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Jazz legend McCoy Tyner in the Miller Center for the Arts in Reading on Saturday night as part of the Berks Jazz Fest.

CONCERT REVIEW: McCoy Tyner brings turbulence, drama to Berks Jazz Fest

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Berks County, PA - When pianist McCoy Tyner and drummer Elvin Jones quit the John Coltrane quartet in the mid-1960s, jazz critic Ben Ratliff has written, they were unable to hear themselves in the monsoon of sound.

Tyner came full circle in Reading on Saturday night as he and his quartet, with guitarist Derek Trucks sitting in, created their own dramatic turbulence in the Miller Center for the Arts. Their set was one of the last in the 19th annual VF Outlet Berks Jazz Fest, which wraps up today.

It is hard to avoid using the word *legendary* to describe Tyner (the last surviving member of the great Coltrane foursome), and his contributions to jazz, but he is much more than a legend. His most recent album, "Guitars," features Trucks and three other guitarists and banjoist Bela Fleck. At 70, Tyner is still exploring new worlds.

In one of those worlds, "Fly with the Wind," from 1976, and the opening number Saturday night, Tyner staked his territory with his signature volcanic left hand and ocean waves of chords in his right.