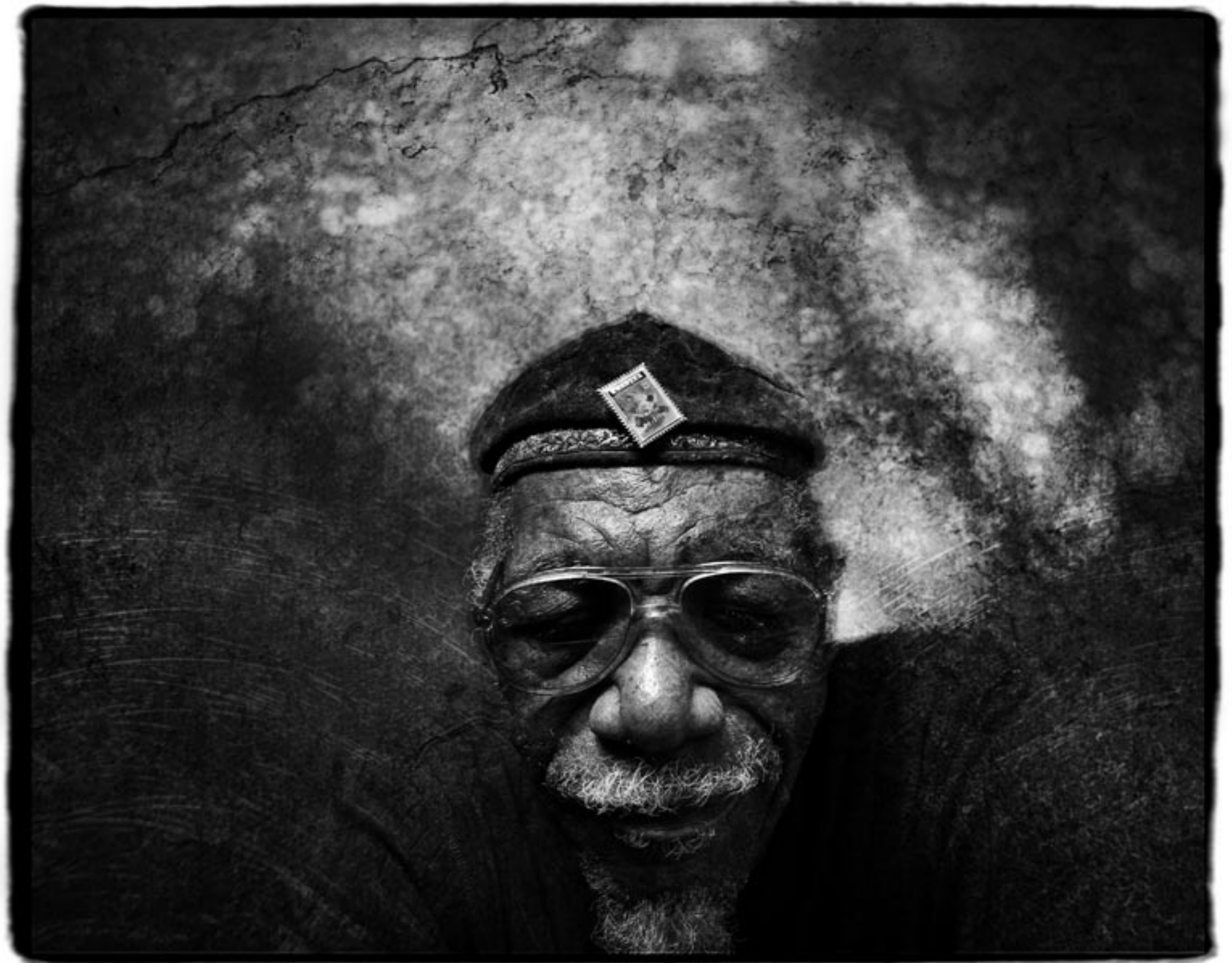


Talking About Eddie Saunders

When Eddie Saunders had a stroke last Fall, the Kansas City scene lost one of its most beloved players and teachers. I spent some time since then talking with some of his friends and colleagues, who share the stories and their love for Eddie.

Monny Nash: We came up together, he, I, and he had a younger brother who tried to play trumpet, but he didn't succeed. He went into sports and was successful in sports, he went on to play with the Globetrotters. Eddie was four years older than me, he was like my big brother. We would hang out at the union and would play our horns at the clubs.

Lucky Wesley: We started out professionally together in 1949. He, Sonny Kenner, Luqman, and I. The Five Aces. Eddie was very nice, naughty but nice. The same throughout all the years. Very talented. We had kind of a duel, to see who could get the most



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