

BEST NEW RELEASES OF THE YEAR

DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER + BILL CHARLAP –
Elemental (DDB/Mack Avenue)
AMIR ELSAFAH NEW QUARTET –
Live at Pierre Boulez Saal (Maqâm)
PETER EVANS BEING & BECOMING –
Ars Ludicra (More Is More)
TOMAS FUJIWARA – *Dream Up* (Out Of Your Head)
TONY JONES/CHARLIE BURNHAM'S PITCH,
RHYTHM AND CONSCIOUSNESS – *Sextet* (Reva)
PETER KNIGHT –
TL; DR (Too Long; Didn't Read) (Earshift Music)
JAMES BRANDON LEWIS QUARTET –
Abstraction Is Deliverance (Intakt)
AMINA CLAUDEINE MYERS –
Solace of the Mind (Red Hook)
THE NECKS – *Disquiet* (Northern Spy)
LINDA MAY HAN OH – *Strange Heavens* (Biophilia)
 – *Laurence Donohue-Greene*
(Managing Editor)

MUSICIANS OF THE YEAR

BILLY HART (*drums*)
AMINA CLAUDINE MYERS (*piano, organ, vocals*)
ARTURO O'FARRILL (*piano, bandleader*)
LINDA MAY HAN OH (*bass*)
PAT THOMAS (*piano*)

UP-AND-COMERS OF THE YEAR

MILENA CASADO (*trumpet*)
PAUL CORNISH (*piano*)
CAITY GYORGY (*vocals*)
DOYEON KIM (*gayageum*)
YUHAN SU (*vibraphone*)

VENUES OF THE YEAR

CLOSE UP (*Lower East Side*)
THE JAZZ GALLERY (*NoMad*)
ROULETTE (*Boerum Hill, Brooklyn*)
SMOKE (*Upper West Side*)
VILLAGE VANGUARD (*West Village*)

LABELS OF THE YEAR

ECM (ecmrecords.com)
 INTAKT (intaktrec.ch)
 OUT OF YOUR HEAD (outofyourheadrecords.com)
 PI RECORDINGS (pirecordings.com)
 PYROCLASTIC (pyroclasticrecords.bandcamp.com)

CONCERTS OF THE YEAR

PETER APFELBAUM'S NEW YORK HIEROGLYPHICS
*Sana Nagano, Nora Stanley, Norbert Stachel, Peck Allmond,
 Joel Roseman, David Phelps, Viva De Concini,
 Noah Garabedian, Marcelo Perez, John Woodridge,
 Mali Obomsawin*
 January 11, Loove Labs Annex (Winter JazzFest)

PETER EVANS BEING & BECOMING
Joel Ross, Nick Joz, Tyshawn Sorey
 May 2, Roulette (Long Play Festival)

ANAIS MAVIEL AND THE RHYTHM METHOD
 May 3, Issue Project Room (Long Play Festival)

—Tom Greenland (NY@Night)

RON CARTER & ETHEL
"REFLECTIONS ON MONK & BACH"
 March 13, Zankel Hall
JASON MORAN (SOLO) "ELLINGTON IN FOCUS"
 April 11, Apollo Theater
BILL CHARLAP TRIO
David Wong, Kenny Washington
 September 9, Village Vanguard
— Marilyn Lester (NY@Night)

JEFF "TAIN" WATTS 65TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Ravi Coltrane, Paul Bollenback, James Francies, James Genus
 January 4, Dizzy's Club
ELLEN CHRISTI'S CHAOS/FLUX
Patricia Nicholson-Parker, Michael TA Thompson,
Cooper-Moore
 March 2, Nublu (OutMusic Festival)
"CARLA BLEY'S ESCALATOR OVER THE HILL"
WITH THE NEW SCHOOL STUDIO ORCHESTRA
& VOCAL ENSEMBLE
Keller Coker, Aubrey Johnson, Arturo O'Farrill, Steve Cardenas,
Tianxiao Wang, et al.
 May 2, Tishman Auditorium at The New School
 —John Pietaro (NY@Night)

**TOMAS FUJIWARA, TOMEKA REID,
IMMANUEL WILKINS**
May 4, BRIC Stoop (Long Play Festival)
“ROSCOE MITCHELL: LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT”
*Roscoe Mitchell Quartet with Dave Burrell, William Parker,
Tani Tabbal; Emi Ferguson, Metropolis Ensemble,
Ruckus + Immanuel Wilkins Quartet; Space Ensemble:
Roscoe Mitchell, Thomas Buckner, Scott Robinson, Robert Dick*
June 2, Roulette (Vision Festival)
**INGRID LAUBROCK, DOYEON KIM,
BRANDON SEABROOK, SHAWN LOVATO,
TOM RAINEY**
December 1, Close Up
—Ariella Stok (NY@Night)

**"A LOVE SUPREME" WITH RAVI COLTRANE,
DAVID VIRELLES, DEZRON DOUGLAS,
JEFF "TAIN" WATTS**
January 12, Roulette (Winter Jazzfest)
ALEX HARDING QUARTET + JAMES CARTER
Lucian Ban, John Hebert, Nasheet Waits
January 25, Sistas' Place
**LAKECIA BENJAMIN QUARTET +
GUESTS GARY BARTZ, JAZZMEIA HORN**
Oscar Perez, Elias Bailey, Camille Gainer Jones
May 10, 92NY
THE TRIO:
JANUARY 12, 92NY

May 30, The Jazz Gallery
MARILYN CRISPELL (SOLO)
 June 7, Roulette (Vision Festival)
CHARLES LOYD SKY QUARTET
Jason Moran, Harish Raghavan, Eric Harland
 June 28, The Town Hall (Blue Note Jazz Festival)
BRAD MEHLDAU/CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE
 September 3, Blue Note
ISAIAH COLLIER "PLAYS COLTRANE"
Liya Grigoryan, Way Campbell, Tim Regis
 October 21, Blue Note
JANE IRA BLOOM
Mark Helias, Matt Wilson
 November 30, Soapbox Gallery
PETER EVANS BEING & BECOMING
Joel Ross, Nick Joz, Tyshawn Sorey
 December 5, Public Records
 —*Laurence Donohue-Greene*
 (Managing Editor)

UNEARTHED GEMS

DAVE BURRELL/SAM WOODYARD—
The Lost Session, Paris 1979 (NoBusiness)
MASABUMI KIKUCHI—
Hanamichi: The Final Studio Recording Vol. II (Red Hook)
FRANK KIMBROUGH— *The Call (Sunnyside)*
YUSEF LATEEF—
Golden Flower: Live in Sweden (Elemental Music)
IRÈNE SCHWEIZER, RÜDIGER CARL, JOHNNY
DYANI, HAN BENNINK— *Irène's Hot Four (Intakt)*

LATIN RELEASES

CAMILLE BERTAULT – *Voz e Vocês* (Sunnyside)
IRVING FLORES AFRO-CUBAN JAZZ SEXTET –
Armando Mi Conga (Amor de Flores)
CONRAD HERWIG – *Reflections – Facing South* (Jazzant)
ARTURO O'FARRILL & THE AFRO LATIN JAZZ
ORCHESTRA – *The Original Influencers:*
Dizzy, Chamo e Chico (Tiger Turn)
MANUEL VALERA NEW CUBAN EXPRESS –
Rise Again Vol. 2 (Mavo)

VOCAL RELEASES

CAMILLE BERTAULT – *Voz e Vocês* (Sunnyside)
DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER + BILL CHARLAP –
Elemental (DDB/Mack Avenue)
CAITY GYORGY/MARK LIMACHER –
Asking for Trouble (La Reserve)
COLIN HANCOCK'S JAZZ HOUNDS (FEAT.
CATHERINE RUSSELL) – *Cat & The Hounds* (Turtle Bay)
SHEILA JORDAN – *Portrait Now* (Dot Time)

LARGE ENSEMBLE RELEASES

PETER DANEMO & NORBOTTEN BIG BAND –
Resonansium (Resonansium)
BARRY GUY WITH THE LONDON JAZZ COMPOSERS
ORCHESTRA – *HARMOS-KRAKÓW* (Maya)
PETE MCGUINNESS JAZZ ORCHESTRA –
Mixed Bag (Summit)
SCHEEN JAZZORKESTER & FREDRIK LJUNGKVIST –
FRAMÅT! (Grong)
WEBBER/MORRIS BIG BAND –
Unseparate (Out Of Your Head)

MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES OF THE YEAR

TRIBUTES

XHOSA COLE – *On A Modern Genius* (Vol. 1)
 (Stoney Lane) [*Thelonious Monk]
COSMIC EAR (CHRISTER BOTHEN,
MATS GUSTAFSSON, GORAN KAJFES,
KANSAN ZETTERBERG) – *Traces* (Wejazz) [*Don Cherry]
LEDISI – *for Dinah* (Candid) [*Dinah Washington]
STEVE LEHMAN TRIO + MARK TURNER
The Music of Anthony Braxton (Pi Recordings)
TESSA SOUTER –
Shadows and Silence: The Erik Satie Project (Noanara)

DEBUTS

NAT ADDERLEY JR.—*Took So Long* (NAJ)
 NILS AGNÄS—*Köper sig ur en kris* (Moserobie)
 PAUL CORNISH—*You're Exaggerating!* (Blue Note)
 CHLOE KIM—*Ratsnake* (Kou)
 THOMAS MORGAN—*Around You Is a Forest* (Loveland)

REISSUES

JUHANI AALTONEN – *Springbird* (Leo-Willa Silva)
CATALYST – *Perception* (Muse-Craft Recordings)
NOAH HOWARD GROUP –
Berlin Concert (FMP-Cien Fuegos)
KHAN JAMAL –
Give the Vibes Some (PALM-Souffle Continu)
MIKE OSBORNE/STAN TRACEY – *Original* (Cadillac)

SOLO RECORDINGS

JOACHIM KÜHN—*échappée* (Intakt)
 RAMÓN LÓPEZ—*40 Springs in Paris* (RogueArt)
 AMINA CLAUDINE MYERS—
Solace of the Mind (Red Hook)
 MARK TURNER—
We Raise Them To Lift Their Heads (Loveland)
 LUÍS VICENTE—*Live in Coimbra* (Combustão Lenta)

ORIGINAL ALBUM ARTWORK • SEE PG. 28

3 COHENS/WDR BIG BAND – *Interaction* (Anzic)
SARAH BELLE REID/VINNY GOLIA – *Accidental Ornithology* (Infrequent Seams)
MICHAEL RAGONESE – *Chasing Calm* (s/r)
CHES SMITH – *Clone Row* (Otherly Love)
THE WESTERLIES – *Paradise* (Westerlies)

LIVE ALBUMS

THE ANCIENTS (ISAIAH COLLIER, WILLIAM PARKER, WILLIAM HOOKER) – *The Ancients* (Eremite)
CHICK COREA –
Trilogy 3 (Candid-Chick Corea Productions)
KAHIL EL ZABAR'S ETHNIC HERITAGE ENSEMBLE – *Let The Spirit Out!* (Spiritmuse)
STEVE LEHMAN TRIO + MARK TURNER –
The Music of Anthony Braxton (Pi Recordings)
RAPHAËL PANNIER QUARTET –
Live in Saint Louis, Senegal (Miel Music)

BOXED SETS

إحْمَد [AHMED]—*Giant Beauty* (Fönstret)
BILL EVANS—*Haunted Heart: The Legendary Riverside*
Studio Recordings (Riverside-Craft Recordings)
JONI MITCHELL—*Joni's Jazz* (Rhino)
PHAROAH SANDERS—*The Complete Pharoah Sanders*
Theresa Recordings (Mosaic)
VARIOUS—*The Bottle Tapes* (Corbett vs Dempsey)

JAZZ BOOKS

Anthony Braxton: 50+ Years of Creative Music
by Timo Hoyer, Kobe Van Cauwenbergh
(Schott Music Group)

Better Do It Now Before You Die Later
by Sonny Simmons with Marc Chaloin
(Blank Forms Editions)

Now Jazz Now:
100 Essential Free Jazz & Improvisation Recordings (1960-80)
by Neneh Cherry, Joe McPhee (Ecstatic Peace Library)

Oceans of Time: The Musical Autobiography of Billy Hart
(As Told to Ethan Iverson)
(Cymbal Press)

Stomp Off, Let's Go: The Early Years of Louis Armstrong
by Ricky Riccardi (Oxford University Press)

100 HONORABLE MENTION-BEST NEW RELEASES

[Ahmed] – *Samu'a (Audition)* (Otoroku) • **3 Cohens**/WDR Big Band – *Interaction* (Anzic) • **Adam O'Farrill** – *For These Streets* (Out Of Your Head) • **Al Foster** – *Live at Smoke* (Smoke Sessions) • **Alexander Hawkins** – *Song Unconditional* (Intakt) • **Amirtha Kidambi's Elder Ones** – *New Monuments* (Fern Flower) • **Anders Filipsen Trio** – *Aldebar Night of Mangos* (ILK Music)
ARTEMIS – *Arboreque* (Blue Note) • **Arturo O'Farrill/The Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra** – *Mundongo: Celebrating Carla Bley* (ZOHO) • **Aruán Ortiz** – *Créole Renaissance* (Intakt) • **Bill Stewart** – *Live at the Village Vanguard* (Criss Cross Jazz) • **Billy Hart** – *Multidirectional* (Smoke Sessions) • **Billy Mohler** – *The Eternal* (Contagious Music) • **Brandeé Younger** – *Gadabout Season* (Impulse!)
Brian Charette – *Borderless* (SteepleChase) • **Camila Nebbia, Marilyn Crispell, Lesley Monk** – *A Reflection Distorts Over Water* (Relative Pitch) • **Carl Allen** – *Tippin'* (Cellar Music) • **Charles Lloyd** – *Figure in Blue* (Blue Note) • **Dan Weiss Quartet** – *Unclassified Affections* (PI Recordings) • **Dave Douglas** – *Alloy* (Greenleaf Music)
Dave Liebman, Billy Hart, Adam Rudolph – *Beingness* (Meta/Defkaz) • **Dayna Stephens** – *Monk'D* (Contagious Music) • **Dena DeRose** – *Mellow Tones* (HighNote) • **Dwight Trible** – *Nocturnal Romance Noir* (Katalyst) • **Eunhye Jeong/Michael Bisio Duo** – *Morning Bells Whistle Bright* (ESP-Disk*) • **Eva Novoa** – *Novoa/Kanaguchi/Cleaver Trio, Vol. 2* (577 Records)
Extraordinary Popular Delusions – *The Last Quintet* (Corbett vs Dempsey) • **Fieldwork** – *Therapout* (Pi Recordings) • **François Houle, Kate Gentile, Alexander Hawkins** – *Fatrasies* (Les Disques VICTO) • **Fred Hersch, Drew Gress, Joey Baron** – *The Surrounding Green* (ECM) • **Gabriele Mitelli** – *Three Tsuru Origami: Colapesce* (We Insist!)
Gwen Laster New Muse 4tet – *Keepers of the Flame* (Muffymarie) • **Hamid Drake/Pat Thomas** – *A Mountain Sees a Mountain* (Old Heaven Books) • **Henry Threadgill** – *Listen Ship* (PI Recordings) • **Isaiah Collier/Tim Regis** – *Live in the Listening Room* (The Vinyl Factory) • **Izumi Kimura/Gerry Hemingway** – *How the Dust Falls* (Auricle) • **Jakob Bro** – *New Morning* (Loveland)
Jakob Bro, Wadada Leo Smith, Marcus Gilmore – *Murasaki* (Loveland) • **James Brandon Lewis Trio** – *Apple Cores* (ANTI-Records) • **Jane Ira Bloom/Brian Shankar Adler** – *Once Like a Spark* (Adhyāropa) • **Jason Moran/Trondheim Jazz Orchestra/Ole Morten Vågan** – *Go To Your North* (YES) • **Joaël Léandre/Evan Parker** – *Long Bright Summer* (RogueArt)
John Edwards, Luis Vicente, Vasco Trilla – *Choreography of Fractures* (Fundacja Sluchaj) • **John Patitucci** – *Spirit Fall* (Edition) • **John Scofield/Dave Holland** – *Memories of Home* (ECM) • **Kirk Knuffke** – *Window* (Royal Potato Family) • **Larry Ochs, Joe Morris, Charles Downs** – *Every Day → All The Way* (ESP-Disk*) • **Larry Stabbings/Mark Sanders** – *Cup & Ring* (Discus Music)
Loren Schoenberg and His Orchestra – *So Many Memories* (Turtle Bay) • **Lucian Ban, John Surman, Mat Maneri** – *The Athenaeum Concert* (Sunnyside) • **Luke Stewart's Silt Remembrance Ensemble** – *The Order* (Cuneiform) • **Makaya McCraven** – *Off The Record* (International Anthem) • **Mark Solborg Tungemål** – *Confluencia* (ILK Music)
Marshall Allen Ghost Horizons – *Live in Philadelphia* (ArtsNova Workshop/Otherly Love) • **Marshall Allen** – *New Dawn* (Mexican Summer) • **Marty Ehrlich Trio Exaltation** – *This Time* (Sunnyside) • **Mary Halvorson** – *About Ghosts* (Noneseuch) • **Matt Mitchell** – *Sacrosanctity* (Obliquity) • **Matthew Shipp** – *The Cosmic Piano* (Cantaloupe Music) • **Michael Dease** – *City Life* (Music of Gregg Hill) (Origin)
Mike Clark – *Itai Doshin* (Wide Hive) • **Myra Melford** – *Splash* (Intakt) • **Naïssam Jalal** – *Les Couleurs Du Son* • **Natsuki Tamura/Satoko Fujii** – *Ki* (Libra) • **Ned Rothenberg** – *Looms & Legends* (Pyroclastic) • **Nels Cline** – *Consentrit Quartet* (Blue Note) • **Nick Hempton/Cory Weeds** – *Horns Locked* (Cellar Music) • **Nicole Glover** – *Memories, Dreams, Reflections* (Savant)
Nnenna Freelon – *Beneath The Skin* (Origin) • **Noah Preminger** – *Ballads* (Chill Tone) • **Otherlands Trio** – *Star Mountain* (Intakt) • **Pat Thomas** – *HIKMAH* (TAO Forms) • **Pat Thomas** – *The Bliss - Of Bliss* (Konnekt) • **Pat Thomas** – *Wadud/Most Loving* (Nyahh) • **Patricia Brennan** – *Of The Near And Far* (Pyroclastic) • **Paul Flaherty** – *a willing passenger* (Relative Pitch)
Peter Brötzmann, Jason Adasiewicz, Steve Noble, John Edwards – *The Quartet* (Otoroku) • **Pierre Dörge** – *New Jungle Orchestra* – *Jazzhus Montmartre Live* (SteepleChase) • **Rafiq Bhega – *Environnements* (ANTI-Records) • **Robert Dick, Stephan Haluska, James Igenfritz** – *Time Wants a Skeleton* (Infrequent Seams) • **Ron Blake** – *SCRATCH Band* (7ten33 Productions)
Roscoe Mitchell/Michele Rabbia – *In 2* (RogueArt) • **Satoko Fujii Tokyo Trio** – *Dream a Dream* (Libra) • **Silke Eberhard Potsa Lotsa XL** – *Amoeba's Dance* (Trouble in the East) • **Sophie Agnel/John Butcher** – *RARE* (Les Disques VICTO) • **Stefan Schultze, Peter Ewald, Tom Rainey** – *Public Radio* (Jazzwerkstatt) • **Steph Richards & Qasim Naqvi** – *Talk Show "Miss America"* (WeJazz)
Steve Adams, Lisa Mezzacappa, Jason Lewis – *Never But Dream the Days* (Queen Bee) • **Sullivan Fortner** – *Southern Nights* (Artwork) • **Sylvain Kassap, Steve Swell, Benjamin Duboc, Chad Taylor** – *Edges* (RogueArt) • **Sylvie Courvoisier/Mary Halvorson** – *Bone Bells* (Pyroclastic) • **Sylvie Courvoisier/Wadada Leo Smith** – *Angel Falls* (Intakt)
Terry Waldo & The Gotham City Band – *Treasury, Volume 2* (Turtle Bay) • **The Westerlies** – *Paradise* (Westerlies) • **Theo Croker/Sullivan Fortner** – *Play* (ACT Music) • **Ursel Schlicht** – *Creeks and Stars* (Acheulian Handaxe) • **Vijay Iyer/Wadada Leo Smith** – *Defiant Life* (ECM)
Wheelhouse (Dave Rempis, Jason Adasiewicz, Nate McBride) – *House and Home* (Aerophonic) • **Yuhan Su** – *OVER the MOONS* (Endectomorph Music) • **Zoh Amba** – *Sun* (Smalltown Supersound)**