

## **Columnist and Critic Nat Hentoff Has Died**

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Nat Hentoff, the civil liberties advocate and columnist who wrote about jazz and politics everything in between during a career spanning seven decades, died Saturday at 91, his son said.

In his final column for the Village Voice, 50 years after he started there, Nat Hentoff recalled, "I came here in 1958 because I wanted a place where I could write freely on anything I cared about". His writing also appeared along with records by Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Max Roach, and others.

An early admirer of Bob Dylan, Hentoff wrote the liner notes for Dylan's second album *The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan*. Hentoff authored over 20 books, many of which were about jazz. In "The Pleasures of Being Out of Step", a 2013 documentary on his life, he avowed, "The Constitution and jazz are my main reasons for being".

In 2009, he joined the CATO Institute - a public policy research organization where he was a senior fellow until his death.