

Recommended Listening – Jazz Bands

Here is a very short list of what to listen to. I have given a few examples of recordings that I really liked. Listen and find out what you dig and go from there!!.

Big Band Leaders

Count Basie – April in Paris, or anything,
Duke Ellington – Best of ... or just about anything. (Lincoln Centre Jazz Orchestra playing Ellington music)
Mingus Big Band, Dave Holland Big Band, Marie Schneider Orchestra, Stan Kenton, Woody Herrman, Maynard Ferguson, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Boss Brass

Vocalists:

Frank Sinatra - with Basie Big Band among others,
Nancy Wilson – Nancy Wilson & Cannonball Adderly
Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Diane Krall, Billie Holiday, Norah Jones

Soprano Sax:

Wayne Shorter, Jane Bunnett, Branford Marsalis, Dave Liebman

Alto Sax:

Charlie Parker – Now's the Time, Jazz at Massey Hall, The Verve Years
Cannonball Adderley - Something Else, Takes Charge
Ornett Coleman – The Shape of Jazz to Come
Kenny Garret, Phil Woods, David Sanborn

Tenor Sax:

John Coltrane - Blue Train, Giant Steps, A Love Supreme, Crescent
Sonny Rollins – Saxophone Colossus, Tenor Madness, Sonny Rollins w/ John Coltrane
Micheal Brecker – self titled, Tales From the Hudson, Brecker Bros. stuff
Joe Lavono – Time On My Hands (John Scofield), solo recordings
Wayne Shorter - Speak No Evil, JuJu, Footprints Live!
Sonny Sitt – Constellation
Lester Young – Ken Burns Jazz
Joshua Redman, Joe Henderson, Chris Potter, Branford Marsalis

Trombone:

J.J. Johnson – The Eminent JJ Johnson Vol. 1 and 2
Curtis Fuller, Steve Turre, Robin Eubanks, Hugh Fraser, Bob Brookmeyer, Slide Hampton, Wycliffe Gordon

Trumpet:

Miles Davis – Kind of Blue, Relaxin', Miles Smiles, Live at Nickle ... so much stuff from every era

Dizzy Gillespie – Sunny Side Up or anything with C. Parker

Freddie Hubbard – Hub Tones, Maiden Voyage by Herbie Hancock

Clifford Brown – Study in Brown, Brown and Roach Inc.

Wynton Marsalis – Standard Time, Live at Blues Alley

Dave Douglas, Roy Hargrove, Clark Terry, Randy Brecker

Piano:

Thelonious Monk – Monk and Trane

Keith Jarrett – Standards Live

Bill Evans – The Village Vanguard Sessions

Herbie Hancock – Maiden Voyage

Chick Corea – Light as a Feather, Now He Sings, Now He Sobs

Horace Silver – Blowin' the Blues Away

Bud Powell – The Genius of Bud Powell

Guitar:

Freddie Green – Basie recordings

Charlie Christian – Solo Flight

Wes Montgomery – The Incredible Guitar of Wes Montgomery

Jim Hall, John Scofield, Pat Metheny, Bill Frisell, Alan Holdsworth, Scott Henderson

Bass:

Jaco Pastorius – Jaco Pastorius, Word of Mouth, Weather Report's Heavy Weather

Ray Brown – popular side man with Miles Davis and others

Ron Carter – popular sideman with Miles Davis and others

Charles Mingus – Mingus Ah Um

Dave Holland – Extended Play

Christian McBride, Scott LaFaro(with Bill Evans), **John Patitucci, Steve Swallow,**

Marcus Miller, Victor Wootton

Drums:

Any Basie, Ellington, Miles Davis, recordings

Tony Williams, Elvin Jones, Jack DeJonette, Philly Joe Jones, Buddy Rich, Max Roach,

Roy Haynes, Art Blakey, Dave Weckel, Brian Blade, Jeff "Tain" Watts

Modern sounds:

Metalwood, Soulive, MMW, The Bad Plus, Brecker Brothers, John Scofield, Charlie Hunter, Chick Corea Electric Band, Tribal Tech, Steve Coleman