**Art Blakey**

**Arthur** "**Art**" **Blakey** (October 11, 1919–October 16, 1990) was an American [jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz) drummer and bandleader. He was known as **Abdullah Ibn Buhaina** after he became a Muslim.

Blakey made a name for himself in the 1940s in the big bands of [Fletcher Henderson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fletcher_Henderson) and [Billy Eckstine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billy_Eckstine). He worked with bebop musicians [Thelonious Monk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thelonious_Monk" \o "Thelonious Monk), [Charlie Parker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlie_Parker) and [Dizzy Gillespie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dizzy_Gillespie). In the mid-1950s [Horace Silver](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horace_Silver) and Blakey formed the [Jazz Messengers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz_Messengers), a group that the drummer was associated with for the next 35 years. The Jazz Messengers were formed as a collective of contemporaries, but over the years the band became known as an incubator for young talent, including [Freddie Hubbard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freddie_Hubbard), [Wayne Shorter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wayne_Shorter), [Lee Morgan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Morgan), [Benny Golson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benny_Golson), and [Wynton Marsalis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wynton_Marsalis" \o "Wynton Marsalis). *The Biographical Encyclopedia of Jazz* calls the Jazz Messengers "the archetypal [hard bop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hard_bop) group of the late 50s".

He was inducted into the [Down Beat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Down_Beat) [Jazz Hall of Fame](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Down_Beat#Hall_of_Fame) (in 1981), the [Grammy Hall of Fame](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grammy_Hall_of_Fame) (in 1998 and 2001), and was awarded the [Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grammy_Lifetime_Achievement_Award) in 2005.He was inducted into the [*Modern Drummer*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modern_Drummer) Hall of Fame in 1991.