

# Top List

- 1) **Louis Armstrong:** Hot Fives/Hot Sevens  
(Considered some of the first true jazz albums)
- 2) **Fletcher Henderson:** Tidal Wave .....One of the first great big bands.
- 3) **Duke Ellington:** All Star Road Band Vol. II (Familiar Satin Doll and others) One of the best Jazz albums I've ever heard
- 4) **Count Basie:** Atomic Basie
- 5) **Charlie Parker/Dizzy Gillespie:** The Quintet: Live at Massey Hall,  
Bird And Diz
  
- 6) **Miles Davis:** Kind Of Blue (familiar- All Blues Freddie Freeloader, So What) The Sorcerer, Sketches Of Spain
- 7) **Wayne Shorter:** Speak No Evil
- 8) **Thelonius Monk:** Live at the It Club
- 9) **Dave Brubeck:** Time Out (Familiar Take Five)
- 10) **Cannonball Adderly:** Cannonball Adderly Sextet in New York
- 11) **Art Blakey:** Free for All, Mosaic, Caravan, Live in Japan Vol. 1 or 2
- 12) **John Coltrane:** Blue Trane
- 13) **Charles Mingus:** Ah-Um
- 14) **Weather Report** Heavy Weather (Familiar Birdland The original version)
- 15) **Woody Shaw:** Rosewood
- 16) **Kenny Garret:** Songbook

# BIG BAND OLD AND NEW

## **EARLY JAZZ and EARLY BIG BAND**

**Louis Armstrong:** Hot Fives and Hot Sevens

**Bix Biederbecke:** Any Compilation

**Sidney Betchet:** The Sidney Betchet Story (Proper Box)

**Fletcher Henderson:** Tidal Wave

**Duke Ellington:** The Okeh Collection

**Benny Goodman:**

**Glen Miller:** Proper Box Collection

**Good Compilations:** Swingin Uptown: The Big Band 1923-1952

The Engine Room: A History of Jazz Drumming

Coleman Hawkins : A Retrospective 1929-1963

Lester Young: Verve selects.....

Billie Holiday: The Complete Commodore Recordings

## **Contemporary Big Band:**

- 1) **Count Basie:** Basie Big Band (Familiar Tunes- Front Burner/Wind Machine)
- 2) **Johnny Griffin:** Big Soul Band
- 3) **George Russel Living Time Orchestra:** The African Game
- 4) **Maria Schnieder:** Evanessence
- 5) **Gil Evans/ Miles Davis:** Sketches of Spain
- 6) **Dave Holland Big Band:** Overtime

# **BOP, COOL, HARD BOP AND MODAL**

## **BEBOP ERA**

- 1) **The Quintet: Jazz at Massey Hall**
  - a. **Charlie Parker/Dizzy Gillespie/Bud Powell/Charles Mingus/Max Roach Live.**
- 2) **Dizzy Gillespie Story: The Dizzy Gillespie Story (Proper Box)**
- 3) **Bud Powell: Tempus Fugue-It (Proper Box)**
- 4) **Charlie Parker:**
  - a. **Studio: Swedish Schnapps, Bird and Diz**
  - b. **Live: Live at Carnegie Hall, Live at St. Nicks, The Happy Bird (rare)**
  - c. **One note- Many Bootlegs many have same version of same song**

## **Cool School**

- 1) **Miles Davis: Birth of the Cool**
- 2) **Dave Brubeck: Time Out**
- 3) **Mulligan/Getz and Desmond**

## **Hard Bop:**

- 1) **Dizzy Gillespie/ Sonny Rollins/ Sonny Stitt: Sunny Side of The Street**
- 2) **Miles Davis : Blue Haze, Round About Midnight**
- 3) **Dexter Gordon: Doin Allright**
- 4) **Horace Silver : Song for My Father (familiar Song For My Father)**
- 5) **Charles Mingus: Ah-Um**
- 6) **Jimmy Heath: The Thumper**
- 7) **Lee Morgan: Search for A New Land**
- 8) **Freddie Hubbard: Hub-Tones**

## **Modal**

- 1) **John Coltrane: My Favorite Things**
- 2) **Herbie Hancock: Maiden Voyage**
- 3) **Miles Davis: Miles Smiles or Sorcerer**
- 4) **John Coltrane: Africa Brass**
- 5) **Sun Ra: Angels and Demons At Play/Nubians of Plutonia (way ahead of it's time)**
- 6) **Chick Corea: Three Quartets or, Now He Sings, Now He Sobs**
- 7) **Yuseff Lateef: Eastern Sounds**
- 8) **Joe Henderson: Inner Urge**



# **AVANT GARDE, THIRD STREAM, 70-80's, and CONTEMPORARY**

**Avant-Garde: (not as crazy as you might think)**

- 1) Ornette Coleman: Change of The Century**
- 2) Oliver Nelson: Blues and The Abstract Truth**
- 3) John Coltrane: Stellar Regions**
- 4) Sun Ra: Outer-space Employment Agency (good humored)  
Greatest Hits Easy Listening for Intergalactic Space Travel  
(great album, real mix)**
- 5) Albert Ayler: Live in Greenwich Village**

**Third Stream (Mix of Jazz and Classical)**

- 1) Herbie Hancock: Speak Like a Child**
- 2) Charles Mingus: Black Saint Sinner Lady (extended forms)**
- 3) Claus Ogerman and Michael Brecker: Cityscapes**
- 4) Wayne Shorter: Alegria**
- 5) Matt Davis' Aerial Photograph: Before the Stars Burn Out**
- 6) Maria Schnieder: Concert in the Garden**
- 7) Modern Jazz Quartet: Three Windows**

**70's-80's Jazz**

- 1) Chick Corea: Light as a Feather (Familiar Tunes- Spain)**
- 2) Woody Shaw: Rosewood**
- 3) Weather Report: Heavy Weather**
- 4) Wynton Marsalis: Black Codes From the Underground**
- 5) Pat Metheny: Offramp**
- 6) Spyro Gyra: Catching The Sun**
- 7) Grover Washington Jr. : Winelight**

**Contemporary Jazz**

- 1) Wayne Shorter: Footprints Live**
- 2) Kenny Garret: Songbook**
- 3) Kurt Rosenwinkle: The Next Step**
- 4) Matthew Shipp: Pastoral Composure**
- 5) Christian McBride: Live at Tonic**
- 6) Greg Osby: Seasons of Renewal**

# INSTRUMENTS

Names in **Bold** appear for first time

## SAXOPHONES

### ALTO

Johnny Hodges: **Duke Ellington All Star Road Band Vol. 1, The Okeh Collection**

Charlie Parker: **See Bebop Era**

---- A good album (a bit obscure) is Norman Granz Jam Session with Johnny Hodges, Benny Carter and Charlie Parker. The first 30 years of jazz in one song

**Jackie Mclean:** The Connection

Cannonball Adderly: **Live in New York**

**Sonny Stitt:** Constellation

Ornette Coleman: **Change of the Century**

Eric Dolphy: **Blues and the Abstract Truth**

Paul Desmond: **Time out**

**Sonny Fortune:** A Better Understanding

**Greg Osby:** Seasons of Renewal

### TENOR

Lester Young: **Verve Series**

Coleman Hawkins: **A Retrospective 1929-1963**

Paul Gonsalves: **Duke Ellington All Star Road Band Vol. 1**

Dexter Gordon: **Doin Allright**

**Sonny Rollins:** Tenor Madness, Alfie

John Coltrane: **Blue Train, My Favorite Things Stellar Regions, Kind of Blue, Round' About Midnight**

Johnny Griffin **Big Soul Band**

**Eddie Lockjaw Davis:** Goin To The Meetin

Joe Henderson: **Inner Urge**

Yuseff Lateef: **Cannonball Adderly Live In New York, Eastern Sounds**

Wayne Shorter: **(Blakey's Album) Speak No Evil, (Weather Report) Heavy Weather, Footprints Live, Miles Smiles**

Stan Getz : Mulligan Getz and Desmond **Ballads and Bossas'**

Michael Brecker: **Three Quartets**

Chris Potter: **Dave Holland Big Band Overtime**

### Baritone

Harry Carney: **Duke Ellington All Star Road Band Vol. 1**

Gerry Mulligan: **Paul Desmond and Gerry Mulligan**

# INSTRUMENTS

## Trumpet:

Louis Armstrong: **The Hot Fives/Sevens**

**Bix Biederbek:**

Dizzy Gillespie: **See Bebop**

**Clifford Brown:** A Study in Brown

Miles Davis: **Birth of the Cool, Sketches of Spain Kind of Blue, Blue Haze, Miles Smiles. The Sorcerer**

Nat Adderly: **Cannonball Adderly Live in New York, Jimmy Heath The Thumper**

Lee Morgan: **Search for a New Land, Art Blakey Albums**

**Chet Baker:**

Don Cherry: **Ornette Coleman Change of the Century**

Freddie Hubbard: **Speak No Evil, Doin' Alright, Blues and The Abstract Truth Hub Tones Herbie Hancock Maiden Voyage**

Woody Shaw: **Rosewood**

**Kenny Dorham:** Matado/Intasomethin'

**Wallace Roney:** The Standard Bearer

Wynton Marsalis: **Black Codes from The Underground**

**Terrence Blachard:**

**Cat On Elvins Album**

## Trombone

**Curtis Fuller:** (John Coltrane) **Blue Train, (Jimmy Heath) The Thumper**

**Julian Priester:** (Philly Joe Jones) **Blues For Dracula**

**J. J. Johnson:** The Eminent J.J. Johnson

**Frank Rossalino:**

**Grahm Moncur III:**

**Rosewell Rudd:**

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## PIANO

Duke Ellington: **Duke Ellington All Star Road Band Vol. 1**  
Bud Powell: **See Bebop**  
Thelonius Monk: **Live at the It Club, Thelonius In Action**  
Herbie Hancock: **Speak Like A Child, (Miles Davis) Miles Smiles, Sorcerer**  
**Wayne Shorter (Speak No Evil) (Morgan) Search for a New**  
**Land**  
Red Garland: **(Miles) Round About Midnight**  
Horace Silver: **Song for My Father**  
Wynton Kelly: **(Both Miles) Kind Of Blue, Jimmy Heath The Thumper**  
Bill Evans: **(Miles) Kind Of Blue**  
McCoy Tyner: **(Coltrane) My Favorite Things Africa Brass**  
Dave Brubeck: **Time Out**  
Chick Corea: **Three Quartets, Light as a Feather, Now He Sings, Now He Sobs**

## Bass

**Slam Stewart: Dizzy Proper Box Set**  
**Ray Brown: Dizzy Proper Box Set**  
Charles Mingus: **Ah-Um, Black Saint Sinner Lady, The Quintet: Live at Massey**  
**Hall**  
Paul Chambers: **(Miles Davis) Round About Midnight, Kind of Blue,**  
**(Jimmy Heath) The Thumper**  
Ron Carter: **(Miles Davis) Miles Smiles, Sorcerer, (Herbie Hancock),**  
**Speak Like a Child, Maiden Voyage**  
**Sam Jones:**  
Larry Gales: **(Monk) Live at the It Club**  
Jimmy Garrison: **(Coltrane) Africa Brass**  
Jaco Pastorius: **(Weather Report) Heavy Weather**  
**Christian McBride: Live at Tonic**  
Reggie Workman: **(Blakey ) Free For All, (Coltrane) Africa Brass (Morgan)**  
**Search For a New Land**  
Charlie Haden: **(Coleman) Change of the Century**  
Dave Holland: **Dave Holland Big Band Overdrive**

**Drums:**

Sam Woodyard: **Duke Ellington All Star Road Band Vol. 1**

**Philly Joe Jones:** Blues for Dracula (**funny and great**)

Jimmy Cobb: **Kind Of Blue**

Art Blakey: **Free for All, Mosaic, Caravan, Live in Japan Vol. 1 or 2**

Max Roach: **The Quintet: Live at Massey Hall**

Elvin Jones: **(Coltrane) My Favorite Things, Africa Brass**

Ben Riley: **(Monk) Live at the It Club**

Tony Williams: **(Miles) Miles Smiles, The Sorcerer**

**Roy Haynes:**

Billy Higgins : (Morgan) **Search For A New Land**, (Coleman) **Change of the Century**

Danny Richmond: **(Mingus) Ah-Um, Black Saint Sinner Lady**

**Jack Dejohnette:** Keith Jarret Standards Live

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**Brian Blades:** (Wayne Shorter) Footprints Live

## Vocalists:

Nancy Wilson: Cannonball Adderly and Nancy Wilson (Great Album)

Shirley Horn: The Main Ingredient

Billie Holiday: The Complete Commodore Recordings

Ella Fitzgerald:

Blossom Dearie:

Cassandra Wilson: Live

Johnny Hartman: John Coltrane and Johnny Hartman

John Hendricks: Friends