

Classic Jazz Album Listening List

• Early Jazz & Swing:

- Louis Armstrong - Hot Fives and Hot Sevens Recordings
- Jelly Roll Morton - Red Hot Peppers
- Duke Ellington - The Blanton-Webster Band
- Count Basie - The Complete Atomic Basie
- Benny Goodman - Live at Carnegie Hall
- Lester Young - The Complete Savoy Recordings
- Billie Holiday - Lady in Satin
- Ella Fitzgerald - Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Duke Ellington Songbook
- Sidney Bechet - Legendary Sidney Bechet
- Django Reinhardt - Retrospective 1934-53

• Bebop & Hard Bop:

- Charlie Parker - Bird and Diz
- Dizzy Gillespie - Groovin' High
- Thelonious Monk - Brilliant Corners
- Bud Powell - The Amazing Bud Powell, Vol. 1
- Clifford Brown & Max Roach - Study in Brown
- Art Blakey & The Jazz Messengers - Moanin'
- Horace Silver - Song for My Father
- Hank Mobley - Soul Station
- Cannonball Adderley - Somethin' Else
- Lee Morgan - The Sidewinder
- Freddie Hubbard - Red Clay.

• Cool Jazz & Modal Jazz:

- Miles Davis - Kind of Blue
- Miles Davis - Birth of the Cool
- John Coltrane - A Love Supreme
- Bill Evans - Waltz for Debby
- Charles Mingus - Mingus Ah Um
- Dave Brubeck - Time Out
- Stan Getz & João Gilberto - Getz/Gilberto
- Bill Evans - Portrait in Jazz
- Wayne Shorter - Speak No Evil
- Oliver Nelson - The Blues and the Abstract Truth

• Avant-Garde & Free Jazz:

- Ornette Coleman - The Shape of Jazz to Come
- John Coltrane - Ascension
- Albert Ayler - Spiritual Unity
- Cecil Taylor - Unit Structures
- Sun Ra - Jazz in Silhouette
- Eric Dolphy - Out to Lunch!

- Pharoah Sanders - Karma
- Art Ensemble of Chicago - Les Stances a Sophie.
- **Fusion & Modern Jazz:**
 - Miles Davis - Bitches Brew
 - Herbie Hancock - Head Hunters
 - Weather Report - Heavy Weather
 - Chick Corea - Light as a Feather
 - Pat Metheny - Bright Size Life
 - Keith Jarrett - The Köln Concert
 - Mahavishnu Orchestra - The Inner Mounting Flame
 - Tony Williams Lifetime - Emergency!
 - Steps Ahead - Steps Ahead
 - Wynton Marsalis - Black Codes (From the Underground)
 - Joshua Redman - Moodswing.
 - Robert Glasper - Black Radio.
- **Vocal Jazz:**
 - Billie Holiday - Lady Sings the Blues
 - Ella Fitzgerald - Ella Fitzgerald Sings the Cole Porter Song Book
 - Sarah Vaughan - Sarah Vaughan with Clifford Brown
 - Nina Simone - Pastel Blues
 - Frank Sinatra - Songs for Swingin' Lovers!
 - Betty Carter - The Audience With Betty Carter
 - Carmen McRae - Carmen Sings Monk
 - Cassandra Wilson - Blue Light 'Til Dawn
 - Nat King Cole - After Midnight.
 - Madeleine Peyroux - Careless Love
- **Expanding the list.**
 - Ahmad Jamal - At the Pershing: But Not for Me.
 - Oscar Peterson - Night Train.
 - Wes Montgomery - The Incredible Jazz Guitar of Wes Montgomery.
 - Modern Jazz quartet - Django.
 - Gil Evans - Sketches of Spain.
 - Charles Lloyd - Forest Flower.
 - Joe Henderson - Page One.
 - Kenny Dorham - Quiet Kenny.
 - Dexter Gordon - Go.
 - Wayne Shorter - Juju.
 - Andrew Hill - Point of Departure.
 - Sam Rivers - Contours.
 - Mary Lou Williams - Mary Lou's Mass.
 - Alice Coltrane - Ptah, the El Daoud.
 - Don Cherry - Complete Communion.
 - Keith Jarrett - Standards Trio Vol. 1.

- Brad Mehldau - Art of the Trio Vol 1.
- Vijay Iyer - Historicity.
- Esperanza Spalding - Chamber Music Society.
- Kamasi Washington - The Epic.