over 700 attendees of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Center’s Millennium Stage enjoyed the sounds of the Gene Donati Orchestra under the direction of Phil McCusker. This concert, a tribute to Brother Donati who passed away on January 5th, featured the music long associated with this distinguished bandleader and musical contractor. The band, with featured vocalist Jerome Powell, was in top form at this event. Sharing in the vocal spotlight were saxophonist Maureen McCusker and trombonist Lowell “Red” Arwood, showing the outstanding versatility of this 17 piece ensemble.

We wish the very best to the Donati family, particularly his widow Shirley, also a member of Local 161-710. Our best wishes also go to Phil McCusker and Billy Barrick who will preside over Gene Donati Presentations, keeping the legacy alive.