

# JAZZ

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ARTIST	TITLE*	LABEL	YEAR	RATING	JAN QUOTE "..."
RALPH PETERSON'S GENNEXT BIG BAND	<i>IREMEMBER BU</i> <small>(FEATURING DONALD HARRISON)</small>	ONYX PRODUCTIONS	2018	★★★★●	"Contemporary apprenticeship model for new young lions ..."
PHIL SCHURGER	<i>THE WATERS ABOVE</i>	EARS & EYES RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"This is a brilliant and inspired collection of modern music ..."
KENNY WERNER	<i>THE SPACE</i>	PIROUET	2018	★★★★●	"Solo piano genius ... yes, genius"
FRED HERSCH	<i>TRIO '97</i>	VILLAGE VANGUARD	2018	★★★★●	"Imagination, creativity, and immense musicality..."
DON BYRON / ARUAN ORTIZ	<i>RANDOM DANCES AND (A)TONALITIES</i>	INTAKT RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"Byron and Ortiz are brilliant musicians ..."
DARRELL KATZ AND THE JCA ORCHESTRA	<i>RATS LIVE ON NO EVIL STAR</i>	JCA RECORDINGS	2018	★★★★●	"Inventive sophistication and wonderful orchestrations ..."
JASON PALMER	<i>RHYME AND REASON</i>	GIANT STEP ARTS	2018	★★★★●	"Modern straight-ahead jazz, brainy and groovy too ..."
GENE ESS	<i>APOTHEOSIS</i>	SIMP RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"A modern jazz guitar master with a broad range and mature voice ..."
JAMES ARMSTRONG	<i>RUMINATIONS</i>	ARC	2018	★★★★●	"Exquisite extended solo piano improvisation work ..."
ERIC ALEXANDER	<i>LEAP OF FAITH</i>	GIANT STEP ARTS	2019	★★★★●	"Uncompromising, impeccable, swinging jazz music ..."
THE DAVID BERKMAN SEXTET (PLUS GUESTS)	<i>SIX OF ONE</i>	PALMETTO RECORDS	2019	★★★★●	"Musical mastery and beauty from a giant of his generation ..."
DANIEL BENNETT GROUP	<i>WE ARE THE ORCHESTRA</i>	MANHATTAN DAYLIGHT MEDIA	2019	★★★★●	"Inspired, uniquely original ..."
SATOKO FUJII	<i>CONFLUENCE</i>	LIBRA RECORDS	2019	★★★★●	"Fujii is among the elite true improvisers of our times ..."
FRED HERSCH & THE WDR BIG BAND	<i>BEGIN AGAIN</i> <small>(ARRANGED &amp; CONDUCTED BY VINCE MENDOZA)</small>	PALMETTO RECORDS	2019	★★★★●	"The musical synergy is compelling throughout this album ..."
MOY ENG / WAYNE WALLACE	<i>THE BLUE HOUR</i>	PATOIS RECORDS	2019	★★★★●	"Well-crafted lyrics, arrangements highlight this musical potpourri ..."
EZRA WEISS BIG BAND	<i>WE LIMIT NOT THE TRUTH OF GOD</i>	OA2 RECORDS	2019	★★★★●	"Weiss documents life using the art of jazz music ..."
GEORGE COLLIGAN	<i>AGAIN WITH ATTITUDE</i>	IYOUWE RECORDS	2019	★★★★●	"Prodigious chops! 3 world class musicians playing with fire ..."
MIKE HOLOBER & THE GOTHAM JAZZ ORCHESTRA	<i>HIDING OUT</i>	ZOHO MUSIC	2019	★★★★●	"Progressive modern jazz, brilliant soloists and great charts ..."
TUCKER BROTHERS	<i>TWO PARTS</i>	MIDWEST CRUSH MUSIC	2019	★★★★●	"Fresh, enchanting, elegant, and exquisite musicality throughout ..."
GARZONE / ERSKINE / PASQUA / OLES	<i>3 NIGHTS IN L.A.</i>	FUZZY MUSIC	2019	★★★★●	"Masters at work, and at play ..."

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MIGUEL ZENON	<i>YO SOY LA TRADICION</i>	MIEL MUSIC	2018	★★★★●	"Saxophonist and composer breaks more terra nova ..."
FRAN VIELMA & HIS VENEZUELAN JAZZ COLLECTIVE	<i>TENDENCIAS</i>	PAPELON RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"Extraordinarily demonstrates that jazz is a global music ..."
AYN INSERTO JAZZ ORCHESTRA	<i>DOWN A RABBIT HOLE</i>	SUMMIT RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"Triumphant writing, grand artistry, and modern swinging jazz ..."
PETER NELSON	<i>ASH, DUST, AND THE CHALKBOARD CINEMA</i>	OUTSIDE IN MUSIC	2018	★★★★●	"Performances and writing that are both inspired and inspiring ..."
FUJII, FONDA, MIMMO	<i>TRIAD</i>	LONG SONG RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"Free Jazz geniuses, all ..."
SCOTT PETITO	<i>BAINBOW GRAVITY</i>	PLANET ARTS	2018	★★★★●	"An all-star collective performing contemporary originals ..."
CATHY SEGAL-GARCIA	<i>THE JAZZ CHAMBER</i>	DASH HOFFMAN RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"Sublime, mature vocals navigate difficult intervals beautifully ..."
ADI MEYERSON	<i>WHERE WE STAND</i>	A:M RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"Progressive music grounded firmly in the deep grooves of jazz ..."
CHRISTIAN ARTMANN	<i>OUR STORY</i>	SUNNYSIDE RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"Complex modal jazz that's artistically interesting ..."
TED NASH QUINTET	<i>LIVE AT DIZZY'S CLUB COCA-COLA</i>	PLASTIC SAX RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"Anyone worried that straight-up swinging jazz is gone, don't be ..."
MICHIKA FUKUMORI	<i>PIANO IMAGES</i>	IYOUWE RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"Beautiful solo piano jazz ..."
CATHY SEGAL-GARCIA	<i>DREAMSVILLE</i>	DASH HOFFMAN RECORDS	2018	★★★★●	"Vocal, guitar, piano trio mastery, intimate, impeccable jazz ..."
HENDRIK MEURKENS	<i>COBB'S POCKET</i>	IN+OUT RECORDS	2019	★★★★●	"Artistry by some of the leading standard bearers in jazz today ..."
CHARLIE DENNARD	<i>DEEP BLUE</i>	CHARLIE DENNARD	2019	★★★★●	"Thoughtful, pensive compositions evoke spirit of New Orleans ..."
GEORGE KAHN	<i>STRAIGHT AHEAD</i>	PLAYING RECORDS / ARC	2019	★★★★●	"Westcoast jazz piano trio of studio veterans sparkles throughout ..."
THE OGJB QUARTET	<i>BAMAKO</i>	TUM RECORDS	2019	★★★★●	"Oliver Lake, Graham Haynes, Joe Fonda, Barry Altschul bellwether..."
LARRY GOLDINGS / PETER BERNSTEING / BILL STEWART	<i>TOY TUNES</i>	PATOIS RECORDS	2019	★★★★●	"A trio of master improvisers reveal captivating colors and melodies ..."
BETTY BRYANT	<i>PROJECT 88</i>	BRY-MAR MUSIC	2019	★★★★●	"Great Kansas City swing is always at the center of all modern jazz ..."
VANESSA RUBIN	<i>THE DREAM IS YOU</i>	NIBUR RECORDS	2019	★★★★●	"A standout jazz vocal stylist ..."
AIMEE NOLTE	<i>LOOKING FOR THE ANSWERS</i>	ALPINE FIELD RECORDS	2019	★★★★●	"A simply wonderful album ..."

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