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The Lady Who Shot Lee Morgan

By

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Larry Reni Thomas is a 30-year veteran writer/radio announcer based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, who has worked at seven radio stations and whose journalistic work has appeared in *downbeat* and *The New York Times Magazine*. In “**I Called Him Morgan**” showing at this year’s TIFF on September 11th, **Thomas** is interviewed about the famed jazz artist, **Lee Morgan**. As head of his own quintet, **Morgan** released more than two dozen LPs. One single, “**The Sidewinder**,” charted as a crossover pop hit and was even pirated as the theme for a car commercial.

In his book “**The Lady Who Shot Lee Morgan**,” the Jazz scholar and Wilmington native recounts one of the more dramatic moments from modern jazz history. It turns out to have been a story that landed almost literally in his backyard. During the 1990s while teaching a history course through Shaw University's Wilmington program, *Thomas* made a rather unique discovery. One of his students - a smart, sarcastic, hard-working older lady, turned out to be none other than **Helen Morgan**- the woman who shot **Lee Morgan**.

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