

Tri-C announces naming of Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts

April 26, Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) officially celebrated the naming of the Tommy LiPuma Center for the Creative Arts in honor of the many accomplishments and contributions of Mr. Tommy LiPuma, a Cleveland native and chairman emeritus of the Verve Music Group.



Tommy LiPuma mentors students in Tri-C's Recording Arts Studio

"Mr. LiPuma has been one of the music industry's most innovative and creative forces for more than four decades," Tri-C President Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton said in announcing Mr. LiPuma's \$3 million gift, the largest private gift in College and Tri-C Foundation history. "He has been a long-time friend of the College and we are so pleased to celebrate his commitment and support to our students and his establishment of a legacy for the future."

Mr. LiPuma is one of the most successful pop and jazz producers of all time with 33 gold and platinum records to his credit, 33 Grammy nominations and three Grammy Awards. His keen ear for the magic of what makes a hit made him one of the

industry's most respected executives at A&M, Blue Thumb, Warner Brothers, Elektra, and as President of the GRP Recording Company and Verve Music Group. He has produced for legendary artists Diana Krall, Natalie Cole, Dr. John, Miles Davis, Al Jarreau, Barbara Streisand and Sir Paul McCartney – to name a few.

Through the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation, the College will leverage the musical genius and generosity of Mr. LiPuma to build and sustain the rich legacy of the College's music programs, to preserve the legacy of jazz (contemporary music), and to establish the Tommy LiPuma Endowment Fund. Mr. LiPuma is committed to sharing his musical genius to further develop the College's music programs, serve as an advisor and guest speaker, assist in the discovery and development of young talent and facilitate future collaborations between the College and professional artists and technicians. He will provide mentorship and encouragement to LiPuma Scholars – Cuyahoga Community College students who will be recipients of scholarships from the Tommy LiPuma Endowment Fund.

Located on the Metropolitan Campus of Cuyahoga Community College, the Tommy LiPuma Center for Creative Arts is a premier facility that provides a unique learning environment for students pursuing studies in a wide spectrum of creative arts disciplines. A joint project between the College and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, the Center features 75,000 square feet that bring together many of the College's media arts, recording arts, performing arts, animation laboratories and other creative arts programs. In addition to

classroom space, the Center houses dance and theater studios, audio and keyboard classrooms, music technology labs and editing suites. It is also home to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum's Library and Archives.

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