





BLACK HISTORY MOMENT



Clifford Brown



Clifford Brown was born on October 30, 1930. As a young Howard High student, Brown began playing the trumpet and soon after was active in school bands and other musical groups led by his jazz instructor Boysie Lowery. In 1949, Brown entered Delaware State College as a math major but then transferred to Maryland State College to play in their jazz band. In 1952, he made his first records with Chris Powell and the Five Blue Flames, a rhythm and blues group. A year later, In June of 1953, Brown began his jazz recording career making albums with Lou Donaldson, Tadd Dameron, and Jay Jay Johnson.

By mid-1954, Brown teamed up with Max Roach to form the Clifford Brown–Max Roach Quintet. The quintet was quickly recognized as one of the outstanding groups in contemporary jazz and Brown as a major trumpeter and composer.

He died at 25 in an automobile accident on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in the early morning hours of June 27, 1956. ([Philadelphia Music Alliance](#))

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