Life IS A Gift

The Zen of Bennett

Tony Bennett

Photographs



My brother, John,
was a wonderful child opera singer—
and a great dresser!

Courtesy of the author



John and me, all "suited up" in 1941 in Astoria, Queens.

Courtesy of the author



I gave this little boy food from my Army rations right after this photo was taken in Wiesbaden, Germany, during World War II.

Courtesy of the author



Singing with the quartet from the 255th Regiment Band.

Courtesy of the author



With my Army buddies, the brothers Freddie and Stan Katz. ${\it Courtesy of the author}$



With my mom, all dressed up in our Easter Sunday best. Courtesy of the author

I got a chance to see
Maurice Chevalier
when I was just a
kid growing up in
Queens—what an
absolute inspiration
he was for me
as a performer.
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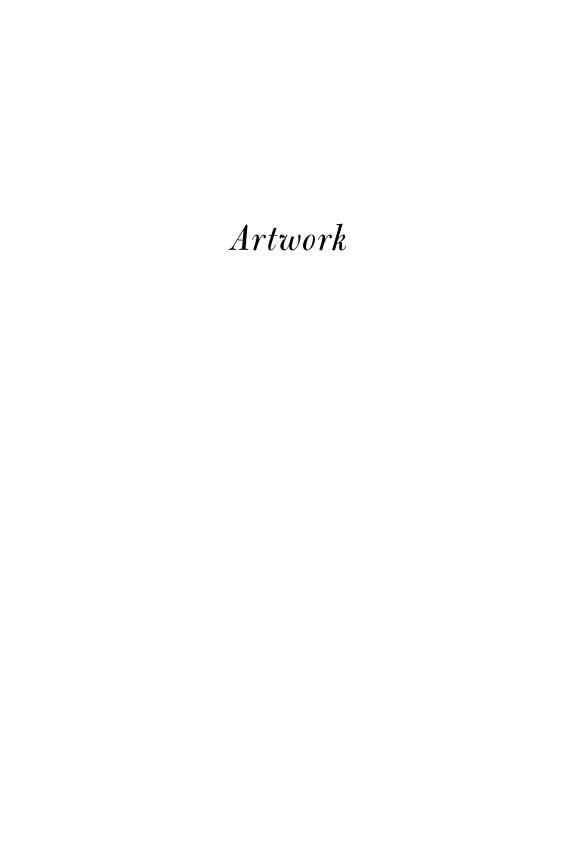




I loved the fact that John Mayer wore a suit to our recording session—and he is a wonderful blues singer. *Courtesy of the author*



There is no better inspiration for art than studying nature. ${\it Courtesy of the \ author}$





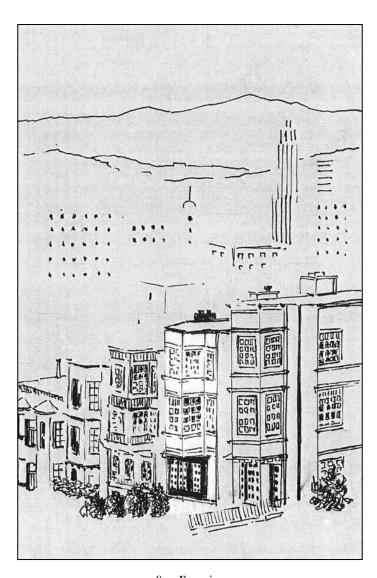
The Duke Ellington Orchestra



Musician, The Pearl Bailey Show



Musician (Bass)



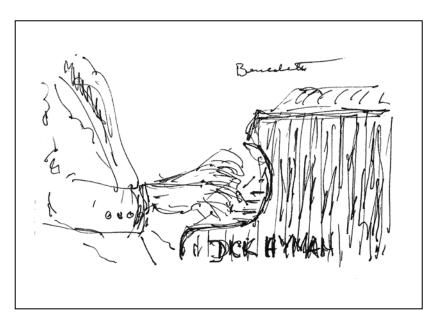
San Francisco



My Mom



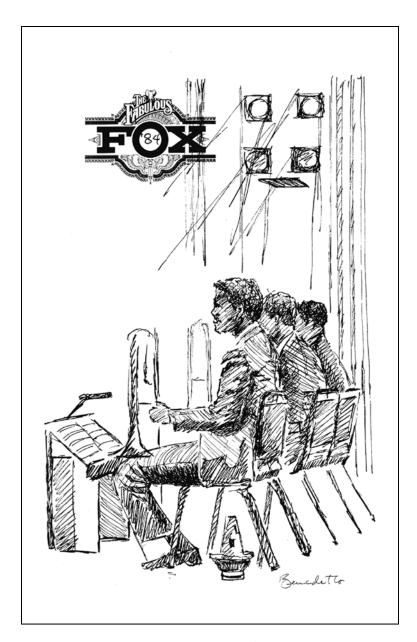
Ralph Sharon



Dick Hyman



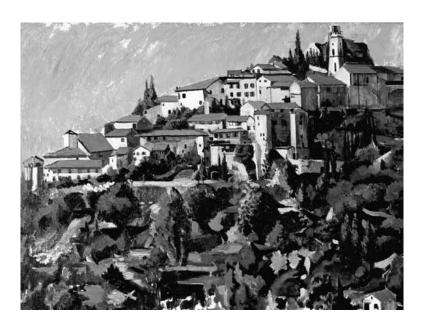
Duke Ellington—Black Rain



Count Basie Band



Fred Astaire



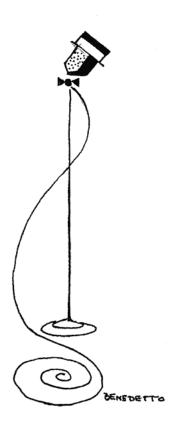
The South of France



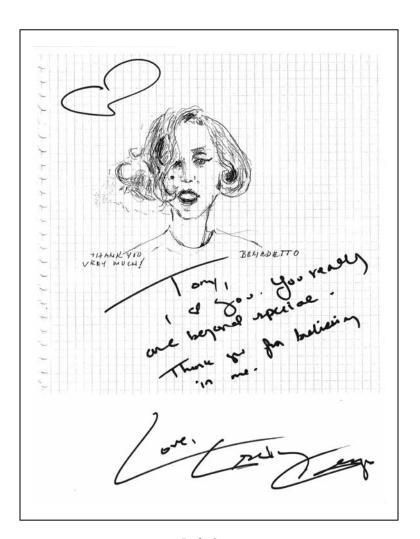
Rosemary Clooney



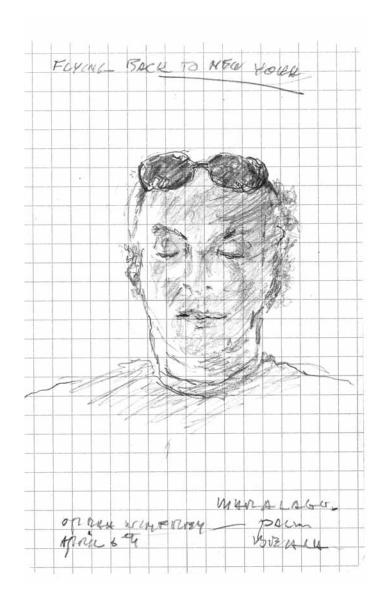
Carmen McRae at the Blue Note, May '90



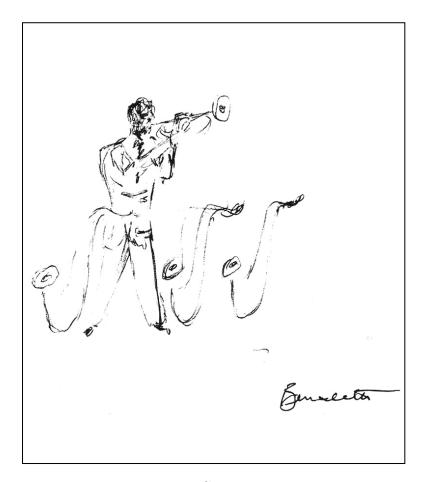
Frank Sinatra



Lady Gaga



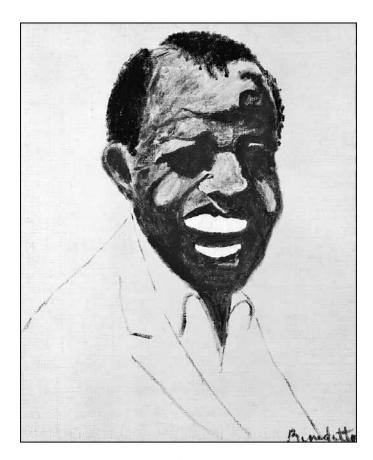
Danny Bennett Meditating



Jazz



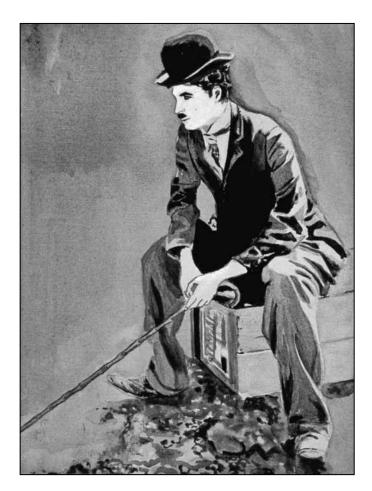
John Heard



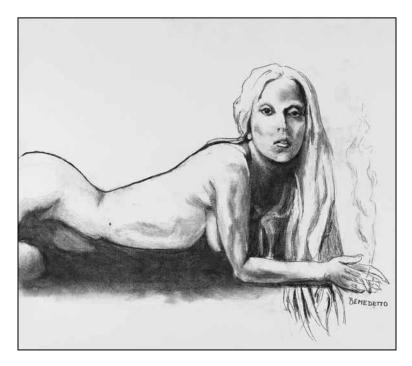
Louis by Bennett



k.d. lang (rehearsing)



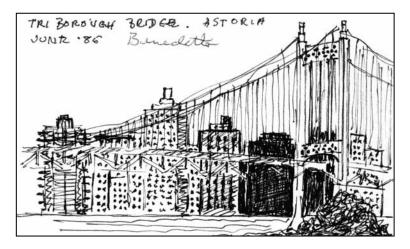
Charlie Chaplin



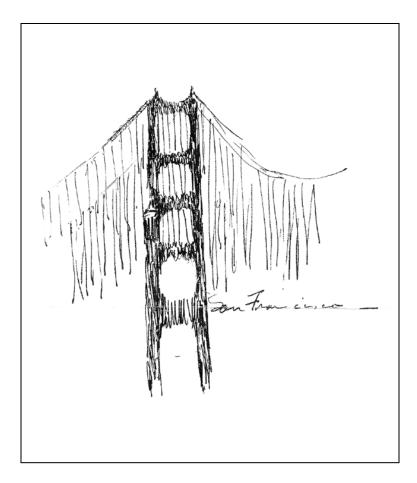
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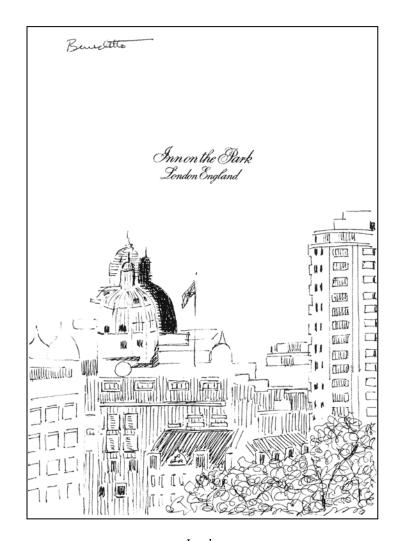
Sinatra



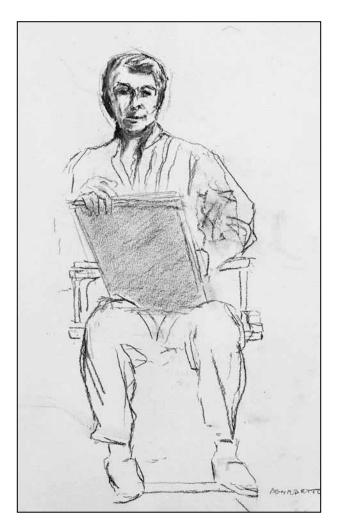
Triborough Bridge From Astoria, June '86



San Francisco



London



Self-Portrait



Bill Evans



Susan



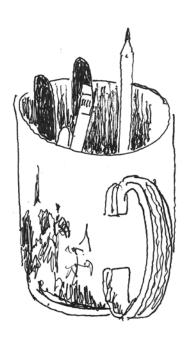
Jon Burr



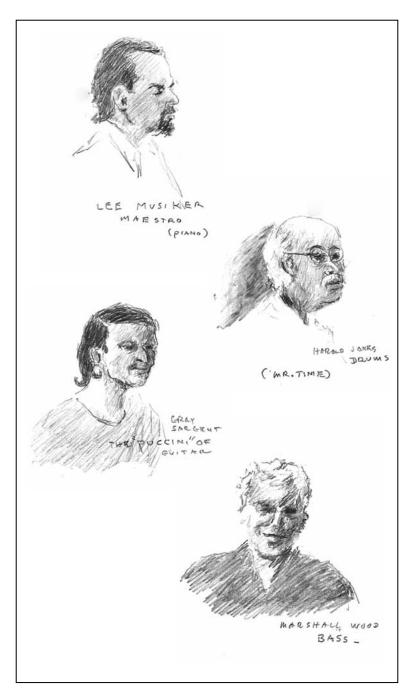
Ronnie White



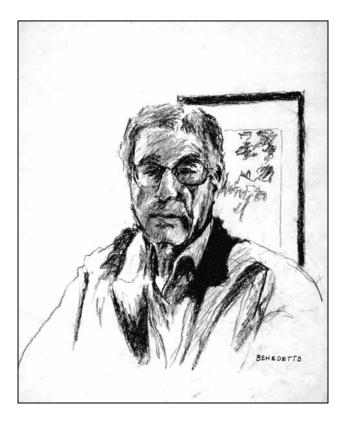
Clifford Brown



Untitled



 ${\it My\ Quartet:\ Lee,\ Harold,\ Gray,\ and\ Marshall}$



Self-Portrait