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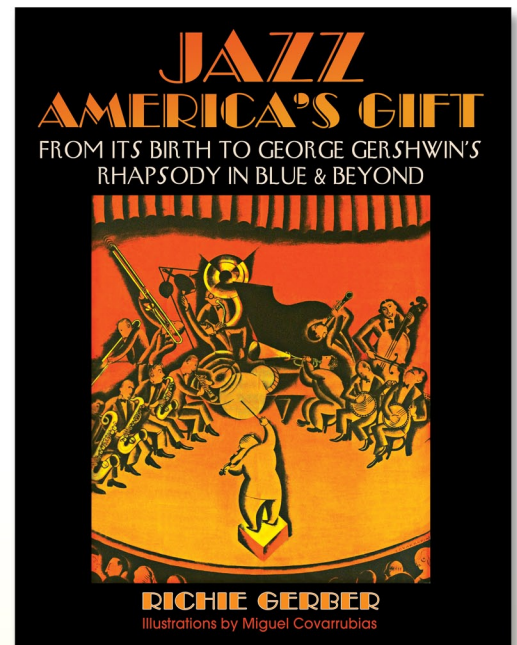
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### RICHIE GERBER

Featuring the signature artwork of the storied celebrity artist Miguel Covarrubias

*A unique and engaging exploration of the musical styles, traditions, innovations, and talents that shaped jazz—illustrating how jazz itself shaped America's history and brought the country closer together*

Over the millennia, melody and lyrics have served as a multi-layered mode of storytelling and expression of joy, sorrow, and hope. For America, no other musical style is quite so adept at this than jazz. *Jazz: America's Gift* delves into the rich history of American jazz—from its roots in early American folk song and the blues into the sound and splendor of the Jazz Age.



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**RICHIE GERBER**, musician, performer, comedian, and impresario has produced hundreds of jazz concerts that featured his band The Free Radicals, with jazz greats like Eddie Higgins, former Count Basie alumnus Pete Minger, and five-time Grammy nominee Ira Sullivan. Gerber is the former owner of the Bread of Life Natural Foods Market, which merged with Whole Foods Markets in 1997. In 2014, Gerber and his wife were included in *Natural Prophets*, a book about the pioneers of the health food industry.

**MIGUEL COVARRUBIAS** can arguably be called the chronicler of "The Jazz Age." A native of Mexico, he moved to NYC at the age of 19 in 1923 and instantaneously took the Big Apple by storm. His unique and innovative style of drawing celebrity caricatures landed him gigs at top-tier magazines such as *The New Yorker* and *Vanity Fair*. Covarrubias was awarded two Guggenheim Fellowships.

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