

# Tipper Gore hits the drums at Monk Institute gala

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Tipper Gore behind the drums at Sunday's "Women, Music and Diplomacy" concert at the Kennedy Center. (Elisa Komins Morris) **Tipper Gore** hit the red carpet at Sunday's "Women, Music and Diplomacy" gala concert without [boyfriend Bill Allen](#) but partnered with **Herbie Hancock** in a drum solo that closed the show. The 25th annual [Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition](#) at the Kennedy Center focused on drummers this year, concluding with a tribute to former U.S. Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright** (who [played drums earlier with Chris Botti](#)) and other jazzy women. Gore co-hosted the gala with Hancock, **Helen Mirren**, **Billie Dee Williams** and **Thelonious Monk Jr.**

