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Sax Legend a Triple Winner



Jazz great Sonny Rollins performs during a concert in Tokyo. Rollins was a triple winner at the annual Jazz Awards.

(AP)—Tenor sax legend Sonny Rollins was a triple winner last week at the annual Jazz Awards, garnering musician of the year honors for the second straight year.

Rollins also repeated as the top tenor saxophonist. His latest CD, "Road Shows, Vol. 2," consisting of live recordings from concerts in Japan and his September 2010 80th birthday concert in New York, highlighted by a first-ever public performance with free jazz vision-

ary and alto saxophonist Ornette Coleman, was chosen the year's best jazz recording.

"I was born with some talent for which I am grateful," Rollins said in a statement read from the stage at the Blue Note jazz club. "I copied and learned from my predecessors and I'm grateful to them, and I gratefully accept this award."

Rollins could not attend the ceremony because he was moving to a new home in upstate New York.

Saxophonist Joe Lovano's Us

Five, featuring Grammy-winner and Portland native Esperanza Spalding on bass and James Weidman on piano, was chosen as the best small ensemble for the third consecutive year.

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