

RECOMMENDED LISTENING LIST

This list is obviously not a comprehensive listening list. It is intended to be a starting point for the student's discovery, education and enjoyment. This list has been EXTREMELY condensed to account for page numbers... keep exploring!!!

(Jazz Albums, except for big bands, are categorized by the instrument played by the leader.)

JAZZ

PIANO

Bud Powell:

- The Amazing Bud Powell, Volume 1*

Thelonious Monk:

- Misterioso *
- Live at the Five Spot *
- Monk's Music*
- Thelonious Monk Quartet With John Coltrane: Live At Carnegie Hall*

Oscar Peterson Trio:

- Oscar Peterson Trio + 1

Red Garland:

- Groovy

Ahmad Jamal:

- Ahmad's Blues*

Bill Evans

- Waltz for Debby *
- Live at the Village Vanguard *

Herbie Hancock:

- Maiden Voyage *
- Empyrean Isles*
- Headhunters

- Thrust *

Chick Corea:

- Now He Sings Now He Sobs*
- Three Quartets*

McCoy Tyner:

- The Real McCoy*

Dave Brubeck:

- Time Out

Geri Allen:

- In The Year of The Dragon
- The Nurturer

Keith Jarrett:

- Standards Volume 1 and 2 *
- Changes *
- Standards Live *
- Tribute*
- Belonging*
- The Cure *

Michel Camilo:

- Michel Camilo
- Live At The Blue Note

Brad Mehldau:

- Brad Mehldau Trio Live

Kenny Werner:

- Beat Degeneration

Steve Kuhn

- Steve Kuhn Trio- Life's Magic

Ellis Marsalis

- The Classic Ellis Marsalis

SAXOPHONE

Sonny Rollins:

- Live at the Village Vanguard *
- Saxophone Colossus*
- Way Out West*

Joe Henderson:

- Inner Urge*
- Power To The People*
- The State Of The Tenor *

Wayne Shorter:

- Speak No Evil *
- Ju-Ju*

Oliver Nelson:

- Blues and The Abstract Truth*

Eric Dolphy

- Out To Lunch *
- With Booker Little:
Live at the Five Spot,
Volume 1 *

Cannonball Adderley:

- Somethin' Else*

Ornette Coleman:

- The Shape of Jazz To
Come *
- This is Our Music *
- Ornette*
- Change of the Century*

Hank Mobley

- Soul Station *
- Roll Call

John Coltrane

- Blue Trane*
- Giant Steps *
- Crescent *
- A Love Supreme*
- Ballads*
- With Johnny Hartman *
- Live at Birdland *
- Live at the Village
Vanguard *
- Transition*
- Interstellar Space*

Michael Brecker

- The Brecker Brothers-
Heavy Metal Be-bop*
- Michael Brecker (his
FIRST solo record) *

Kenny Garrett:

- Songbook
- Happy People

Joe Lovano:

- Sounds Of Joy*

David Binney:

- South
- Oceanos
- Afinidad

Dick Oatts:

- Southpaw
- Meru

Brandford Marsalis:

- Requiem
- The Dark Keys
- Crazy People Music

Jan Garbarek:

- I Took Up The Runes

Joshua Redman:

- Elastic

Jon Ellis:

- Dance Like There's No
Tomorrow

Dewey Redman:

- Red & Black In Willisau
- In London

Yusef Lateef

- Live at Pep's *

Chris Potter:

- Lift
- Underground
- Follow the Red Line
- Ultrahang

TRUMPET

Clifford Brown:

- Study in Brown *
- Live at Basin Street

Miles Davis:

- Kind of Blue *
- Workin'
- Relaxin'*
- Steamin'*
- Milestones *
- Round About Midnight
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- Someday My Prince
Will Come*
- My Funny
Valentine/Four and
More * (2 CD set)
- ESP
- The Sorcerer *
- Miles Smiles*
- Nefertiti *
- Files De Kilimanjaro *
- In A Silent Way *
- Bitches Brew *
- Live Evil
- We Want Miles

Dave Douglas:

- The Infinite
- Meaning And Mystery
- Moonshine
- Spirit Moves

Kenny Wheeler:

- Gnu High*
- Double, Double You
- The Widow In The
Window

Wynton Marsalis:

- Black Codes From The
Underground*

- Standard Time Volume One*
- J Mood
- Joe Cool's Blues

Cuong Vu:

- It's Mostly Residual

Ingrid Jensen:

- Spirals
- Nordic Connect- "Flurry"
- Project O

BASS

Charles Mingus:

- Ah Um *
- Blues & Roots *

Ray Brown:

- Don't Get Sassy

Dave Holland:

- Conference of The Birds *
- Triplicate
- Seeds of Time*
- The Razor's Edge*
- Jumpin' In
- Extensions *
- Prime Directive *
- Not for Nothin'

Jaco Pastorious:

- Word of Mouth *
- Jaco Pastorious *

Eberhard Weber:

- Later That Evening

Drew Gress:

- Spin & Drift
- Irrational Numbers

Mark Helias:

- Verbs of Will

Ben Allison:

- Cowboy Justice

GUITAR

Grant Green:

- Talkin' About

Allan Holdsworth:

- Heavy Metal Fatigue
- Secrets
- The Sixteen Men of Tain
- Wardenclyyfe Tower

Wes Montgomery:

- The Incredible Jazz Guitar of Wes Montgomery
- Smokin' At The Half Note

John Scofield:

- Still Warm
- Time On My Hands *
- Blue Matter *

Pat Metheny:

- Pat Metheny Group
- 80/81 *
- Question And Answer *
- Song X
- Still Life Talking

Frank Zappa:

- Shut Up and Play Yer Guitar
- Joe's Garage

John Abercrombie:

- Gateway
- John Abercrombie Trio-Live
- While We're Young
- Open Land

John McLaughlin:

- Live At The Royal Festival Hall *
- Tokyo Live

Kurt Rosenwinkel:

- The Next Step
- The Remedy-Live

Adam Rogers:

- Art of the Invisible

David Gilmore:

- Numerology

Jonathan Kreisberg:

- New For Now

Tony MacAlpine (with Dennis Chambers and Bunny Brunel)

- CAB
- CAB 2

ORGAN:

Jimmy Smith:

- Back at the Chicken Shack *

Melvin Rhyne:

- Boss Organ

Larry Goldings:

- Live at Smalls

Gary Versace:

- Outside In

Alice Coltrane:

- Transfiguration

Larry Young:

- Unity*

GROUPS**Weather Report:**

- Weather Report
- Mysterious Traveler *
- Heavy Weather *

Steps Ahead:

- Steps Ahead *
- Smokin' In The Pit *

The Jazz Crusaders:

- Southern Comfort

Old And New Dreams:

- Playing *

Return to Forever:

- Light as a Feather
- Hymn of the Seventh Galaxy
- Romantic Warrior

Mahavishnu Orchestra:

- Birds of Fire *
- The Inner Mounting Flame *

Fly:

- Sky and Country
- Fly

DRUMS**Jo Jones (as in Papa Jo Jones):**

- The Everest Years*

Max Roach:

- Drums Unlimited *
- We Insist! Freedom Now Suite *
- Deeds Not Words*

Art Blakey:

- A Night At Birdland, Volumes 1 and 2 *
- Moanin' *
- The Big Beat*
- A Night In Tunisia *
- Ugetsu *
- Free For All *

Elvin Jones:

- Live At The Lighthouse, Volumes 1 and 2

Tony Williams:

- Emergency *
- Believe It *

Jack Dejohnette:

- Album Album *
- Special Edition *

- Suadades *

Paul Motian:

- On Broadway, Volume 1
- Sound of Love

Matt Wilson:

- Smile
- Arts and Crafts
- The Scenic Route
- As Wave Follows Wave

Roy Haynes:

- We Three *
- Out of The Afternoon *
- Roy Haynes Trio With Danilo Perez and John Patitucci *

Billy Cobham:

- Spectrum

Brian Blade

- Brian Blade Fellowship-Perceptual *

Ed Blackwell:

- Walls-Bridges
- What It Be Like

Ralph Peterson Jr.:

- Ornettology
- The Fo'Tet Augmented

Jeff "Tain" Watts:

- Citizen Tain *
- Folk's Songs

Dafnis Prieto:

- About the Monks *
- Absolute Quintet *

Jeff Hamilton:

- The Best Things Happen

Vinnie Colaiuta:

- Vinnie Colaiuta

Ari Hoenig:

- Bert's Playground*
- Lines of Oppression*
- Punk Bop*

Peter Erskine:

- Sweet Soul
- You Never Know

Chad Wackerman:

- Scream
- Forty Reasons
- Dreams, Nightmares and Improvisations

BIG BANDS**Chick Webb:**

- Ella Fitzgerald with Chick Webb*

Buddy Rich:

- Big Swing Face*
- Swinging New Big Band

Duke Ellington:

- Ellington At Newport *
- Blues In Orbit *
- Black, Brown and Beige *
- And His Mother Called Him Bill*

Count Basie:

- The Complete Decca Recordings *
- Count Basie Swings, Joe Williams Sings *
- Straight Ahead

Thad Jones/Mel Lewis:

- Central Park North *
- Consumption *

Jim McNeely:

- Lickety Split (listed under the Vanguard Orchestra playing the music of Jim McNeely)
- Dedication Suite

Maria Schneider:

- Allegresse *
- Concert In The Garden *

Bob Brookmeyer:

- New Works
- Spirit Music

WDR Big Band:

- Prism

Bob Mintzer Big Band:

- Incredible Journey*
- Art of the Big Band

Django Bates:

- Like Life

VOCALISTS:**Joe Williams:**

- Count Basie Swings and Joe Williams Sings*

Sarah Vaughn:

- Sarah Vaughn
- Swingin' Easy

Billie Holiday:

- Lady In Satin*
- Lady Sings the Blues

Ella Fitzgerald: *****

- ANYTHING BY ELLA. IF YOU WANT TO LEARN SWING, YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO ELLA SING. AND I MEAN EVERYONE, NOT JUST VOCALISTS!!

Frank Sinatra:

- Songs for Swingin' Lovers
- Come Dance With Me
- Sinatra at the Sands (with Count Basie)*

Al Jarreau:

- We Got By
- Glow
- This Time

Sheila Jordan:

- Portrait of Sheila*
- Sheila* (WOW! This is killing!)
- Confirmation** (DOUBLE WOW!!)

Carmen McRae:

- Carmen Sings Monk*

Cassandra Wilson:

- Blue Skies

Diana Krall:

- Love Scenes

ROCK, POP, AND
R&B

Aretha Franklin:

- Live At Filmore West *
- I Never Loved A Man
The Way That I Love
You *
- Young Gifted And Black *

The Meters:

- The Meters**
- Look-Ka Py Py
- Rejuvenation*

Dr. John, with the Meters:

- In the Right Place*

**Rufus (sometimes listed as
Rufus with Chaka Kahn):**

- Rufusized*

Allen Toussaint:

- Life, Love and Faith

Me'Shell Ndegeocello

- Peace Beyond Passion

Parliament Funkadelic:

- 20th Century Masters -
The Millennium
Collection: The Best of
Parliament *

Earth Wind And Fire:

- Greatest Hits Volume 1
*

Tower of Power:

- What Is Hip?: The
Tower of Power
Anthology *

James Brown:

- Star Time (Boxed Set)

Marvin Gaye:

- What's Going On *

Al Green:

- Al Green's Greatest Hits

Donny Hathaway:

- These Songs For You

Sly And The Family Stone:

- There's A Riot Going
On*
- Stand *
- Fresh *

Stevie Wonder:

- Fullfillingess' First
Finale *
- Talking Book *
- Innervisions*
- Songs In The Key Of
Life *

Rickie Lee Jones:

- Rickie Lee Jones *

Led Zeppelin:

- Led Zeppelin I

- Led Zeppelin II *
- Led Zeppelin IV *

Pink Floyd:

- Dark Side of The Moon

Santana:

- Santana

Radiohead:

- OK Computer
- Kid A
- Amnesiac

Steely Dan:

- Katy Lied *
- Aja *
- Gaucho *

The Beatles:

- Sgt. Pepper's Lonely
Hearts Club Band *
- Revolver *
- The Beatles (The White
Album)
- Please Please Me *
- Abbey Road

The Beach Boys:

- Pet Sounds

Blood, Sweat and Tears:

- Blood Sweat and Tears

The Staples Singers:

- Stax Profiles-The
Staples Singers

Mavis Staples:

- We'll Never Turn Back*

Gladys Knight and The Pips:

- The Ultimate Collection

The Temptations:

- My Girl-The Very Best of The Temptations

Ohio Players:

- Ohio Players' Greatest Hits

Yes:

- Fragile

Crosby Stills and Nash:

- Crosby,, Stills and Nash

Bill Bruford:

- Feels Good to Me

The Who:

- Who's Next *

The Band:

- The Band *

Paul Simon:

- Still Crazy After All These Years *

John Mayer:

- Try

Jimi Hendrix:

- Band of Gypsies *
- Are You Experienced *

Billy Joel:

- The Stranger
- Turnstiles

Sting:

- Bring On The Night
- Dream Of The Blue Turtles *
- The Soul Cages *
- Ten Summoner's Tales*

Peter Gabriel:

- So *

The Police:

- Zenyatta Mondatta *
- Ghost In The Machine *
- Reggata de Blanc *

Chicago:

- Chicago III

Otis Redding:

- Live in London and Paris

Little Village

- Little Village

Loa Lobotomys:

- Los Lobotomys

REGGAE**Bob Marley:**

- To Catch A Fire *
- Burnin' *
- Legend * (greatest hits package)
- African Herbsman *

Peter Tosh:

- Legalize It*

Junior Byles:

- Beat Down Babylon *

The Skatalites:

- Foundation Ska *

AFRO-CUBAN**Cachao:**

- Cuba Linda*

Buena Vista Social Club:

- Buena Vista Social Club*
- Presents Ibrahim Ferrer*

Afro-Cuban All Stars:

- A Toda Cuba La Gusta

Tito Puente:

- Puente In Percussion***** (This one is a lesson in PHRASING!!)

Jimmy Bosch:

- Salsa Dura
- Soneando Trombon

Jerry Gonzalez and the Fort Apache Band:

- Rumba Para Monk

Hilario Duran:

- New Danzon

Brazilian

Sambalanco Trio:

- Sambalanco Trio

Raul De Souza

- A Vontade Mesmo

Djavan

- Alumbramento OR Seduzir

Milton Banana

- Milton Banana Trio

Hermeto Pascoal

- Só Não Toca Quem Não Quer

Edison Machado

- Edison Machado é Samba Novo

Egberto Gismonti

- Sanfona

Elis Regina

- Como & Porque

João Donato

- Sambou Sambou

Jorge Bem

- Samba Esquema Novo

Milton Nascimento

- Clube Da Esquina

Moacir Santos

- Coisas

Quarteto Novo

- Quarteto Novo

Sergio Mendes e Bossa Rio

- Voce Ainda Nao Ouviu Nada!