



- A1 I Am
- A2 Why My Love
- A3 Black Joy
- A4 Unhurt
- B1 Weathering
- B2 The Perfect Storm
- B3 The Devil You Know
- C1 What Makes You Feel Loved?
- C2 For Sonia
- C3 Yemaya
- D1 Castaway
- D2 Give Thanks
- D3 For The Kids Who Live

Artist

Aja Monet, known primarily as a poet, has seamlessly blended spoken-word artistry with music, crafting pieces that resonate beyond genres. Her approach merges jazz, soul, and hip-hop elements with powerful lyrical narratives, innovatively reshaping how poetry interacts with contemporary music. Her acclaimed album "When the Poems Do What They Do" (2017) exemplifies her artistry, earning critical praise for its emotional depth and social commentary. Monet's work has influenced a growing wave of spoken-word musicians, pushing boundaries and expanding the genre's emotional and political scope. Critics have often praised her introspective and activist-driven lyrics, highlighting tracks like "My Mother Was a Freed...

Album

"When The Poems Do What They Do," by poet-performer Aja Monet, marks a compelling fusion of spoken word poetry, jazz, and soul, enriching the contemporary music landscape. Released to critical acclaim, it elevated Monet's career, positioning her prominently within socially-conscious artistry. Critics praised the album's poignant exploration of identity, resilience, and social justice, especially evident in standout tracks like "Give My Regards to Brooklyn" and "Black Joy." The deliberate production, blending organic jazz instrumentation with rhythmic poetry, created a distinct, introspective sonic space. Fans embraced its authenticity and emotional depth, solidifying Monet's voice as influential within genre...

Members

Main musicians featured on Aja Monet's album "When The Poems Do What They Do" include: 1. Aja Monet - Vocals, Spoken Word 2. Chief Xian aTunde Adjuah (Christian Scott) - Trumpet 3. Marcus Gilmore - Drums 4. Lonnie Holley - Vocals, Guest Artist 5. Weedie Braimah - Percussion

Art Blakey & Jazz Messengers

Free For All

2014 J19



- A1 Free For All
- A2 Hammer Head
- B1 The Core
- B2 Pensativa

Artist

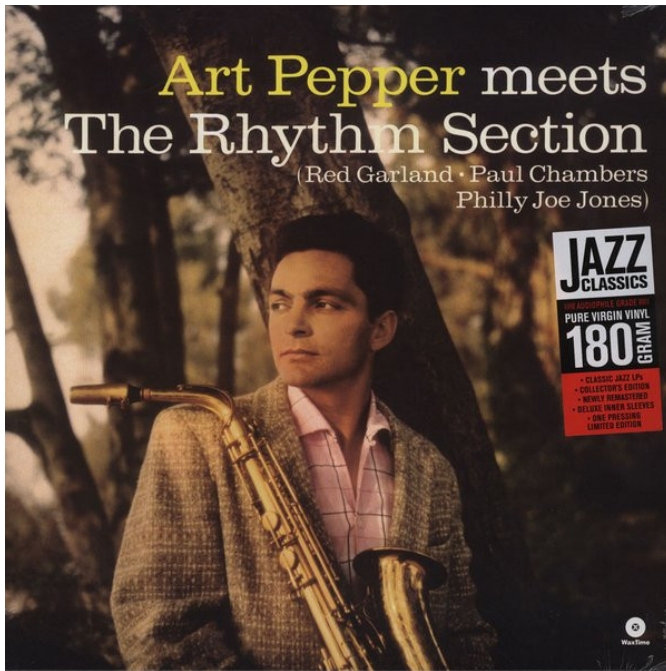
Key albums such as "Moanin'" (1958), featuring Bobby Timmons' iconic piano riff, and "A Night in Tunisia" (1961), showcasing explosive solos, defined their innovative sound. Critics praised their balance of sophistication and accessibility, and their energetic live performances remain legendary. The Jazz Messengers' legacy continues to resonate, evidenced by ongoing appreciation from both aficionados and contemporary artists. Far from fading, their influence has steadily grown, recognized today as a cornerstone in jazz's evolution.

Album

Art Blakey & the Jazz Messengers' 1964 album "Free for All" represents a pivotal moment of creative intensity within hard bop. Produced by Alfred Lion, its fiery spontaneity reflects the socio-political tensions of the early 1960s. The album showcases the quintet's dynamic interplay and emotional urgency, notably in tracks like the explosive title track and "The Core," both composed by Wayne Shorter. Critics praised its energized improvisation and rhythmic vitality, cementing its reputation among fans as one of the group's most powerful releases. Rather than a radical departure, the album refined and amplified their established sound, highlighting Shorter's compositional talent and Freddie Hubbard's virtuosi...

Members

1. Art Blakey (drums) 2. Freddie Hubbard (trumpet) 3. Wayne Shorter (tenor saxophone) 4. Curtis Fuller (trombone) 5. Cedar Walton (piano)



- A1 5:25 You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To
- A2 3:36 Red Pepper Blues
- A3 5:39 Imagination
- A4 2:55 Waltz Me Blues
- A5 3:58 Straight Life
- B1 4:32 Jazz Me Blues
- B2 7:42 Tin Tin Deo
- B3 5:12 Star Eyes
- B4 4:15 Birks Works

Artist

Art Pepper (1925-1982) remains a revered figure in jazz, known for his lyrical alto saxophone style and emotional authenticity. Emerging from West Coast jazz in the 1950s, Pepper combined melodic sensitivity with a raw intensity that distinguished him from contemporaries. His landmark album "Art Pepper Meets the Rhythm Section" (1957) showcased improvisational brilliance and emotional depth, influencing generations of musicians. Later works, notably "Living Legend" (1975) and "Art Pepper + Eleven" (1959), further solidified his reputation, blending sophisticated arrangements with heartfelt solos. Despite personal struggles, critics praise Pepper's honesty and expressiveness. Over time, appreciation of his ar...

Album

"Art Pepper Meets the Rhythm Section" (1957) stands as a landmark jazz album, pairing alto saxophonist Art Pepper with Miles Davis's acclaimed rhythm section: pianist Red Garland, bassist Paul Chambers, and drummer Philly Joe Jones. Recorded spontaneously without rehearsals, its immediacy and emotional honesty showcase Pepper's lyrical intensity, capturing his vulnerability and brilliance. Standout tracks include the vibrant opener "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To" and the introspective ballad "Imagination." The album revitalized Pepper's career following personal struggles, marking a deeper, more expressive phase in his artistry. Critically praised for its fluid interplay and inspired improvisation, it sig...

Members

1. Art Pepper (alto saxophone) 2. Red Garland (piano) 3. Paul Chambers (bass) 4. Philly Joe Jones (drums)

Billie Holiday

Lady In Satin



- A1 I'm A Fool To Want You
- A2 For Heaven's Sake
- A3 You Don't Know What Love Is
- A4 I Get Along Without You Very Well
- A5 For All We Know
- A6 Violets For Your Furs
- B1 You've Changed
- B2 It's Easy To Remember
- B3 But Beautiful
- B4 Glad To Be Unhappy
- B5 I'll Be Around

Artist

Billie Holiday remains a seminal figure in jazz, reshaping vocal expression through raw emotional depth and innovative phrasing. Her distinctively intimate voice, coupled with nuanced timing, elevated jazz singing to new artistic heights. Albums like "Lady Sings the Blues" and songs such as "Strange Fruit" exposed racial injustice, marking pivotal social commentary in music. Critics praise Holiday's courageous authenticity, noting her lasting impact on artists across genres, from jazz to soul. Despite personal struggles, her legacy endures, underscored by ongoing critical acclaim and reverence from fans. Holiday's influence continues undiminished, resonating profoundly in contemporary music and culture.

Album

Billie Holiday's "Lady in Satin" (1958) marked a poignant, introspective milestone in her career, showcasing her raw emotional depth and vulnerability. Recorded with lush orchestral arrangements by Ray Ellis, the album departed from Holiday's earlier jazz-centric work, embracing a more sophisticated, string-driven style. Holiday's weathered voice lent a haunting authenticity to tracks like "I'm a Fool to Want You" and "You've Changed," evoking themes of regret, longing, and resilience. At the time, critics were divided—some praised its emotional honesty, others lamented the decline in her vocal ability. Yet, the album has since been recognized as influential, signaling a shift toward intimate, deeply personal...

Members

"Lady in Satin" is a studio album by Billie Holiday. Notable contributing musicians include: 1. Billie Holiday - Vocals 2. Ray Ellis - Arranger and Conductor 3. Mel Davis - Trumpet 4. Urbie Green - Trombone 5. Phil Bodner - Flute, Clarinet

Billie Holiday

Lady Sings The Blues



- A1 Lady Sings The Blues
- A2 Trav'lin' Light
- A3 I Must Have That Man
- A4 Some Other Spring
- A5 Strange Fruit
- A6 No Good Man
- B1 God Bless The Child
- B2 Good Morning Heartache
- B3 Love Me Or Leave Me
- B4 Too Marvelous For Words
- B5 Willow Weep For Me
- B6 I Thought About You

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Album

Billie Holiday's "Lady Sings the Blues" (1956) remains a seminal jazz album, crystallizing Holiday's artistry and emotional depth. Rather than a dramatic stylistic shift, it solidified her reputation for intimate storytelling and nuanced vocal phrasing. Tracks like "Strange Fruit," "God Bless the Child," and the title song exemplify Holiday's raw vulnerability and poignant delivery, addressing racial injustice, hardship, and resilience. The subtle, understated production foregrounded Holiday's emotive voice, influencing generations of vocal jazz artists. Critically acclaimed upon release, the album deepened Holiday's legacy, highlighting her ability to convey profound emotion through restrained elegance.

Members

Billie Holiday's album "Lady Sings The Blues" features several renowned jazz musicians, notably: 1. Billie Holiday - Vocals 2. Charlie Shavers - Trumpet 3. Tony Scott - Clarinet 4. Paul Quinichette - Tenor Saxophone 5. Wynton Kelly - Piano

Brad Mehldau

Live In Tokyo

2019 J34



- A1 4:37 Intro
- A2 6:30 50 Ways To Leave Your Lover
- A3 9:32 My Heart Stood Still
- B1 8:16 Roses Blue
- B2 2:37 Intro II
- B3 10:08 Someone To Watch Over Me
- C1 4:49 Things Behind The Sun
- C2 5:52 C Tune
- C3 5:24 Waltz Tune
- C4 7:57 From This Moment On
- D1 6:50 Alfie
- D2 7:59 Monk's Dream
- E1 19:29 Paranoid Android
- F1 9:00 How Long Has This Been Going On
- F2 8:58 River Man

Artist

Brad Mehldau's trio has significantly influenced contemporary jazz through sophisticated improvisation and genre-blending innovation. Mehldau's distinct pianistic style integrates classical nuances, pop-rock sensibilities, and intricate jazz improvisations, redefining the modern jazz trio format. Albums like "The Art of the Trio" series established Mehldau's lyrical yet exploratory approach, while "Largo" broadened his sonic palette by incorporating electronic elements. His reinterpretations of Radiohead and Nick Drake songs bridged jazz with younger audiences, renewing genre appeal. Critics commend Mehldau's technical virtuosity, emotional depth, and evolving creativity, making him a pivotal figure in jazz....

Album

Brad Mehldau's "Live in Tokyo" (2004) remains a significant milestone in contemporary jazz, capturing the pianist at a creative peak. Recorded solo, it revealed Mehldau's profound intimacy and improvisational mastery, becoming a defining statement within his discography. Critics praised the album for its virtuosic reinterpretations of diverse material—from standards like "Someone to Watch Over Me" to Radiohead's "Paranoid Android"—showcasing Mehldau's genre-fluid approach and innovative harmonic exploration. The album solidified Mehldau's reputation as a modern jazz pioneer, influencing younger musicians to embrace eclectic repertoires. Its minimalist production highlighted his nuanced touch, emotional depth...

Members

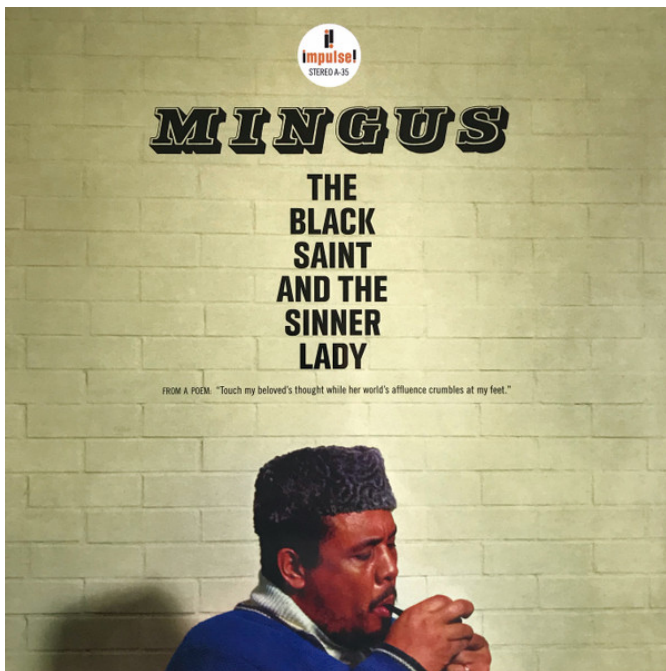
The album *Live In Tokyo* is primarily a solo piano recording by Brad Mehldau. It does not feature additional musicians or guest artists. Brad Mehldau is the sole performer on this recording.

Charles Mingus

The Black Saint And The Sinner Lady

2021

J7



- A1 6:20 Solo Dancer (Stop! Look! And Listen, ...
- A2 6:25 Duet Solo Dancers (Hearts' Beat And S...
- A3 7:00 Group Dancers ((Soul Fusion) Freewoma...
- B1 Trio And Group Dancers (Stop! Look! A...
- B2 Single Solos And Group Dance (Saint A...
- B3 Group And Solo Dance (Of Love, Pain, ...

Artist

Charles Mingus remains one of jazz music's boldest innovators, celebrated for pushing artistic boundaries and reshaping jazz composition. A virtuoso bassist, composer, and bandleader, Mingus fused gospel, blues, classical, and bebop into a distinctive, emotionally charged sound. Albums such as "Mingus Ah Um" and "The Black Saint and the Sinner Lady" demonstrate his dynamic range, featuring intricate orchestrations, expressive solos, and socially conscious themes. Mingus's compositions, notably "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat" and "Haitian Fight Song," showcase his ability to blend complexity with emotional resonance. Critics have praised his fearless experimentation and cultural critiques, while musicians continue to ...

Album

Charles Mingus's 1963 masterpiece, "The Black Saint and the Sinner Lady," stands as a pinnacle in jazz composition, praised by critics and fans alike for its ambitious structure and emotional intensity. The album marked a significant moment in Mingus's career, showcasing his innovative approach to blending jazz with classical and avant-garde influences. Structured as a continuous, multi-movement suite, the album explores complex themes—inner turmoil, identity, and societal struggle—expressed vividly through dynamic arrangements and bold orchestration. Tracks like "Track C - Group Dancers" exemplify Mingus's mastery of tension and release, integrating vivid brass textures, intricate rhythms, and expressive so...

Members

1. Charles Mingus - bass, piano 2. Jerome Richardson - soprano and baritone saxophones, flute 3. Charlie Mariano - alto saxophone 4. Jaki Byard - piano 5. Dannie Richmond - drums

Charles Mingus

Mingus Ah Um

2022 J22



- A1 7:23 Better Get It In Your Soul
- A2 5:44 Goodbye Pork Pie Hat
- A3 5:03 Boogie Stop Shuffle
- A4 3:10 Self-Portrait In Three Colors
- A5 5:51 Open Letter To Duke
- B1 6:18 Bird Calls
- B2 8:14 Fables Of Faubus
- B3 9:15 Pussy Cat Dues
- B4 6:17 Jelly Roll

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Album

Charles Mingus' 1959 album "Mingus Ah Um" remains a landmark in jazz history, showcasing Mingus' brilliance as both composer and bandleader. Marking a pivotal moment in his career, the album refined Mingus' distinct sound, blending blues, gospel, and swing with experimental bebop. Standout tracks like "Goodbye Pork Pie Hat," a heartfelt tribute to Lester Young, and the vibrant "Better Git It in Your Soul" exemplify his emotional depth and rhythmic innovation. Critics praised Mingus' sophisticated arrangements and expressive performances, cementing his reputation among jazz's elite. The album, notable for its cohesive yet diverse compositions, influenced generations of musicians and listeners alike, deepening...

Members

1. Charles Mingus - Bass, Leader 2. John Handy - Alto Saxophone, Clarinet 3. Booker Ervin - Tenor Saxophone 4. Horace Parlan - Piano 5. Dannie Richmond - Drums

Charlie Parker With Strings

Charlie Parker With Strings

2020 J31



- A1 3:08 April In Paris
- A2 2:48 Summertime
- A3 2:48 If I Should Lose You
- A4 3:14 I Didn't Know What Time It Was
- A5 3:17 Everything Happens To Me
- A6 3:32 Just Friends
- A7 3:19 They Can't Take That Away From Me
- A8 3:07 Out Of Nowhere
- A9 3:40 East Of The Sun
- B1 3:31 Easy To Love
- B2 3:34 I'm In The Mood For Love
- B3 3:04 I'll Remember April
- B4 2:58 Laura
- B5 3:13 Dancing In The Dark
- B6 3:33 Temptation
- B7 3:08 Lover
- B8 3:30 Autumn In New York
- B9 2:58 Stella By Starlight

Artist

Charlie Parker With Strings marked a pivotal moment in jazz, blending bebop virtuosity with lush orchestral arrangements. Released in 1950, this innovative project showcased Parker's melodic brilliance and widened jazz's appeal beyond traditional audiences. His album "Charlie Parker With Strings" transformed expectations by pairing intricate improvisation with rich, classical-inspired textures, influencing later artists to pursue genre-crossing experiments. Tracks like "Just Friends" and "Summertime" are now iconic, praised for their emotional depth and technical mastery. Initially, some critics and purists debated the orchestral approach as overly commercial, yet over time, Parker's string recordings became...

Album

"Charlie Parker With Strings" marked a bold artistic leap for jazz legend Charlie Parker, pairing his innovative bebop style with lush orchestral arrangements. Released in 1950, the album significantly broadened Parker's audience, showcasing his melodic genius beyond traditional jazz circles. Critics praised Parker's lyrical saxophone phrasing against the refined backdrop of strings, noting standout tracks like "Just Friends" and "April in Paris." Despite initial skepticism from jazz purists, the album became a commercial and critical success, influencing countless jazz artists to experiment with orchestral textures. This creative shift enriched Parker's discography, highlighting his versatility and ambition...

Members

1. Charlie Parker - Alto Saxophone 2. Mitch Miller - Oboe 3. Ray Brown - Bass 4. Buddy Rich - Drums 5. Stan Freeman - Piano

Chet Baker

Chet Baker Sings

2023
J9



- A1 2:59 That Old Feeling
- A2 4:17 It's Always You
- A3 3:26 Like Someone In Love
- A4 4:19 My Ideal
- A5 4:25 I've Never Been In Love Before
- A6 3:16 My Buddy
- B1 3:00 But Not For Me
- B2 2:44 Time After Time
- B3 2:54 I Get Along Without You Very Well
- B4 2:14 My Funny Valentine
- B5 2:55 There Will Never Be Another You
- B6 2:46 The Thrill Is Gone
- B7 3:16 I Fall In Love Too Easily
- B8 2:36 Look For The Silver Lining

Artist

Chet Baker's legacy as a jazz icon lies in his subtle yet profound contributions to West Coast jazz and cool jazz movements. His hallmark sound—softly lyrical trumpet playing paired with a gentle, introspective vocal style—set him apart, influencing generations of jazz musicians and vocalists alike. Albums like "Chet Baker Sings" (1954) and "Chet" (1959) encapsulate his understated elegance and melodic sincerity, notably on tracks such as "My Funny Valentine," which remains a definitive jazz standard interpretation. Critics have praised Baker for his emotional depth and minimalist approach, although his career was often marred by personal struggles. Over the decades, appreciation for Baker's nuanced artistry...

Album

Chet Baker's 1954 album "Chet Baker Sings" marked a pivotal moment, establishing him not just as a trumpeter but as a compelling vocalist. His intimate, understated singing style, showcased vividly in tracks like "My Funny Valentine" and "I Fall in Love Too Easily," became iconic, influencing jazz vocalists for decades. Produced with spare instrumentation, the album's emotional vulnerability and minimalist elegance offered a fresh contrast within jazz standards. Critics praised Baker's restrained yet emotive delivery, noting its heartfelt authenticity. Fan reception was enthusiastic, broadening Baker's appeal beyond jazz instrumentalists. While not a radical departure from earlier instrumental work, the album...

Members

1. Chet Baker - Vocals, Trumpet
2. Russ Freeman - Piano
3. Carson Smith - Bass
4. Joe Mondragon - Bass
5. Bob Neel - Drums

Cory Wong

Starship Syncopation

2024
J39



- A1 Starship Syncopation
- A2 King Bozzi
- A3 The Sorcerer
- A4 305
- A5 Burning
- B1 Sell By Date
- B2 Midwest Conquest
- B3 Chateau
- B4 Utopia
- B5 Quotidian Fields

Artist

Cory Wong and his band have emerged as notable innovators within the modern funk and jazz fusion scene, revitalizing the genre with fresh rhythmic vigor and joyous musicality. Wong's precise guitar playing, marked by sharp rhythmic articulation and vibrant grooves, has attracted acclaim among both critics and a dedicated fanbase. Albums such as "Motivational Music for the Syncopated Soul" and "The Striped Album" exemplify their energized style, blending funk traditions, jazz sophistication, and pop accessibility. Collaborations with groups like Vulfpeck and artists like Jon Batiste further illustrate Wong's cultural resonance. Although not revolutionary, Wong's disciplined musicianship and approachable compo...

Album

"Starship Syncopation," Cory Wong's 2023 release, exemplifies his trademark rhythmic precision and vibrant funk-fusion style, further solidifying his reputation among contemporary instrumentalists. Notably cohesive, the album seamlessly blends funk, jazz, and pop-infused grooves, marking an evolution rather than reinvention of the band's sound. Tracks like "Cosmic Sans" and "Look at Me" highlight Wong's meticulous production choices and infectious energy, underscoring the album's emphasis on tight rhythmic interplay and polished musicianship. Critically praised for its creativity and accessibility, the album resonated widely, elevating Wong's profile within the funk and jazz-fusion communities. Fans apprecia...

Members

Main musicians and notable contributors featured on Cory Wong's album *Starship Syncopation* include: 1. Cory Wong - guitar 2. Victor Wooten - bass guitar 3. Louis Cole - drums, vocals 4. Nate Smith - drums 5. MonoNeon - bass guitar

Cécile McLorin Salvant

The Window

2018
J40



- A1 5:11 Visions
- A2 2:09 One Step Ahead
- A3 2:34 By Myself
- A4 4:55 The Sweetest Sounds
- B1 5:52 Ever Since The One I Love's Been Gone
- B2 2:05 A' Clef
- B3 3:10 Obsession
- B4 3:21 Wild Is Love
- B5 3:00 J'Ai L'Cafard
- C1 7:10 Somewhere
- C2 4:29 The Gentleman Is A Dope
- C3 3:47 Trouble Is A Man
- C4 3:19 Were Thine That Special Face
- D1 5:00 I've Got Your Number
- D2 3:28 Tell Me Why
- D3 1:10 Everything I've Got Belongs To You
- D4 9:34 The Peacocks

Artist

Cécile McLorin Salvant has emerged as a defining modern voice in jazz, celebrated for blending traditional jazz sensibilities with groundbreaking, genre-bending interpretations. Critics praise her nuanced vocal style, technical mastery, and emotive storytelling, evident in acclaimed albums like "WomanChild," "For One to Love," and "Dreams and Daggers." Salvant revitalizes classic jazz standards while exploring neglected historical narratives, showcasing cultural depth and innovation. Her Grammy-winning works have inspired renewed appreciation for jazz vocals, influencing a new generation of musicians. While her experimental approach occasionally divides purists, Salvant's growing critical acclaim and devoted...

Album

Cécile McLorin Salvant's Grammy-winning album "The Window" marked a nuanced turning point in her artistic trajectory, deepening her expressive range with intimate duo performances alongside pianist Sullivan Fortner. Critically acclaimed for its stripped-down production, the 2018 release emphasized Salvant's extraordinary vocal clarity and emotional authenticity, reviving the intimacy and vulnerability that define classic jazz traditions. Tracks like "Visions" and "The Peacocks" showcase Salvant's interpretive depth and Fortner's delicate, responsive accompaniment, underscoring themes of introspection, longing, and self-discovery. Receiving widespread praise from critics and fans alike, the album solidified S...

Members

1. Cécile McLorin Salvant - vocals 2. Sullivan Fortner - piano, keyboards (Note: "The Window" primarily features the duo of Salvant and Fortner, without notable guest musicians.)

Dave Brubeck Quartet

Time Out

2018 J4



- A1 6:46 Blue Rondo A La Turk
- A2 7:24 Strange Meadow Lark
- A3 5:27 Take Five
- B1 5:26 Three To Get Ready
- B2 4:51 Kathy's Waltz
- B3 4:25 Everybody's Jumpin'
- B4 4:17 Pick Up Sticks
- B5 3:36 Audrey

Artist

The Dave Brubeck Quartet significantly shaped jazz history by pioneering innovative rhythms and approachable melodies, notably through their landmark album "Time Out" (1959). Brubeck's experimentation with unconventional time signatures, exemplified by the timeless hit "Take Five," composed by saxophonist Paul Desmond, sparked widespread cultural curiosity, attracting listeners beyond traditional jazz circles. Critics praised Brubeck's sophisticated yet accessible style, blending classical influences into jazz frameworks, broadening the genre's appeal. Albums such as "Time Further Out" and "Jazz Impressions of Eurasia" explored global musical traditions, expanding jazz's stylistic boundaries. Although initia...

Album

Dave Brubeck Quartet's 1959 album "Time Out" stands as a pivotal jazz work, notable for its innovative exploration of unconventional time signatures. Featuring classics like "Take Five" and "Blue Rondo à la Turk," the album boldly departed from traditional swing rhythms, infusing jazz with fresh complexity and accessibility. Pianist Dave Brubeck and saxophonist Paul Desmond excelled in melodic interplay, while drummer Joe Morello and bassist Eugene Wright provided rhythmic dynamism. Critics praised its originality, and fans embraced its sophisticated yet approachable style, propelling jazz into mainstream consciousness. "Time Out" became a commercial success, significantly elevating the Quartet's career prof...

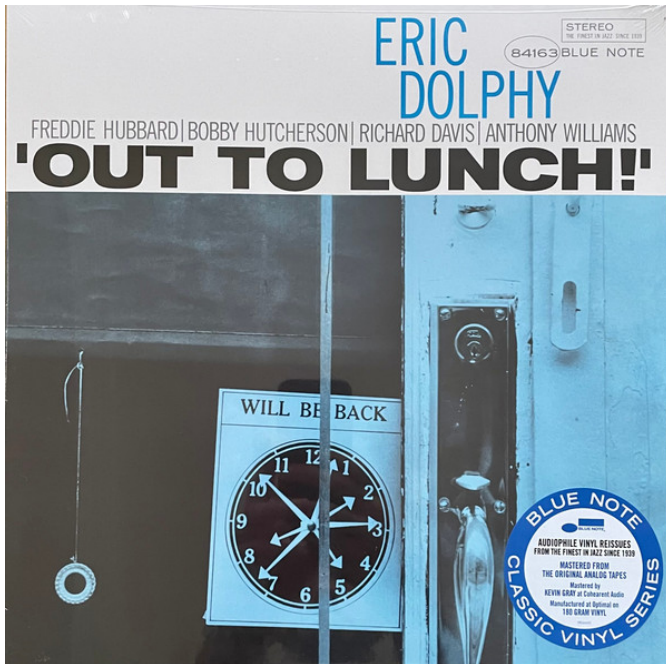
Members

The main musicians featured on the Dave Brubeck Quartet's album "Time Out" are: 1. Dave Brubeck - Piano 2. Paul Desmond - Alto Saxophone 3. Eugene Wright - Bass 4. Joe Morello - Drums There were no guest artists or notable external contributors on this album.

Eric Dolphy

Out To Lunch!

2021 J18



- A1 Hat And Beard
- A2 Something Sweet, Something Tender
- A3 Gazzelloni
- B1 Out To Lunch
- B2 Straight Up And Down

Artist

Eric Dolphy, though an individual jazz innovator rather than a band, profoundly reshaped jazz through his daring experimentation and expressive virtuosity. Emerging prominently in the early 1960s, Dolphy integrated unconventional instrumentations, notably bass clarinet, flute, and alto saxophone, pushing jazz boundaries toward greater freedom and complexity. Albums such as "Out to Lunch!" (1964) highlight his visionary style, blending intricate compositions with avant-garde improvisation, earning critical acclaim for originality and emotional depth. Dolphy's collaborations with legends like John Coltrane further cemented his influence, inspiring generations of jazz musicians toward adventurous exploration. I...

Album

Eric Dolphy's 1964 album "Out to Lunch!" remains a landmark in jazz history, praised for its daring experimentation and innovative approach. Featuring talented musicians like Freddie Hubbard and Tony Williams, the album broke traditional jazz structures, blending avant-garde improvisation with unconventional rhythmic and melodic forms. Tracks like "Hat and Beard" and "Gazzelloni" highlight Dolphy's mastery of dissonance and unexpected tonal shifts, challenging listeners yet captivating critics. The album solidified Dolphy's legacy as a pioneering figure, pushing jazz toward greater freedom and artistic risk. Released shortly before Dolphy's untimely death, it gained critical acclaim posthumously, influencing...

Members

1. Eric Dolphy - alto saxophone, flute, bass clarinet 2. Freddie Hubbard - trumpet 3. Bobby Hutcherson - vibraphone 4. Richard Davis - bass 5. Tony Williams - drums

Frank Sinatra

Francis Albert Sinatra & Antonio...



- A1 3:00 The Girl From Ipanema = Gôrota De Ipa...
- A2 3:25 Dindi
- A3 2:40 Change Partners
- A4 2:45 Quiet Nights Of Quiet Stars = Corcovado
- A5 2:51 Meditation = Meditação
- B1 2:10 If You Never Come To Me
- B2 3:15 How Insensitive = Insensatez
- B3 2:32 I Concentrate On You
- B4 2:32 Baubles, Bangles And Beads
- B5 2:37 Once I Loved = O Amor En Paz

Artist

Frank Sinatra's legacy stands as a cornerstone of 20th-century popular music. Sinatra redefined vocal jazz and traditional pop through impeccable phrasing, emotional depth, and charismatic stage presence. Albums like "In the Wee Small Hours" (1955) and "Songs for Swingin' Lovers!" (1956) illustrate his innovation—melding storytelling with refined orchestration to create deeply expressive music. Sinatra set standards for vocal interpretation, influencing generations of artists from Tony Bennett to Michael Bublé. Critically acclaimed hits such as "My Way," "Fly Me to the Moon," and "New York, New York" remain culturally resonant today. Though his popularity fluctuated over decades, Sinatra's artistic credibili...

Album

Released in 1967, "Francis Albert Sinatra & Antonio Carlos Jobim" marked an elegant fusion of Sinatra's smooth vocal jazz with Jobim's refined Brazilian bossa nova. From a critical perspective, the album stands out for its subtle sophistication, subtle orchestral arrangements by Claus Ogerman, and Sinatra's restrained, introspective interpretation of Jobim's compositions. Tracks like "The Girl from Ipanema" and "Quiet Nights of Quiet Stars" exemplify the album's gentle intimacy and nuanced artistry. Critics praised Sinatra's adaptability, highlighting his seamless immersion into the Brazilian soundscape, while fans embraced the album for its soothing blend of jazz and bossa nova. Within Sinatra's vast discog...

Members

1. Frank Sinatra - Vocals 2. Antonio Carlos Jobim - Guitar, Vocals 3. Claus Ogerman - Arranger, Conductor 4. Dom Um Romão - Percussion 5. Al Viola - Guitar

George Otsuka Quintet

Sea Breeze

2021 J28



- A1 9:01 Sea Breeze
- A2 11:36 Fool On The Hill
- B1 10:32 Cannibal
- B2 5:02 Potato Chips
- B3 8:32 Jumping Cats

Artist

The George Otsuka Quintet holds a distinctive position in the evolution of Japanese jazz, particularly during the vibrant fusion era of the 1970s. Led by drummer George Otsuka, the group skillfully blended traditional jazz sensibilities with funk, rock, and experimental elements, pushing sonic boundaries and helping define Japan's jazz fusion scene. Albums such as "Sea Breeze" (1971) and "Loving You George" (1975) exemplify their innovative approach—tight rhythmic interplay, sophisticated improvisation, and tasteful use of electric instruments. Critics have praised Otsuka's precise yet fluid percussion, noting his influence on subsequent generations of Japanese jazz musicians. Initially overlooked internatio...

Album

Standout tracks such as "Sea Breeze" and "Jumping Cats" exemplify sophisticated arrangements, rhythmic complexity, and vibrant improvisation. The album's production is clear yet warm, capturing the quintet's energized performances with authenticity. Within the band's discography, "Sea Breeze" represents both an evolution and refinement of their sound, subtly influencing subsequent Japanese jazz artists. Its enduring appeal lies in its innovative spirit and cohesive musicianship, securing its legacy as a genre landmark.

Members

The album *Sea Breeze* by George Otsuka Quintet features the following main musicians: 1. George Otsuka - drums 2. Shunzo Ohno - trumpet 3. Shozo Sasaki - saxophone 4. Fumio Karashima - piano, keyboards 5. Mitsuaki Furuno - bass

Guru

Jazzmatazz (Volume 1)

2014 J25



This Side

- A1 1:20 Introduction
- A2 4:38 Loungin'
- A3 4:02 When You're Near
- A4 3:58 Transit Ride
- A5 4:54 No Time To Play
- A6 4:47 Down The Backstreets

Other Side

- B1 0:54 Respectful Dedications
- B2 3:59 Take A Look (At Yourself)
- B3 4:27 Trust Me
- B4 2:36 Slicker Than Most
- B5 3:21 Le Bien, Le Mal
- B6 5:10 Sights In The City

Artist

Guru, the influential hip-hop duo consisting of MC Guru and DJ Premier, left an indelible mark on hip-hop through sophisticated lyricism and groundbreaking production. Blending jazz influences with boom-bap beats, Guru's landmark project "Jazzmatazz" and Gang Starr's seminal albums "Step in the Arena" and "Moment of Truth" redefined musical boundaries, inspiring countless artists and reshaping hip-hop's sonic landscape. Critics have praised Guru's introspective, socially conscious verses and DJ Premier's innovative sampling techniques, highlighting their authentic sound and lyrical depth. While mainstream fame eluded them, their reputation steadily grew among devoted fans and fellow artists, solidifying thei...

Album

Guru's "Jazzmatazz (Volume 1)" (1993) is a pioneering fusion of hip-hop and jazz, shaping both genres profoundly. Breaking from Gang Starr's pure hip-hop roots, Guru collaborated with icons like Donald Byrd and Roy Ayers, blending jazz instrumentation with rap lyricism to form a fresh soundscape. Critics praised its innovative production, highlighting tracks like "Loungin'" and "Trust Me" for their smooth, sophisticated grooves. Fans embraced its authenticity and musical depth, elevating Guru's reputation as an artist willing to experiment. Jazzmatazz reinforced jazz's enduring relevance, influencing later artists like Kendrick Lamar and Robert Glasper. Marking a notable artistic shift, it expanded Guru's cr...

Members

1. Guru (lead artist, rapper) 2. Donald Byrd (trumpet) 3. Roy Ayers (vibraphone) 4. Branford Marsalis (saxophone) 5. Lonnie Liston Smith (keyboards, piano)

Himiko Kikuchi

Don't Be Stupid



- A1 6:04 Stormy Spring
- A2 5:41 What's Baby Singin'
- A3 6:00 For My Buddy
- A4 3:59 Vampire
- B1 5:19 Flight In The Moonlight
- B2 5:25 Stiff Vamp
- B3 5:03 Tear Drops
- B4 4:53 Mambo Is Magic

Artist

Himiko Kikuchi, a prominent yet underappreciated figure in Japan's jazz fusion scene of the 1970s and 1980s, carved a unique niche through sophisticated arrangements and nuanced keyboard performances. Her innovative merging of traditional jazz elements with funk, disco, and electronic textures set her apart. Albums like "Flying Beagle" (1977) and "All Right" (1982) highlight her improvisational creativity and pioneering synthesizer work, influencing subsequent generations of fusion musicians. Although initially overshadowed internationally, Kikuchi's music has gained renewed appreciation through recent reissues and sampling by contemporary artists. Critics now recognize her nuanced approach as crucial to the...

Album

Himiko Kikuchi's album "Don't Be Stupid" represents a pivotal moment in the band's career, embracing a fresh, sophisticated fusion of jazz, funk, and city pop. Released at a time when Japan's music scene was shifting towards polished production and international influences, it showcased the band's versatility and artistic maturity. Standout tracks like the groovy title piece "Don't Be Stupid" and the smooth, melodic "Morning Flight" emphasize Kikuchi's exceptional keyboard prowess and innovative arrangements. Critics praised the album for its tight musicianship and nuanced production, enhancing the band's reputation within jazz-fusion and city pop circles. Although not a massive commercial hit, it earned ded...

Members

The album *Don't Be Stupid* by Himiko Kikuchi features several notable musicians, including: 1. Himiko Kikuchi - Keyboards, Piano, Vocals 2. Tsunehide Matsuki - Guitar 3. Akira Okazawa - Bass 4. Shuichi Murakami - Drums 5. Tatsuji Yokoyama - Percussion

Hiromi Uehara

Silver Lining Suite

2021 J44



- A1 Isolation
- A2 The Unknown
- B1 Drifters
- B2 Fortitude
- C1 Uncertainty
- C2 Someday
- C3 Jumpstart
- D1 11:49PM
- D2 Ribera Del Duero

Artist

Hiromi Uehara has significantly reshaped contemporary jazz through dynamic virtuosity, genre-blurring innovation, and energetic live performances. Emerging in the early 2000s, Hiromi infused jazz with elements of rock, classical, and fusion, creating a fresh, energetic sound. Her breakthrough album, "Another Mind" (2003), showcased technical brilliance and emotional depth, while "Brain" (2004) introduced complex rhythms and playful experimentation. Critics praise her masterful blend of precise technique and creative boldness, notably evident in the album "Alive" (2014). Her trio, The Trio Project, further elevated her global reputation, influencing new generations of jazz artists. Though some critics see occ...

Album

Hiromi Uehara's "Silver Lining Suite" stands as a vibrant milestone in contemporary jazz, showcasing her virtuosic piano mastery alongside a uniquely cohesive ensemble. Released amidst global uncertainty in 2021, the album resonates with themes of resilience and optimism, reflected in its dynamic compositions and sophisticated arrangements. Notably, the title suite captures audiences through intricate interplay, combining classical clarity, jazz improvisation, and progressive energy. Critics praised its bold production choices, highlighting standout tracks such as "Isolation" and "Fortitude" for their emotional depth and technical brilliance. The album reinforced Uehara's position as an innovative force, exp...

Members

1. Hiromi Uehara – Piano 2. Tatsuo Nishie – Violin 3. Sohei Birmann – Viola 4. Wataru Mukai – Cello 5. Tatsuo Hayashi – Drums

Hiroshi Suzuki (2)

Cat



- A1 Shrimp Dance
- A2 Kuro To Shiro
- B1 Walk Tall
- B2 Cat
- B3 Romance

Artist

Hiroshi Suzuki (2), led by trombonist Hiroshi Suzuki, holds a quiet yet significant place in jazz-fusion history, blending jazz, funk, and soul in nuanced ways. Their seminal 1975 album "Cat" showcases Suzuki's subtle innovation: smooth brass interplay, deep rhythmic grooves, and tasteful melodic restraint. Initially overlooked, "Cat" gained appreciation decades later, influencing contemporary jazz producers and hip-hop artists who sampled its mellow, textured soundscapes. Critics now praise Suzuki for nuanced arrangements and understated sophistication, recognizing the record as a hidden gem. Though their influence remains niche, Suzuki's work exemplifies how subtle creativity can quietly reshape musical la...

Album

Hiroshi Suzuki's album "Cat" stands out as an influential yet underappreciated gem in jazz-fusion history. Released in 1975, the album showcases Suzuki's virtuosity as a trombonist, blending smooth jazz grooves with funk and soul influences. Its sophisticated arrangements, warm brass tones, and fluid rhythms create a distinctive, mellow atmosphere, exemplified by standout tracks such as "Romance" and "Shrimp Dance." Though initially overlooked commercially, "Cat" later gained cult status among jazz collectors and DJs, recognized for its innovative production and intricate musicianship. The album marked a pivotal moment for Suzuki, solidifying his artistic identity and further enriching the jazz-fusion genre.

Members

Main musicians featured on the album *Cat* by Hiroshi Suzuki include: 1. Hiroshi Suzuki - Trombone 2. Hiromasa Suzuki - Keyboards 3. Kunimitsu Inaba - Bass 4. Akira Ishikawa - Drums 5. Takeru Muraoka - Saxophone

Iiro Rantala

Good Stuff

2017 J16



- A1 3:32 Vienna
- A2 4:07 Carmen: Micaëla & Don José
- A3 4:13 Helsinki
- A4 3:44 Palma
- A5 3:19 Seoul
- A6 3:38 Nessun Dorma
- B1 3:16 Sir Duke
- B2 3:49 Berlin
- B3 4:33 What A Wonderful World
- B4 3:48 Rome
- B5 2:46 Giant Steps
- B6 3:44 Love The Stuff / Ain't No Mountain Hi...

Artist

Critics have praised Rantala's solo works, particularly "Lost Heroes," a sensitive tribute celebrating jazz legends, showcasing emotional depth alongside technical mastery. His innovative approach revitalized interest in Nordic jazz, earning recognition beyond Europe. While some jazz purists initially viewed his playful style skeptically, Rantala's influence has steadily grown, admired for accessibility and authenticity. His ability to merge classical precision with jazz improvisation has inspired new generations, solidifying his legacy as a transformative figure whose impact continues to resonate culturally and musically.

Album

Iiro Rantala's "Good Stuff" stands out as an engaging and vibrant album within contemporary jazz, showcasing Rantala's distinctive piano artistry blended with energetic improvisation and melodic finesse. Released as part of Rantala's evolving solo career after Trio Töykeät, the album reinforced his creative independence and versatility, marking a subtle yet meaningful shift toward more accessible, groove-oriented jazz. Critics praised its playful virtuosity, authentic emotional depth, and skillful fusion of traditional jazz elements with blues and funk undertones. Tracks like "Good Stuff" and "Coffee Break" exemplify Rantala's rhythmic dynamism and melodic intuition. The album's polished yet spontaneous prod...

Members

Main musicians featured on the album *Good Stuff* by Iiro Rantala include: 1. Iiro Rantala – piano 2. Lars Danielsson – bass 3. Morten Lund – drums 4. Peter Erskine – drums (guest) 5. Adam Baldych – violin (guest)

Jacob Collier

In My Room

2016 J43



- A1 4:40 Woke Up Today
- A2 4:49 In My Room
- A3 6:52 Hideaway
- A4 4:20 You And I
- B1 6:39 Down The Line
- B2 0:53 Now And Then I Think About You
- B3 6:08 Saviour
- B4 6:03 Hajanga
- C1 3:10 Flintstones
- C2 6:09 In The Real Early Morning
- C3 9:09 Don't You Know
- D1 5:09 P.Y.T.
- D2 5:30 Close To You
- D3 4:25 The Road Not Taken
- D4 4:32 Fascinating Rhythm

Artist

Jacob Collier has emerged as a significant figure in contemporary music, recognized for pushing genre boundaries through his innovative fusion of jazz, pop, funk, and classical elements. Widely acclaimed for his intricate harmonies and groundbreaking use of vocal layering, Collier's style is exemplified in albums like "In My Room" (2016) and "Djesse Vol. 3" (2020). His Grammy-winning arrangements showcase meticulous craftsmanship, introducing sophisticated musicianship to broader audiences. Critics praise his ambitious creativity but sometimes question accessibility, viewing his style as brilliant yet occasionally esoteric. Collier's collaborative ethos, working alongside artists across genres, underscores h...

Album

Jacob Collier's debut album "In My Room" (2016) marked a pivotal moment for his career, positioning him as an innovative voice in contemporary jazz and genre-spanning experimentation. Crafted entirely in Collier's home, the album showcases his impressive musicianship, inventive arrangements, and sophisticated harmonic language. Tracks like "Hideaway" and his notable cover of Stevie Wonder's "Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing" highlight his ability to blend jazz, R&B, pop, and classical influences into a cohesive, boundary-pushing soundscape. Critics praised the album for its meticulous production, vibrant creativity, and youthful exuberance, earning Collier two Grammy Awards and widespread acclaim. "In My Room" ...

Members

1. Jacob Collier 2. Suzie Collier 3. Hamid El Kasri 4. Kathryn Tickell 5. James Maddren

John Coltrane

Blue Train

2022 J15



- A1 Blue Train
- A2 Moment's Notice
- B1 Locomotion
- B2 I'm Old Fashioned
- B3 Lazy Bird

Artist

John Coltrane profoundly shaped jazz with groundbreaking innovation and emotional intensity. Emerging in the 1950s, his unique improvisational approach transformed jazz saxophone, blending technical virtuosity with spiritual depth. Albums like "Giant Steps" (1960) showcased his complex harmonic language, while "A Love Supreme" (1965) revealed a deeply personal, spiritual dimension, becoming landmarks in jazz history. Critics praised his revolutionary sound, though some initially found his late experimental works overly abstract. Over time, appreciation deepened, acknowledging his fearless exploration and lasting influence. Coltrane inspired generations across genres, expanding jazz's expressive possibilities...

Album

Released in 1957, "Blue Train" stands as a pivotal achievement in John Coltrane's career, marking his emergence as a formidable bandleader and visionary soloist. Critics praised its dynamic interplay and sophisticated arrangements, highlighting Coltrane's growth beyond sideman roles. The album masterfully balances blues-rooted melodies with daring harmonic explorations, evident in standout tracks like the title track "Blue Train" and the introspective "Moment's Notice." Its crisp, attentive production enriched the nuanced interplay among musicians, including Lee Morgan and Curtis Fuller. Widely considered a quintessential hard bop classic, "Blue Train" profoundly influenced jazz's trajectory, solidified Colt...

Members

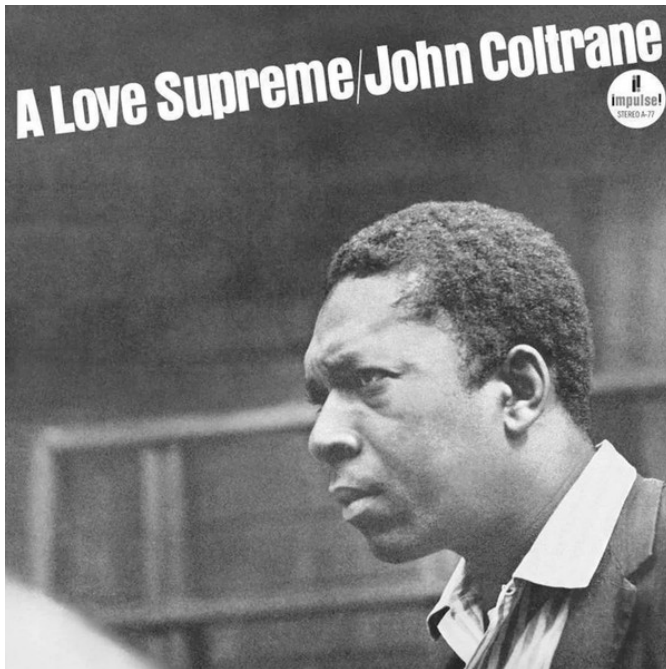
1. John Coltrane - tenor saxophone 2. Lee Morgan - trumpet 3. Curtis Fuller - trombone 4. Kenny Drew - piano 5. Paul Chambers - bass

John Coltrane

A Love Supreme

2021

J3



- A1 7:39 Part I - Acknowledgement
- A2 7:15 Part II - Resolution
- B1 17:40 Part III - Pursuance / Part IV - Psalm

Artist

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Album

John Coltrane's 1965 album "A Love Supreme" stands as one of jazz's defining masterpieces, marking a pivotal moment in his artistic evolution. Structured as a four-part spiritual suite, it blends deeply introspective themes with groundbreaking improvisation, exemplified by the meditative yet intense "Acknowledgement." Coltrane's quartet—McCoy Tyner, Jimmy Garrison, and Elvin Jones—delivers an intuitive, cohesive performance, setting a standard for jazz quartet dynamics. The record's minimalist production emphasizes emotional authenticity, resonating profoundly with both critics and listeners. Widely praised upon release, it expanded Coltrane's legacy and jazz's expressive boundaries, influencing generations ...

Members

1. John Coltrane – Tenor Saxophone, Vocals 2. McCoy Tyner – Piano 3. Jimmy Garrison – Double Bass 4. Elvin Jones – Drums 5. Archie Shepp – Tenor Saxophone (featured on bonus tracks, alternate takes)

Keith Jarrett

The Köln Concert

2010 J10



- A 26:15 Köln, January 24, 1975 Part I
- B 15:00 Köln, January 24, 1975 Part II A
- C 19:19 Köln, January 24, 1975 Part II B
- D 6:59 Köln, January 24, 1975 Part II C

Artist

Keith Jarrett, celebrated as a pianist and composer rather than a band, profoundly shaped jazz with a distinct improvisational style and expressive musicality. His landmark 1975 recording, "The Köln Concert," remains a defining achievement, showcasing spontaneous improvisation that blurred boundaries between jazz, classical, and minimalist music. Jarrett's innovation lay in blending emotional intensity and technical prowess, influencing generations of musicians to embrace improvisational freedom and genre fluidity. Albums such as "Standards Trio" and "Facing You" illustrate his skillful balance between structured form and improvisation. Critics praised his virtuosity and authentic expression, while fans admi...

Album

Keith Jarrett's "The Köln Concert" (1975) is widely considered a landmark in solo jazz improvisation. Recorded live in Cologne, Germany, the album showcases Jarrett's exceptional improvisational skill, emotional depth, and technical virtuosity. Marking a pivotal moment in Jarrett's career, it broadened his audience beyond traditional jazz circles, becoming one of jazz history's best-selling solo piano recordings. Critics praised its lyrical spontaneity, melodic coherence, and remarkable intimacy. Standout tracks, notably "Part I," reveal Jarrett's unique ability to blend classical motifs, jazz harmony, and blues-inspired rhythms. Produced minimally, the album captures the immediacy and raw energy of live per...

Members

"The Köln Concert" is not by a band but a solo live piano performance by jazz pianist Keith Jarrett. Recorded in 1975 at the Cologne Opera House, Germany, the album features only Keith Jarrett himself performing improvisational pieces. There are no guest artists or additional musicians involved.

Keyon Harrold

Foreverland



- 1 7:32 Find Your Peace
- 2 3:27 Beautiful Day
- 3 6:39 The Intellectual
- 4 7:30 Foreverland
- 5 4:59 Well Walk Now (Perseverance)
- 6 4:23 Don't Lie
- 7 1:23 Paranoid
- 8 3:20 Gotta Go (Outer Space)
- 9 4:51 Pictures
- 10 1:13 Peace Beyond

Artist

Keyon Harrold stands out as a compelling voice in contemporary jazz, known for blending traditional jazz sensibilities with hip-hop, funk, and R&B. His trumpet playing, characterized by emotional depth and technical precision, has earned respect among both critics and peers. Harrold's influential album, "The Mugician" (2017), is a defining work showcasing his genre-fluid approach and socially conscious themes. Tracks like "MB Lament" confront pressing societal issues, reflecting jazz's historical role as a medium of protest. Critics praise his ability to bridge generations, attracting younger listeners while maintaining jazz authenticity. Collaborations with artists like Common and Robert Glasper further und...

Album

Keyon Harrold's album "Foreverland" exemplifies a refined artistic maturity, merging jazz, hip-hop, and soul into a cohesive statement. Critics praised the album's nuanced exploration of identity, hope, and social consciousness, noting Harrold's trumpet virtuosity and thoughtful collaborations as standout features. Tracks like "MB Lament" and "Find Your Peace" encapsulate the album's emotional depth and inventive production, blending contemporary beats with classic jazz instrumentation. "Foreverland" signified a pivotal moment in Harrold's career, elevating his recognition beyond jazz circles and marking a confident step toward genre-blending innovation. Its warm reception, both by critics and fans, affirmed...

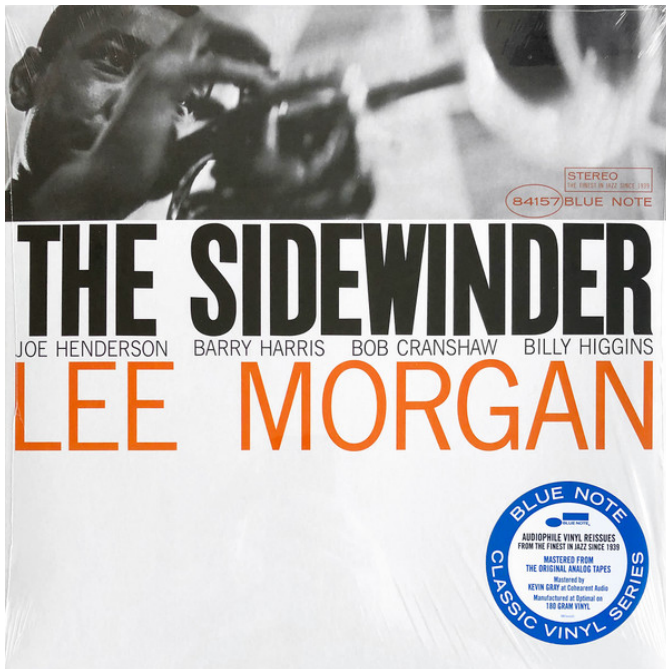
Members

Keyon Harrold's album *Foreverland* features several notable musicians, including: 1. Robert Glasper 2. Common 3. PJ Morton 4. Jean Baylor 5. Chris Dave

Lee Morgan

The Sidewinder

2020
J17



- A1 10:25 The Sidewinder
- A2 10:14 Totem Pole
- B1 6:10 Gary's Notebook
- B2 7:34 Boy, What A Night
- B3 6:25 Hocus-Pocus

Artist

Lee Morgan, the renowned jazz trumpeter, significantly shaped the hard bop genre with his vibrant, innovative style. Emerging prominently in the late 1950s and 60s, Morgan's virtuosity and soulful phrasing redefined modern jazz trumpet playing. His seminal album "The Sidewinder" (1964), blending catchy grooves with blues-inflected improvisation, expanded jazz's commercial appeal, influencing generations of musicians. Albums like "Cornbread" and "Search for the New Land" further showcased his versatility, balancing complex musicality with accessibility. Critics praised his spirited solos and rhythmic innovation, while fans admired his authentic emotional expression. Despite his untimely death at age 33, Morga...

Album

Lee Morgan's "The Sidewinder" (1964) remains a landmark jazz album, renowned for its accessible yet innovative blend of hard bop and soul-jazz. The title track's catchy blues-infused groove propelled Morgan's quintet into mainstream recognition, revitalizing Blue Note Records and significantly boosting Morgan's career. Critics praised the album's fresh approach, noting the relaxed yet sophisticated interplay among musicians like Joe Henderson and Barry Harris. Tracks such as "Totem Pole" and "Gary's Notebook" exemplify Morgan's bold trumpet style and rhythmic clarity, marking a subtle shift toward commercially appealing compositions without sacrificing artistic depth. Production-wise, Rudy Van Gelder capture...

Members

The album *The Sidewinder* by Lee Morgan prominently features the following musicians: 1. Lee Morgan - Trumpet 2. Joe Henderson - Tenor Saxophone 3. Barry Harris - Piano 4. Bob Cranshaw - Bass 5. Billy Higgins - Drums

Louis Armstrong

Louis In London



- A1 3:14 When It's Sleepy Time Down South
- A2 3:46 Indiana
- A3 5:00 A Kiss To Build A Dream On
- A4 4:47 Hello, Dolly!
- A5 3:11 Mame
- A6 2:57 You'll Never Walk Alone
- B1 3:25 Ole Miss
- B2 3:43 Blueberry Hill
- B3 3:10 Mack The Knife
- B4 4:24 Rockin' Chair
- B5 3:21 The Bare Necessities
- B6 2:33 What A Wonderful World
- B7 3:43 When The Saints Go Marching In

Artist

Louis Armstrong wasn't a band but an iconic jazz musician whose profound impact reshaped jazz history. Renowned for his innovative trumpet playing and distinctive gravelly vocals, Armstrong revolutionized jazz by shifting emphasis to passionate improvisation and virtuosic solos. His landmark recordings with the Hot Five and Hot Seven groups, notably "West End Blues" and "Potato Head Blues," became definitive jazz standards, showcasing his melodic ingenuity and rhythmic freedom. Albums like "Louis Armstrong Plays W.C. Handy" and "Ella and Louis" further cemented his crossover appeal. Critics praise Armstrong for expanding jazz from niche clubs to mainstream popularity, while his charisma, authenticity, and mu...

Album

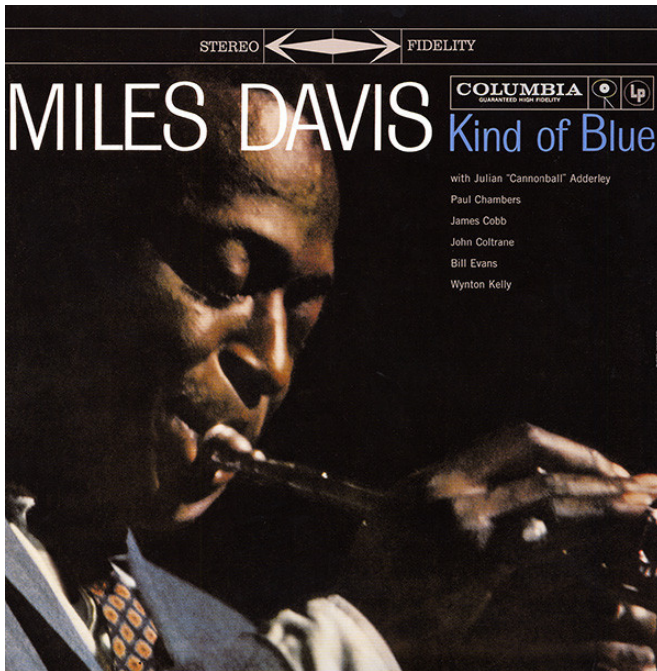
Louis Armstrong's 1971 album "Louis In London" represents a vibrant late-period snapshot of Armstrong's enduring charm and musical charisma. Recorded live in London, the album showcases Armstrong's effortless blend of jazz virtuosity and accessible entertainment, capturing his warmth and spontaneity on stage. Tracks like "Hello, Dolly!" and "Cabaret" highlight Armstrong's masterful trumpet work and affable vocal style, underscoring his continued relevance in jazz and popular music. Critics praised the album's lively atmosphere and polished arrangements, though some noted it leaned toward familiar crowd-pleasers rather than innovation. Within Armstrong's extensive discography, this release reinforced his lega...

Members

Main musicians featured on Louis Armstrong's album "Louis In London" include: 1. Louis Armstrong - Trumpet, Vocals 2. Trummy Young - Trombone 3. Edmond Hall - Clarinet 4. Billy Kyle - Piano 5. Barrett Deems - Drums

Miles Davis

Kind Of Blue



- A1 So What
- A2 Freddie Freeloader
- A3 Blue In Green
- B1 All Blues
- B2 Flamenco Sketches

Artist

Miles Davis profoundly shaped jazz, pushing boundaries through innovation and fearless exploration. His landmark album "Kind of Blue" (1959) revolutionized jazz with modal improvisation, influencing countless musicians and genres. Davis continually reinvented himself, pioneering jazz fusion with "Bitches Brew" (1970), blending jazz, rock, and funk. Albums like "Birth of the Cool," "Sketches of Spain," and "In a Silent Way" highlight his artistic versatility. Critics praise Davis' daring experimentation, while audiences remain captivated by his timeless creativity. Over decades, his influence has expanded, transcending jazz to impact broader musical culture profoundly.

Album

Miles Davis' 1959 album "Kind of Blue" remains a defining masterpiece of jazz, marking a pivotal shift toward modal improvisation and reshaping the genre. Critically acclaimed upon release, the record elevated Davis's career, cementing his status as an innovative artist and bandleader. Tracks like "So What" and "Blue in Green" showcase minimalist yet expressive solos, highlighting the ensemble chemistry featuring John Coltrane, Cannonball Adderley, and Bill Evans. Producer Teo Macero captured the album's spacious, introspective atmosphere, emphasizing subtlety and emotional depth. Reception by critics and fans alike hailed its melodic elegance and groundbreaking improvisational style. Within Davis's discogra...

Members

1. Miles Davis - trumpet 2. John Coltrane - tenor saxophone 3. Cannonball Adderley - alto saxophone 4. Bill Evans - piano 5. Paul Chambers - double bass

Miles Davis

Ascenseur Pour L'échafaud



- A1 Générique
- A2 L'Assassinat De Carala
- A3 Sur L'Autoroute
- A4 Julien Dans L'Ascenseur
- A5 Florence Sur Les Champs-Élysées
- B1 Dîner Au Motel
- B2 Évasion De Julien
- B3 Visite Du Vigile
- B4 Au Bar Du Petit Bac
- B5 Chez Le Photographe Du Motel

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Album

Miles Davis's soundtrack album "Ascenseur Pour L'échafaud" (1958) stands as an iconic moment in jazz history. Recorded spontaneously for Louis Malle's noir thriller, the album captures Davis's intuitive genius, marking a definitive shift toward atmospheric minimalism. The sparse arrangements and moody, introspective trumpet lines forged a style that helped shape the emerging "cool jazz" and modal approaches of his later landmark works like "Kind of Blue." Critics praised the album's haunting beauty and emotional resonance, highlighting standout tracks such as "Générique" and "Florence sur les Champs-Élysées." Its improvisational purity and innovative production influenced jazz scores for generations, enhanci...

Members

1. Miles Davis - Trumpet 2. Barney Wilen - Tenor Saxophone 3. René Urtreger - Piano 4. Pierre Michelot - Bass 5. Kenny Clarke - Drums

Miles Davis

In A Silent Way



- A Shhh / Peaceful
- B In A Silent Way / It's About That Time

Artist

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Album

Miles Davis' 1969 album "In A Silent Way" marked a pivotal point, shifting his band from traditional jazz toward experimental fusion. Produced by Teo Macero, its innovative editing and ambient textures challenged jazz conventions, emphasizing mood over virtuosity. The album's subtle grooves and restrained improvisations on standout tracks like "Shhh/Peaceful" and "In A Silent Way/It's About That Time" bridged jazz, rock, and electronic music, influencing generations of musicians. Critics praised its visionary approach, though some jazz purists initially resisted its minimalist aesthetic. Historically, it laid groundwork for Davis' iconic "Bitches Brew," solidifying his pioneering role in fusion and redefin...

Members

1. Miles Davis - trumpet 2. Wayne Shorter - soprano saxophone 3. John McLaughlin - electric guitar 4. Chick Corea - electric piano 5. Herbie Hancock - electric piano

Ornette Coleman

The Shape Of Jazz To Come

2010

J5



- A1 4:58 Lonely Woman
- A2 4:21 Eventually
- A3 9:03 Peace
- B1 6:50 Focus On Sanity
- B2 6:46 Congeniality
- B3 6:05 Chronology
- B4 3:51 Just For You

Artist

Ornette Coleman profoundly reshaped jazz through his pioneering "free jazz" approach, revolutionizing traditional musical structures. His landmark 1959 album, "The Shape of Jazz to Come," introduced spontaneous improvisation without conventional chord progressions, redefining the genre's boundaries. His 1961 work, "Free Jazz," further challenged jazz norms, influencing artists like John Coltrane and Miles Davis. Critics initially debated Coleman's radical techniques; some hailed him as visionary, others dismissed him as chaotic. However, over time, recognition of his genius grew, earning him a Pulitzer Prize and Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. Coleman's bold exploration fostered artistic freedom beyond ja...

Album

Ornette Coleman's 1959 album "The Shape of Jazz to Come" stands as a pivotal work that reshaped jazz conventions. Departing from structured chord changes, Coleman introduced a freer, more intuitive improvisational style, marking a significant shift in jazz history. The album solidified Coleman's reputation, elevating his ensemble—including Don Cherry, Charlie Haden, and Billy Higgins—to prominence. Tracks like "Lonely Woman" and "Congeniality" showcase emotional depth and melodic freedom, emphasizing spontaneous interplay over traditional structures. Initially polarizing, critics and fans gradually recognized its groundbreaking artistry. This album catalyzed the free jazz movement, influencing generations of...

Members

1. Ornette Coleman - Alto Saxophone 2. Don Cherry - Cornet 3. Charlie Haden - Bass 4. Billy Higgins - Drums

Papa Bue

Papa Bue, Papa Bue's Viking Jazz...



- A1 3:02 When I Leave The World Behind
- A2 3:42 Corrine Corrina
- A3 2:20 Thriller Rag
- A4 4:51 Breeze
- A5 3:24 Sobbin' Blues
- A6 3:59 Ai Ai Ai
- B1 2:35 1919 March
- B2 4:03 Weary Blues
- B3 1:40 Sometimes My Burden Is So Hard To Bear
- B4 3:10 Mecca Flat Blues
- B5 3:15 Praise Of Nyboder (Nyboders Pris)
- B6 2:04 Bogalusa Strut

Artist

Their innovative approach involved lively, accessible rhythms and spirited improvisations, evident in influential records like "Schlafe Mein Prinzchen" and "Nyboders Pris." The band's accessible yet authentic style attracted wide audiences, notably expanding jazz's popular appeal across Europe. Critics praised their authenticity and musicianship, while fans appreciated the band's engaging live performances. Though their mainstream prominence has waned over time, their legacy remains strong within jazz communities, credited with inspiring subsequent generations of traditional jazz musicians. Papa Bue stands as a vibrant, influential chapter in European jazz history.

Album

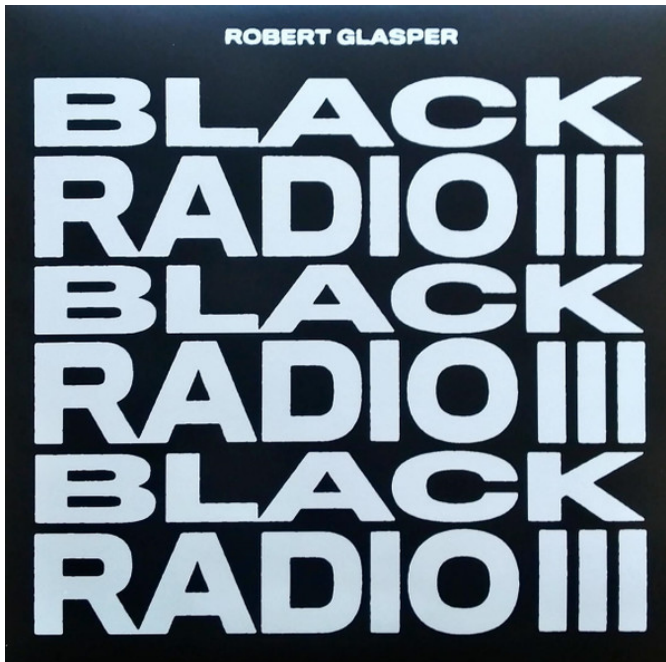
Papa Bue's Viking Jazzband's self-titled album holds a special place in traditional jazz, marking a pivotal moment in their career. Released during jazz revivalist movements, it solidified the band's reputation for authenticity and musicianship. The album seamlessly blends classic jazz traditions from New Orleans with spirited European interpretations, highlighting Papa Bue's signature lively trombone style and precise ensemble interplay. Standout tracks like "Schlafe Mein Prinzchen" and "Nyboders Pris" showcase energetic improvisations, rich brass harmonies, and rhythmic vitality, representing the band's dedication to tradition yet openness to evolving jazz tastes. Critics praised the album for its vibrant ...

Members

Main musicians featured on the album "Papa Bue, Papa Bue's Viking Jazzband" include: 1. Arne "Papa" Bue Jensen - Trombone, bandleader 2. Finn Otto Hansen - Trumpet 3. Jørn Jensen - Piano 4. Bjarne "Liller" Petersen - Banjo, Vocals 5. Ib Lindschouw - Drums

Robert Glasper

Black Radio III



- A1 In Tune
- A2 Black Superhero
- A3 Shine
- B1 Why We Speak
- B2 Over
- B3 Better Than I Imagined
- C1 Everybody Wants To Rule The World
- C2 Everybody Love
- C3 It Don't Matter
- D1 Heaven's Here
- D2 Out Of My Hands
- D3 Forever
- D4 Bright Lights

Artist

Robert Glasper has reshaped contemporary jazz and R&B through genre-blending innovation and collaborative artistry. Glasper's fusion of jazz improvisation with soulful hip-hop rhythms has revitalized jazz's relevance for younger audiences. Albums like "Black Radio" (2012), which won a Grammy, exemplify Glasper's pioneering approach—melding jazz, soul, and hip-hop seamlessly. Tracks such as "Afro Blue" reflect the organic interplay between tradition and modernity. Critics praise Glasper for reinvigorating jazz, while fans admire his authenticity and dynamic collaborations. Although detractors argue his style dilutes jazz purity, Glasper's influence endures, expanding music boundaries and inspiring a new gener...

Album

Robert Glasper's "Black Radio III" is a significant installment in the band's acclaimed discography, reinforcing Glasper's role as a boundary-pushing artist blending jazz, hip-hop, and R&B. Building upon the Grammy-winning legacy of earlier Black Radio albums, this release showcases refined collaborations with prominent artists like H.E.R., Common, and Q-Tip, underscoring Glasper's gift for curating diverse talent. Tracks like "Black Superhero" and "Better Than I Imagined" exemplify the album's thoughtful commentary on social justice, identity, and resilience, resonating strongly amid contemporary cultural dialogues. Critics praised the album's sophisticated production, rich textures, and socially conscious ...

Members

1. Robert Glasper 2. Esperanza Spalding 3. Common 4. H.E.R. 5. Q-Tip

Ryo Fukui

Scenery

2018 J20



- A1 4:16 It Could Happen To You
- A2 6:32 I Want To Talk About You
- A3 10:44 Early Summer
- B1 7:43 Willow Weep For Me
- B2 6:31 Autumn Leaves
- B3 5:31 Scenery

Artist

Ryo Fukui, though lesser-known globally, is revered among jazz aficionados for his vibrant, technically precise piano style. Emerging in the Japanese jazz scene of the late 1970s, Fukui's debut "Scenery" (1976) remains a cornerstone, praised by critics for its elegant fusion of American bebop traditions and emotive Japanese sensibilities. His meticulous phrasing and lyrical improvisations brought fresh clarity and warmth to jazz piano, subtly influencing contemporary artists and fueling renewed appreciation decades later through online rediscovery. Albums like "Mellow Dream" (1977) further showcased Fukui's ability to blend expressive melodic lines with intricate rhythmic interplay. Critics and fans alike ha...

Album

Ryo Fukui's 1976 album "Scenery" remains a cornerstone in jazz, celebrated for its remarkable clarity, nuanced expression, and effortless swing. Marking Fukui's debut, the album introduced his virtuosic yet accessible style, solidifying his status as an influential jazz pianist and composer. Critics praised the album's sincerity and fluidity, noting its blend of bebop traditions with fresh, lyrical improvisation evident in standout tracks like "It Could Happen To You" and the emotive title track, "Scenery." Produced with simplicity, the album captures a spontaneous, live-session feel that resonates deeply with listeners. Although initially obscure internationally, its rediscovery decades later online sparked...

Members

The album *Scenery* by Ryo Fukui primarily features the following musicians: 1. Ryo Fukui - Piano 2. Satoshi Denpo - Bass 3. Yoshinori Fukui - Drums The album notably consists of this trio, without additional guest artists or contributors.

Sadao Watanabe

Orange Express

1981 J27



- A1 4:38 Orange Express
- A2 4:39 Ride On
- A3 5:06 Call Me
- A4 6:39 Good For All Night
- B1 6:58 Bagamoyo / Zanzibar
- B2 8:22 Straight To The Top
- B3 6:00 Mbali Africa

Artist

Japanese jazz saxophonist Sadao Watanabe has significantly shaped jazz fusion through his innovative blending of jazz traditions with global influences. Emerging in the 1960s, Watanabe introduced a melodic, accessible style, integrating Brazilian rhythms, African beats, and Asian tonalities, which broadened jazz's appeal internationally. Albums like "California Shower" (1978) and "Morning Island" (1979) exemplify his fluid melodies and sophisticated arrangements, cementing his global reputation. Critically praised for his technical mastery and lyrical phrasing, Watanabe's approachable sound drew fans beyond traditional jazz circles, enhancing the genre's commercial viability and cultural resonance, especiall...

Album

Sadao Watanabe's "Orange Express" (1981) stands out as a vibrant milestone in the band's jazz-fusion journey, cementing their international appeal. Characterized by its sophisticated blend of jazz, funk, and Brazilian rhythms, the album showcases Watanabe's masterful saxophone artistry, supported by precise, polished production. Key tracks like the energetic title piece "Orange Express" and the mellow, lyrical "Ride on the Cloud" highlight the band's ability to weave accessible melodies with intricate improvisation. Critics praised its cohesive sound and rhythmic fluidity, noting the album's role in bridging jazz traditions with contemporary styles. Fans embraced it warmly, leading to broader recognition and...

Members

1. Sadao Watanabe - Saxophone, Flute 2. Dave Grusin - Keyboards, Arrangements 3. Eric Gale - Guitar 4. Richard Tee - Keyboards 5. Steve Gadd - Drums

Samara Joy

Portrait



- A1 4:35 You Stepped Out Of A Dream
- A2 6:28 Reincarnation Of A Lovebird
- A3 3:47 Autumn Nocturne
- A4 7:06 Peace Of Mind / Dreams Come True
- B1 4:48 A Fool In Love (Is Called A Clown)
- B2 5:46 No More Blues
- B3 6:28 Now And Then (In Remembrance Of ...)
- B4 4:58 Day By Day

Artist

Critics highlight Joy’s effortless phrasing and mature musical insight, praising how she renews interest in traditional jazz while subtly reshaping its soundscape. Although her discography is still expanding, songs such as "Can't Get Out of This Mood" showcase her stylistic maturity and growing cultural impact. Joy’s increasing popularity reflects a renewed appreciation for vocal jazz, suggesting her influence will deepen over time.

Album

Samara Joy's album "Portrait" marks a significant milestone, solidifying her presence as a notable jazz vocalist. The album elegantly revives classic jazz standards, blending traditional authenticity with fresh vocal interpretations. Critics praised Joy’s mature, expressive phrasing and nuanced emotional depth, elevating her stature in contemporary jazz circles. Standout tracks like "Stardust" and "If You Never Fall in Love with Me" exemplify her ability to balance technical mastery with intimate storytelling. The minimalist arrangements accentuate Joy’s vocal clarity and warmth, highlighting a deliberate production approach that resonates deeply with listeners. "Portrait" not only expanded Joy’s audience an...

Members

Main musicians featured on Samara Joy's album *Portrait* include: 1. Samara Joy - Vocals 2. Pasquale Grasso - Guitar 3. Ari Roland - Bass 4. Kenny Washington - Drums (*Portrait* primarily features Samara Joy's core quartet and no notable guest artists.)

Snarky Puppy

We Like It Here

2021 J41



- A1 6:33 Shofukan
- A2 6:42 What About Me?
- B1 6:52 Sleeper
- B2 5:08 Jambone
- C1 6:12 Kite
- C2 6:45 Outlier
- C3 5:44 Tio Macaco
- D1 10:46 Lingus

Artist

Albums like "We Like It Here" (2014) and Grammy-winning "Culcha Vulcha" (2016) showcase their intricate musicianship, creative experimentation, and energetic live performances, notably the track "Lingus," praised for Cory Henry's exceptional keyboard solo. Critics highlight their fresh sound and virtuosity, while fans embrace their inclusive, genre-blurring appeal. Snarky Puppy's influence has steadily grown, revitalizing jazz fusion's relevance, inspiring young musicians, and shaping new trends within and beyond jazz circles, affirming their lasting cultural and musical legacy.

Album

Snarky Puppy's 2014 album "We Like It Here" stands as a pivotal moment in contemporary jazz fusion. Recorded live in a studio setting, the album captures the raw intensity and spontaneity of their performances, highlighting the band's intricate musicianship. Tracks like "Lingus," famed for Cory Henry's virtuosic keyboard solo, and the rhythmically complex "Shofukan" exemplify the band's skillful blend of jazz, funk, and world music influences. Critics praised its ambitious arrangements and production quality, noting how it elevated Snarky Puppy from niche jazz circles to broader mainstream recognition. Marking a turning point, the album solidified their reputation, influencing younger artists and revitalizin...

Members

1. Michael League (bass, bandleader) 2. Cory Henry (keyboards, synthesizer) 3. Shaun Martin (keyboards, synthesizer) 4. Mark Lettieri (guitar) 5. Larnell Lewis (drums)

Snarky Puppy

Sylva

2015 J32



- A1 3:32 Sintra
- A2 6:03 Flight
- A3 6:04 Atchafalaya
- B1 15:09 The Curtain
- B2 4:18 Gretel
- C1 19:23 The Clearing

Artist

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Album

Released in 2015, Snarky Puppy's Grammy-winning album "Sylva," recorded with the acclaimed Metropole Orkest, marked a pivotal moment in the band's evolution, showcasing their ambitious fusion of jazz, funk, and orchestral textures. Critics praised "Sylva" for its rich arrangements, intricate dynamics, and cinematic scope, noting a mature shift toward deeper musical storytelling. Standout tracks like "The Clearing" and "Atchafalaya" demonstrate nuanced interplay between rhythmic grooves and lush orchestration, highlighting Michael League's meticulous production. The album elevated Snarky Puppy's profile, expanding their audience and solidifying their reputation for genre-defying innovation. Fans embraced its ...

Members

1. Michael League (bass guitar, composer, bandleader) 2. Cory Henry (keyboards, organ) 3. Bill Laurance (keyboards, piano) 4. Chris Bullock (saxophone, flute, clarinet) 5. Bob Reynolds (tenor saxophone)

Stan Getz

Getz / Gilberto

2020

J8



- A1 5:15 The Girl From Ipanema
- A2 2:45 Doralice
- A3 5:07 P'ra Machucar Meu Coração (To Hurt My...)
- A4 4:05 Desafinado
- B1 4:15 Corcovado
- B2 3:30 Só Danço Samba (Jazz Samba)
- B3 5:25 O Grande Amor
- B4 2:52 Vivo Sonhando

Artist

Stan Getz remains a defining figure in jazz, acclaimed for his lyrical tone and innovative fusion of jazz with Brazilian bossa nova. His refined, melodic approach set him apart from contemporaries, profoundly influencing jazz saxophone aesthetics. The groundbreaking 1964 album "Getz/Gilberto," featuring João Gilberto and Antonio Carlos Jobim, introduced global audiences to bossa nova, notably through the timeless hit "The Girl from Ipanema." Critics praised Getz's effortless phrasing and emotive playing, underscoring his role in expanding jazz's appeal beyond traditional boundaries. Albums like "Focus" (1961) further highlighted his experimentation, pairing jazz improvisation with classical orchestration. Ov...

Album

Stan Getz and João Gilberto's iconic 1964 album, "Getz/Gilberto," is a landmark recording that introduced Brazilian bossa nova to a global audience. Featuring João Gilberto's intimate guitar, Astrud Gilberto's soft vocals, and Stan Getz's lyrical tenor saxophone, the album's understated elegance reshaped jazz perceptions, blending American jazz sensibilities with Brazilian rhythms. Producer Creed Taylor and engineer Rudy Van Gelder crafted a warm, intimate soundscape highlighting subtle nuances, with standout tracks "The Girl from Ipanema" and "Corcovado" becoming timeless standards. Critically acclaimed, it earned multiple Grammys and elevated the careers of Getz and Gilberto, marking a pivotal moment by ex...

Members

1. Stan Getz - tenor saxophone 2. João Gilberto - guitar, vocals 3. Antônio Carlos Jobim - piano 4. Astrud Gilberto - vocals 5. Sebastião Neto - double bass



- A1 6:07 Laamb
- A2 5:57 Are You In Peace?
- A3 2:16 Akap
- A4 4:49 Origine
- B1 5:52 Cognition
- B2 4:00 Hybrid
- B3 4:36 Dualism
- B4 1:31 Geminou
- B5 6:19 Bamba

Artist

Steve Lehman's band has garnered critical acclaim for reshaping contemporary jazz through innovative sound explorations and meticulous rhythmic complexity. Lehman, a pioneering saxophonist and composer, integrates jazz improvisation seamlessly with electronic textures and modernist compositional ideas, notably inspired by spectral music. Albums like "Travail, Transformation, and Flow" (2009) and "Mise en Abîme" (2014) exemplify his bold experimentation, challenging listeners with intricate polyrhythms and harmonic sophistication. Critics have praised Lehman's artistic courage and intellectual rigor, highlighting his influential role within modern jazz circles. While mainstream recognition remains niche, Lehm...

Album

Steve Lehman & Sélébéyone (2016) stands as a groundbreaking release that expanded jazz boundaries through a bold fusion of avant-garde jazz, hip-hop, and Senegalese rhythms. Collaborating with rappers HPrizm and Gaston Bandimic, Lehman introduced multilingual lyricism and polyrhythmic complexity, setting a fresh artistic direction within his discography. Critics praised the album's innovative blend, highlighting tracks such as "Are You in Peace?" and "Laamb," which exemplify precise production, intricate textures, and dynamic interaction between jazz improvisation and rap flow. Its reception marked a critical turning point, elevating Lehman's profile and influencing genre crossover trends in contemporary jazz.

Members

1. Steve Lehman 2. Gaston Bandimic 3. HPrizm (High Priest) 4. Maciek Lasserre 5. Damion Reid

Sun Ra Arkestra

Sunrise In Different Dimensions

2016 J38

SUN RA ARKESTRA: SUNRISE IN DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS



- A1 3:49 Light From A Hidden Sun
- A2 4:44 Pin-Points Of Spiral Prisms
- A3 7:17 Silhouettes Of The Shadow World
- A4 3:24 Cocktails For Two
- B1 6:43 'Round Midnight
- B2 7:54 Lady Bird / Half Nelson
- B3 3:33 Big John's Special
- B4 3:28 Yeah Man!
- C1 9:04 Disguised Gods In Skullduggery
- C2 3:32 Love In Outerspace
- C3 9:27 Provocative Celestials
- D1 2:48 Queer Notions
- D2 3:44 Limehouse Blues
- D3 3:31 King Porter Stomp
- D4 5:06 Take The A Train
- D5 2:43 Lightnin'
- D6 3:14 A Helio-Hello! And Goodbye Too!

Artist

Sun Ra Arkestra, led by visionary musician Sun Ra, holds a distinctive place in jazz history. Emerging in the 1950s, they combined avant-garde jazz, cosmic philosophy, and theatrical performance, pioneering Afrofuturism decades before it entered mainstream culture. Albums like "Space Is the Place" and "The Magic City" exemplify their experimental style, merging free jazz improvisation, electronic textures, and innovative orchestration. Initially polarizing, their work gradually gained critical respect for creativity and cultural resonance. Today, Sun Ra's influence resonates broadly, inspiring artists in jazz, hip-hop, electronic music, and visual arts. Though never commercially dominant, their legacy endure...

Album

Sun Ra Arkestra's "Sunrise In Different Dimensions" (1981), recorded live, stands as a pivotal entry in their expansive discography. Showcasing Sun Ra's ability to fuse avant-garde jazz, Afro-futurism, and cosmic themes, it encapsulates the band's vibrant live energy and improvisational genius. Tracks like "Love in Outer Space" and the dynamic reinterpretation of "Space Is the Place" highlight the album's blend of accessible rhythms with daring experimentation. Its polished yet spontaneous production captures the Arkestra's distinctive interplay and theatricality, further solidifying their status within jazz innovation. Critically praised for its boldness and cohesion, the album resonated deeply with fans as...

Members

1. Sun Ra - keyboards, synthesizer, bandleader 2. Marshall Allen - alto saxophone, flute 3. John Gilmore - tenor saxophone, clarinet 4. June Tyson - vocals 5. Danny Ray Thompson - baritone saxophone, flute

Tatsuro Yamashita

For You

2023 J12



- A1 4:13 Sparkle
- A2 5:10 Music Book
- A3 0:22 Interlude A Part I
- A4 3:28 Morning Glory
- A5 0:25 Interlude A Part II
- A6 5:46 Futari
- B1 4:29 Loveland, Island
- B2 0:15 Interlude B Part I
- B3 5:50 Love Talkin' (Honey It's You)
- B4 5:33 Hey Reporter!
- B5 0:17 Interlude B Part II
- B6 3:13 Your Eyes

Artist

Tatsuro Yamashita occupies a singular place in Japanese music as a pioneer of "City Pop," a genre blending smooth melodies, jazz-infused rhythms, and lush production. Emerging prominently in the late 1970s and 80s, Yamashita's sophisticated songwriting, exemplified by albums like "Ride on Time" (1980) and "For You" (1982), defined an era of urban optimism and sonic innovation. His meticulous production techniques and fusion of Western influences with distinctly Japanese sensibilities set new standards for pop craftsmanship. Songs like "Plastic Love," co-produced with Mariya Takeuchi, have gained global acclaim decades later, fueling renewed interest through digital platforms. While initial reception was nich...

Album

Tatsuro Yamashita's 1982 album "For You" stands as a landmark in the evolution of Japanese city pop, solidifying his status as a leading figure in the genre. Renowned for its polished, sophisticated sound, the album blends smooth vocals, lush arrangements, and impeccable production, showcasing Yamashita's meticulous craftsmanship. Tracks such as "Sparkle," "Love Talkin'," and "Your Eyes" exemplify his signature fusion of funk, pop, and jazz-inspired melodies, creating a vibrant, feel-good atmosphere emblematic of 1980s Japan. Critically acclaimed for its cohesive sonic clarity, the album was warmly received by both audiences and critics, deepening Yamashita's popularity and influence. "For You" marks not a d...

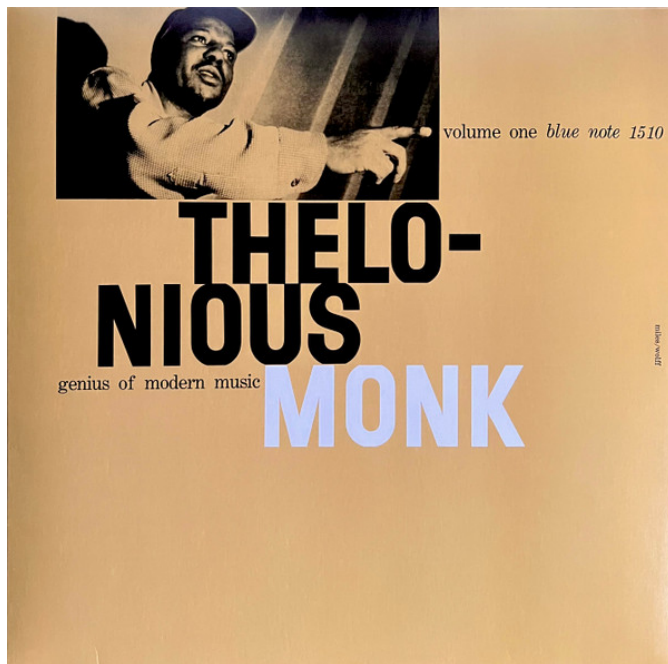
Members

Main musicians featured on Tatsuro Yamashita's album "For You" include: 1. Tatsuro Yamashita - Vocals, Guitar, Keyboards, Percussion, Producer 2. Jun Aoyama - Drums 3. Koki Ito - Bass Guitar 4. Hiroyuki Namba - Keyboards 5. Kazuo Shiina - Guitar

Thelonious Monk

Genius Of Modern Music (Volume One)

2022 J21



- A1 'Round About Midnight
- A2 Off Minor
- A3 Ruby My Dear
- A4 I Mean You
- A5 April In Paris
- A6 In Walked Bud
- B1 Thelonious
- B2 Epistrophy
- B3 Misterioso
- B4 Well You Needn't
- B5 Introspection
- B6 Humph

Artist

Thelonious Monk, a jazz revolutionary, profoundly reshaped jazz through his distinctive piano style and innovative compositions. Known for angular melodies, unusual rhythms, and dissonant harmonies, Monk's music challenged conventions, influencing future jazz artists and genres like bebop and avant-garde jazz. Albums like "Brilliant Corners," "Monk's Dream," and "Thelonious Monk with John Coltrane" highlight his groundbreaking approach, featuring iconic tracks such as "'Round Midnight," "Blue Monk," and "Straight, No Chaser." Initially met with mixed reviews, Monk gradually gained critical acclaim, becoming revered as a jazz innovator. Over decades, his reputation has grown significantly, solidifying his leg...

Album

Thelonious Monk's "Genius of Modern Music (Volume One)" stands as a pivotal early statement in jazz history. Released in 1951, this compilation of Monk's pioneering late-1940s recordings for Blue Note highlights his innovative compositional style and idiosyncratic piano technique. Critically acclaimed tracks like "'Round Midnight," "Ruby My Dear," and "Well You Needn't" became jazz standards, showcasing Monk's penchant for angular melodies, unexpected rhythms, and harmonic inventiveness. The album significantly raised Monk's profile and affirmed his influence within bebop and modern jazz spheres, laying groundwork for his subsequent prestige recordings. Critics praised Monk's originality while audiences embr...

Members

Main musicians featured on "Genius of Modern Music (Volume One)" by Thelonious Monk include: 1. Thelonious Monk - piano 2. Art Blakey - drums 3. Idrees Sulieman - trumpet 4. Sahib Shihab - alto saxophone 5. Milt Jackson - vibraphone

J Jazz: Deep Modern Jazz From Ja...



- A1 Earth Mother
- A2 North Wind
- B1 Dead Letter
- B2 Aya's Samba
- C1 White Fire
- C2 Sea Breeze
- D1 A Blind Man
- D2 Unknown Point
- E1 Little Island
- E2 Long Neal
- F1 Kaze
- F2 Ode To Workman

Artist

From a critic's viewpoint, the band Various remains notably influential due to their fluid exploration of genres and innovative sonic experimentation. Their eclectic sound challenged traditional boundaries, subtly reshaping expectations within alternative music circles. Albums like "The World is Gone" highlighted their skillful fusion of electronic textures and organic instrumentation, creating atmospheric depth that critics praised as uniquely immersive. Signature tracks such as "Hater" exemplified their nuanced songwriting, resonating deeply with listeners seeking emotional authenticity. While never commercially dominant, Various earned critical acclaim for their understated yet influential presence. Over ...

Album

"J Jazz: Deep Modern Jazz From Japan 1969-1984," curated by Tony Higgins and Mike Peden, is a compelling anthology, illuminating a pivotal yet overlooked era in Japanese jazz. Rather than a singular band's effort, this compilation celebrates diverse artists, highlighting Japan's innovative fusion of traditional jazz elements with bold experimentation. Critics praised the nuanced selections and meticulous curation, noting standout tracks like Koichi Matsukaze Trio's introspective "Earth Mother" and Teru Sakamoto's vibrant "Teru-Teru Bozu." The collection significantly elevated awareness and appreciation of Japan's jazz legacy globally, influencing recent reissues and renewed scholarly interest. Its rich sonic...

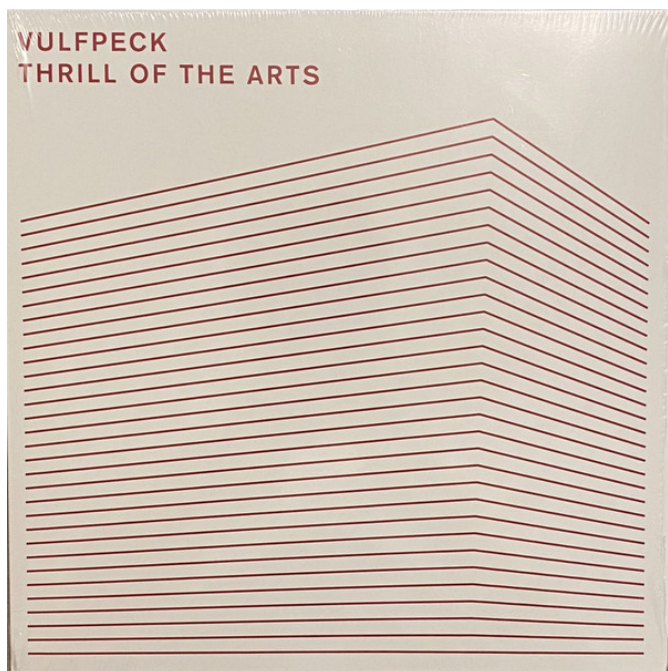
Members

Notable musicians featured on the album "J Jazz: Deep Modern Jazz From Japan 1969-1984" include: 1. Koichi Matsukaze 2. Mitsuaki Katayama 3. Takeo Moriyama 4. Shintaro Quintet 5. Kiyoshi Sugimoto

Vulfpeck

Thrill Of The Arts

2023
J30



- A1 Welcome To Vulf Records
- A2 Back Pocket
- A3 Funky Duck
- A4 Rango II
- A5 Game Winner
- B1 Walkies
- B2 Christmas In L.A.
- B3 Conscious Club (Instrumental)
- B4 Smile Meditation
- B5 Guided Smile Meditation

Artist

Vulfpeck emerged as a refreshing presence in contemporary funk and soul with their tight grooves, innovative minimalism, and playful approach. Formed in 2011, the group's DIY ethos disrupted industry norms, notably their silent album "Sleepify," which creatively exposed streaming loopholes. Albums like "Thrill of the Arts" and "The Beautiful Game" showcase their precise musicianship and infectious energy, with songs like "Dean Town" and "Back Pocket" becoming modern funk standards. Critics praise their disciplined musicianship and stripped-down production, reflecting authentic, retro yet modern aesthetics. While initially niche, their fanbase steadily grew due to viral performances and engaging online presen...

Album

Vulfpeck's 2015 album "Thrill of the Arts" marked a pivotal moment in their career, solidifying their reputation within modern funk and indie circles. The album showcased their tight musicianship, playful grooves, and minimalist yet sophisticated production. Tracks like "Back Pocket" and "Funky Duck" emerged as fan favorites, blending nostalgic funk-pop melodies with contemporary flair. Critics praised the album's organic production, rhythmic precision, and clever songwriting, noting its refreshing humor and charm. Its success broadened Vulfpeck's audience, establishing them as leading figures in a funk revival alongside acts like Snarky Puppy. While maintaining their signature minimalist funk aesthetic, it ...

Members

1. Jack Stratton (keyboards, drums, guitar) 2. Theo Katzman (vocals, drums, guitar) 3. Joe Dart (bass) 4. Woody Goss (keyboards) 5. Antwaun Stanley (guest vocalist)

Wayne Shorter

Speak No Evil

2021 J11



- A1 8:11 Witch Hunt
- A2 5:54 Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum
- A3 6:45 Dance Cadaverous
- B1 8:23 Speak No Evil
- B2 6:54 Infant Eyes
- B3 6:06 Wild Flower

Artist

Wayne Shorter profoundly shaped jazz history through innovative compositions and pioneering improvisations. As a saxophonist and composer, he was pivotal in jazz's evolution, notably with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, Miles Davis' second great quintet, and his groundbreaking fusion group, Weather Report. Albums like "Speak No Evil" and "Juju" defined modal jazz with sophisticated melodies and emotional depth, while Weather Report's "Heavy Weather" introduced jazz fusion to a wider audience. Critics praise Shorter's bold stylistic experiments and his influence on artists across jazz, fusion, and beyond. Over decades, his critical reception deepened, solidifying his stature as a jazz visionary whose artistic l...

Album

Wayne Shorter's 1966 album "Speak No Evil" remains a landmark of jazz innovation, blending post-bop complexity with lyrical elegance. Released during Shorter's tenure with Miles Davis' quintet, the album showcases Shorter's maturation as composer and bandleader, highlighting sophisticated melodic structures and intricate harmonic interplay. Tracks like "Witch Hunt" and "Infant Eyes" underscore themes of mystery and introspection, marked by evocative melodies and nuanced improvisation. Critically acclaimed for depth, cohesion, and clarity of vision, "Speak No Evil" reinforced Shorter's standing among jazz's elite and profoundly influenced subsequent generations. Its balanced production emphasizes interplay be...

Members

The album *Speak No Evil* by Wayne Shorter prominently features: 1. Wayne Shorter - tenor saxophone 2. Freddie Hubbard - trumpet 3. Herbie Hancock - piano 4. Ron Carter - bass 5. Elvin Jones - drums

