

# Jazz Giant Roy Hargrove Passes Away

By Sean Yoes | Baltimore AFRO Editor

(Balt. AFRO) - Roy Hargrove, one of the great young lions of the jazz world has died. He was 49. Hargrove, a Grammy-award winning trumpeter died of cardiac arrest according to a report in *Rolling Stone magazine*. He had recently been admitted into a New York City hospital with kidney issues.

Hargrove performed with jazz gods like Sonny Rollins, Stanley Turrentine, David "Fathead" Newman, Herbie Hancock, Wynton and Branford Marsalis. But he seamlessly also collaborated with R&B and Pop stars. Hargrove worked on Erykah Badu's critically acclaimed album *Mama's Gun* in 2000, as well as her 2003 album *Weather Underground*. He also contributed to D'Angelo's 2000 album *Voodoo*, as well as his 2014 offering *Black Messiah*.



Grammy-award winning trumpeter Roy Hargrove. (Courtesy Photo)

"The Great Roy Hargrove. He is literally the one-man horn section I hear in my head when I think about music," wrote Questlove of the legendary Hip-Hop band, the Roots, on Instagram. "And a beautiful cat man. Love to the immortal timeless ge-

nus that will forever be Roy Hargrove ya'll," Questlove added.

Hargrove, a native of Waco, Texas, was discovered by Wynton Marsalis when Marsalis toured the state in 1987, when Hargrove was a high school senior. As a bandleader,

Hargrove won two Grammys. The first came in 1998 when he won Best Latin Jazz Album for *Habana*. In 2002, he won Best Jazz Instrumental Album for *Directions in Music: Live at Massey Hall*, a collaboration with Hancock and Michael Brecker.

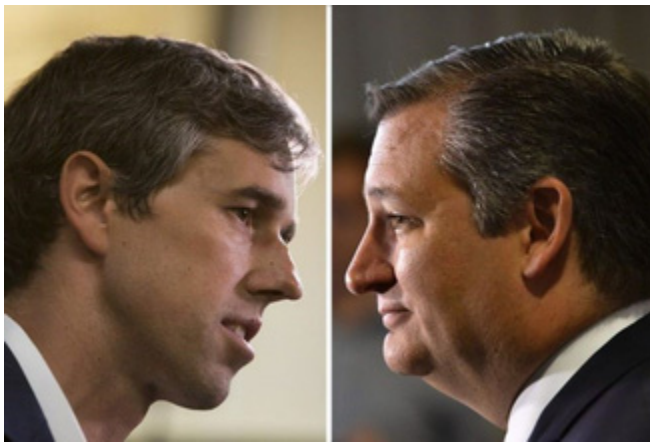
# Cruz Escapes O'Rourke's Senate Seat Chase

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(TEXAS TRIBUNE) - Sen. Ted Cruz fended off a spirited underdog challenge from Democrat Beto O'Rourke to win reelection on Tuesday in a Texas race that once seemed like a cakewalk but needed a late boost from President Donald Trump to help push the incumbent over the top.

Cruz began as the prohibitive favorite after his surprisingly successful 2016 presidential run, but he suddenly found himself in a tough contest against O'Rourke, a little-known El Paso congressman and one-time punk rocker who became a national political sensation and shattered fundraising records despite shunning donations from outside political groups and pollster advice.

Cruz turned back O'Rourke with the help of Trump, his bitter rival in 2016. Trump took the unexpected step of traveling to reliably Republican Texas during crunch time, staging a Houston rally to energize his base for Cruz just two weeks before Election Day. The president praised the senator as "beautiful" and smart, a far cry from two years ago when he repeatedly mocked Cruz



Beto O'Rourke and Ted Cruz

as "Lyn' Ted," made fun of his wife's appearance and suggested that Cruz's Cuban-born father had a hand in the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

With the win, Cruz kept alive his hopes of mounting a second presidential run once Trump leaves the White House.

In his victory speech, Cruz said his win affirmed that he won the "battle of ideas" against O'Rourke over issues like low taxes, reduced regulation and jobs.

"All the money in the world wasn't a match for the good people of Texas," he said, while also acknowledging that millions of people across the state were inspired by O'Rourke's campaign.

O'Rourke grabbed glowing national headlines by visiting all 254 Texas counties and often drawing large crowds —

even in fiercely conservative areas other Democrats had long since written off. He raked in donations from across the country and even set a new record for Senate campaign fundraising by collecting more than \$38 million in the three-month period from July through September alone. All told, he raised a whopping amount — more than \$70 million.

O'Rourke even got an unexpected boost from Beyonce as the Houston native posted pictures of herself wear-

ing a Beto baseball cap on Instagram mere hours before the polls closed.

It wasn't enough. O'Rourke, his voice hoarse from the grind of the campaign, told supporters that the campaign would "lead to something far greater than today." He took a subtle jab at Trump's vow to build a border wall and at one point uttered an expletive that was captured on live television.

"I'm as inspired, I'm as hopeful as I've ever been and tonight's loss does nothing to diminish how I feel about Texas or this country" O'Rourke said.

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