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Donors to the Nina Simone Sculpture, who contribute at the \$500 and above levels, will have their names inscribed on granite panels incorporated into the sculptural surround.

THE EUNICE WAYMON NINA SIMONE MEMORIAL PROJECT

Eunice Waymon–Nina Simone Scholarship

Nina Simone Sculpture

Nina Simone Music Festival at Tryon

A Sponsored Program of the
Tryon Downtown Development Association

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The Waymon-Simone Project became an initiative of the Tryon Downtown Development

Association (TDDA) in Spring 2006 by unanimous vote of the TDDA Board of Directors.

TDDA's non-partisan, communal emphasis best represents the kind and the level of community involvement sought after by the leadership of the Waymon-Simone Project.

As the primary sponsoring non-profit organization for the Eunice Waymon-Nina Simone Memorial Project, TDDA will facilitate each of the Project's three phases: the Eunice Waymon-Nina Simone Scholarship, the Nina Simone Sculpture created by Zenos Frudakis, and the Nina Simone Music Festival at Tryon

Your active participation is an integral element in celebrating the life and contributions of Nina Simone. And you are, each and all, cordially invited to consider how your time, your talents and your resources might bring us closer to the realized results of our effort. Become a positive force in visioning a significant part of Tryon's future!



Your Contribution to the Project Is Tax Deductible

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- Benefactor \$10,000+
- Angel 5,000+
- Patron 2,500+
- Star 1,000+
- Torch 500+
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- Nina Simone Sculpture
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- Nina Simone Music Festival
- Administrative Operations
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Mission Statement

The Eunice Waymon-Nina Simone Memorial Project exists to honor the life and legacy of a native Tryon, North Carolina daughter, who achieved international recognition for her unique talent and formidable contributions to the musical arts.

Simone asserted a powerful artistic impact upon late-twentieth-century American popular culture as is evident in her expansive discography, musical arrangements and original compositions.

Nina Simone was and is a powerful cultural force in a global theatre; she remains an international musical legend who looms large on the horizon as an icon of human potential realized.

Our goal is to create a greater awareness of Simone's multiple contributions and to celebrate her remarkable achievement.

Phase 1

The Eunice Waymon-Nina Simone Scholarship

The Eunice Waymon-Nina Simone Memorial Project creates a needs-based scholarship program to support both the short- and long-term educational plans of young individuals. Candidates from all academic disciplines are eligible to apply for financial assistance. Global applicants are welcomed.

This funding program emulates 'The Eunice Waymon Fund,' created by Mrs. Muriel Mazzanovich in the 1940s and supported by Tryonites to assure that the young Eunice Waymon would have the opportunity to pursue her educational goals.

In a verbal aside to 'Bye, Bye Blackbird,' Nina Simone makes a penetrating observation.

The beauty of children can't be said too much in words, for children are so very beautiful. They lack all of our sophistication and all of our fear.

Providing broad educational opportunities to young people is one way to assure a better future for all.

Consider how you and your resources might affect a positive change in the life of another individual. Donate generously.

Phase 2

The Nina Simone Sculpture created by Zenos Frudakis

The Eunice Waymon-Nina Simone Memorial Project undertakes to commission a bronze sculpture of Nina Simone by noted sculptor Zenos Frudakis.

Frudakis's work appears in numerous private, corporate, university and government art collections both in the US and abroad, including the Pentagon, the National Academy of Design and the Nobel Foundation. He excels at expressing the character and vitality of his subjects while capturing an accurate likeness.

Notable commissions include the *Honor Guard* at the National Air Force Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery, *Freedom* at the GSK World Headquarters in Philadelphia, PA, *Martin Luther King* at the US Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa, and sport figures Joe DiMaggio, Steve Carlton, Arnold Palmer, and Payne Stewart.

I am delighted to share in the creation of a lasting tribute to jazz legend Nina Simone. In addition to being a fan of her work, as an artist, it is especially pleasing for me to be given this opportunity to honor another artist. With this statue, her hometown will claim its own and inspire children who like her were born and raised in Tryon to realize their potential.

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Phase 3

The Nina Simone Music Festival at Tryon

The annual Nina Simone Music Festival at Tryon, scheduled to launch in October 2009, will present a broad range of music and musical styles, much in the same inclusive manner as did Nina Simone across the span of her performance career.

Situated in the foothills of the Western North Carolina Blue Ridge mountains, Tryon is the ideal tourist destination. The town's motto—*The Friendliest Town in the South*— aptly sets the mood and tone for a memorable experience.

An active artisan community since its inception in 1885, Tryon affords numerous point of interest. Its expansive vistas, spectacular views, intimate waterfalls, charming Bed & Breakfast establishments, arts & crafts industries and beautiful performance venues delightfully engage the imagination.

Sports activities abound in well-stocked trout streams, numerous nationally rated golf courses, and a strong equestrian tradition.

Consult your 2009 calendar, and consider spending a beautiful Fall weekend with us in Tryon, North Carolina, amid the autumn foliage, listening to world-class musicians and enjoying a glass of local Western North Carolina wine!