

BEST NEW RELEASES OF THE YEAR

BEN GOLDBERG, TODD SICKAFOOSE, SCOTT AMENDOLA—*Here to There* (Secret Hatch)
BORDERLANDS TRIO (STEPHAN CRUMP, KRIS DAVIS, ERIC MCPHERSON)—*Rewilder* (Intakt)
DARIUS JONES—*Legend of e'Boi* (The Hypervigilant Eye) (AUM Fidelity)
JD ALLEN—*The Dark, The Light, The Grey and the Colorful* (Savant)
MYRA MELFORD/ALLISON MILLER LUX QUARTET—*Tomorrowland* (Enja-Yellowbird)
NACKA FORUM (JONAS KULLHAMMAR, GORAN KAJFES, JOHAN BERTHLING, KRESTEN OSGOOD + LARS-GÖRAN ULANDER)—*Peaceful Piano* (Moserobie)
PATRICIA BRENNAN—*Breaking Stretch* (Pyroclastic)
PETER EVANS—*Extra* (We Jazz)
STEPHAN CRUMP—*Slow Water* (Papunoi Sounds)
TOMEKA REID QUARTET—3+3 (Cuneiform)
 —*Laurence Donohue-Greene* (Managing Editor)

MUSICIANS OF THE YEAR

ISAAH COLLIER (saxophones, bass clarinet)
MARIA SCHNEIDER (composer-arranger)
MARSHALL ALLEN (alto, EVI)
PATRICIA BRENNAN (vibraphone)
WILLIAM PARKER (bass, multi-instrumentalist)

UP-AND-COMERS OF THE YEAR

DEVON GATES (bass)
LESLEY MOK (drums, percussion)
SARAH HANAHAN (alto saxophone)
SAVANNAH HARRIS (drums)
TOMIN PEREA-CHAMBERLEE (multi-instrumentalist)

VENUES OF THE YEAR

DIZZY'S CLUB (Upper West Side)
ROULETTE (Boerum Hill)
SMOKE (Upper West Side)
THE JAZZ GALLERY (NoMad)
VILLAGE VANGUARD (West Village)

LABELS OF THE YEAR

AUM FIDELITY (aumfidelity.com)
INTAKT (intaktrec.ch)
INTERNATIONAL ANTHEM (intlantthem.com)
PYROCLASTIC (pyroclasticrecords.com)
RESONANCE (resonancerecords.org)

CONCERTS OF THE YEAR

ARUN RAMAMURTHY TRIO
 Damon Banks, Sameer Gupta
 January 4, Joe's Pub
JON-ERIK KELLISÓ & THE EARREGULARS
 James Chirillo, Patrick O'Leary, Scott Robinson
 August 13, Ear Inn
PATRICIA BRENNAN SEPTET
 Adam O'Farrill, Jon Irabagon, Mark Shim, Kim Cass,
 Marcus Gilmore, Mauricio Herrera
 September 4, Nublu
 —*Tom Greenland* (NY@Night)
KEYED UP! JAM
 Marianne Solivan, Caleb Wheeler Curtis, Jerome Sabbagh,
 Adam Kolker, Elsa Nilsson, Ben Mondor, Jerome Harris,
 Santiago Leibson, Kiyoshi Kitagawa, Jeremy Stratton,
 Vinnie Sperrazza, Diego Voglino, et al.
 August 5, Bar Bayeux
BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET
 Joey Calderazzo, Eric Revis, Justin Faulkner
 September 17, Smoke
NED ROTHENBERG BUCKET BRIGADE
 David Tronzo, Stomu Takeishi, Billy Martin, Marcus Rojas,
 Kirk Knuffke, Craig Taborn
 October 7, Roulette
 —*Keith Hoffman* (NY@Night)
JASON MORAN BIG BANDWAGON
 "James Reese Europe and the Harlem Hellfighters:
 From the Dancehall to the Battlefield"
 March 9, Zankel Hall
PAT METHENY SOLO
 April 7, 92NY
ANDROMEDA TURRE
 Chien Chien Lu, Steve Turre, Chelsea Baratz, ELEW,
 Richie Goods, Jerome Jennings
 October 8, Iridium
 —*Marilyn Lester* (NY@Night)
VIJAY IYER
"ETERNAL SPIRIT—MUSIC OF ANDREW HILL"
 Nicole Mitchell, Milena Casado, Mark Shim, Yuhau Su,
 Reggie Workman, Devon Gates, Nashet Waits
 March 2, Harlem Stage
MICHEL CAMILO
 Diego Urcola, Ralph Bowen, Conrad Herwig,
 Ricky Rodriguez, Cliff Almond
 June 7, Sony Hall (Blue Note Jazz Festival)
EDDIE PALMIERI SALSA ORCHESTRA
 September 12, Bryant Park
 —*Russ Musto* (NY@Night)

NITE BJUTI
 Candice Hoyes, Val Jeanty, Mimi Jones
 January 12, Zinc Bar (Winter Jazzfest)
"OUT MUSIC FESTIVAL: THE FUTURE IS PISSED!"
 Darius Jones/Tomas Fujiwara; BREW: Miya Masaoka, Reggie
 Workman, Gerry Hemingway; Joe McPhee/Jay Rosen
 February 1, Theater for the New City
MARILYN CRISPELL SOLO
 February 15, Zürcher Gallery (Fortississimo Festival)
PAT METHENY SOLO
 April 7, 92NY
**"HONORING WILLIAM PARKER:
 LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT"**
 Roots and Rituals; Trail of Tears; Raining on The Moon:
 Leena Conquest, Rob Brown, Steve Swell, Eri Yamamoto,
 William Parker, Hamid Drake; The Ancients:
 Isaiah Collier, Dave Burrell, William Parker, William Hooker,
 Miriam Parker; William Parker's Huey's Pocket Watch
 June 18, Roulette (Vision Festival)
MARC RIBOT/MARY HALVORSON
 Hilliard Greene, Chad Taylor
 September 1, Bar Lunático
EMMET COHEN TRIO
 Buster Williams, Joe Farnsworth
 October 4, Smoke
FLAT EARTH SOCIETY
 Bart Maris, Jon Birdsong, Peter Delanoye, Marc Meeuwissen,
 Berlinde Deman, Sylvain Debaisieux, Michel Mast,
 Bruno Vansina, Marti Melia, Peter Vermeersch,
 Peter Vandenberghe, Maarten Flamand, Kristof Roseeuw,
 Gerjan Dreesen, Wim Segers
 November 7, Lincoln Center's David Rubinstein Atrium
REGGIE NICHOLSON 4PLEX
 Abram Fefer, Eddie Allen, Ken Filiano
 November 20, Symphony Space Thalia Theatre
MARIA SCHNEIDER ORCHESTRA
 Scott Robinson, Donny McCaslin, Dave Pietro, Steve Wilson,
 Rich Perry, Ryan Keberle, George Flynn, Keith O'Quinn,
 Nathan Mayland, Greg Gisbert, Nadje Noordhuis,
 Jonathan Powell, Tony Kadleck, Gary Versace, Jeff Miles,
 Julien Labro, Jay Anderson, Clarence Penn
 November 23, The Town Hall
 —*Laurence Donohue-Greene* (Managing Editor)

TRIBUTES

FAY VICTOR HERBIE NICHOLS SONG—*Life Is Funny That Way* (TAO Forms)
JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA
 WITH WYNTON MARSALIS —*The Music of Max Roach* (Blue Engine)
MINGUS BIG BAND—*The Charles Mingus Centennial Sessions, Vol. 2* (Candid)
REBECCA KILGORE—*A Little Taste: A Tribute to Dave Frishberg* (Cherry Pie Music)
ROBERTO OTTAVIANO, DANILO GALLO, FERDINANDO FARAO—*Lacy in the Sky with Diamonds* (Clean Feed)

DEBUTS

APRIL VARNER—*April by April Varner* (Cellar Music)
GAŠPER LIVK—*Introducing Gašper Livk: System Coda* (I.I.I.I.IV.V) (Clean Feed)
MFERGHU—*Manhattan Serenade* (SteepleChase)
RILEY MULHERKAR—*Riley* (Westerlies)
TOMIN PEREA-CHAMBLEE—*Flores para Verene / Cantos para Caramina* (International Anthem)

REISSUES

ATRÁS DEL COSMOS—*Cold Drinks, Hot Dreams* (Blank Forms Editions)
BYARD LANCASTER/KENO SPELLER—*Exactement* (Palm-Souffle Continú)
LOUIS STEWART TRIO—*Louis The First* (Hawk-Livia)
PAL THOWSEN, JON CHRISTENSEN, TERJE RYPDAL, ARILD ANDERSEN—*No Time For Time* (Zarepta-Norske Albumklassikere Jazz)
THE MODEST JAZZ TRIO
(JIM HALL/RED MITCHELL/RED KELLY)—*Good Friday Blues* (Pacific Jazz-Blue Note Tone Poet)

SOLO RECORDINGS

EVAN PARKER—*The Heraclitean Two-Step, etc.* (False Walls)
FRED HERSCH—*Silent, Listening* (ECM)
LISA ULLÉN—*Heirloom* (Fönstret)
MARK HELIAS—*Snapshot* (Radio Legs Music)
SYLVIE COURVOISIER—*To Be Other-Wise* (Intakt)

MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES OF THE YEAR

UNEARTHED GEMS

2R + 2B (GUNÄRS ROZENBERGS, RAIMONDS RAUBISKO, BORISS BANNIHS, VLADMIRS BOLDIREVS)—*Live at the Tbilisi Jazz Festival 1978* (Jersika)
ALICE COLTRANE—*The Carnegie Hall Concert* (Impulse!)
ART TATUM—*Jewels in the Treasure Box: The 1953 Chicago Blue Note Jazz Club Recordings* (Resonance)
SONNY ROLLINS—*Freedom Weaver* (The 1959 European Tour Recordings) (Resonance)
YUSEF LATEEF—*Atlantis Lullaby: The Concert From Avignon* (Elemental Music)

LATIN RELEASES

KARRIN ALLYSON—*A Kiss for Brazil* (Origin)
KIKI VALERA—*Vacilón Santiaguero* (Circle 9 Music)
NATALIE CRESSMAN & IAN FAQUINI—*GUINGA* (GroundUP Music)
PAPO VAZQUEZ MIGHTY PIRATES TROBADORS—*Songs Del Yucayeke* (Picaro)
ZACCAI CURTIS—*Cubop Lives!* (Truth Revolution Recording Collective)

VOCAL RELEASES

APRIL VARNER—*April by April Varner* (Cellar Music)
CATHERINE RUSSELL/SEAN MASON—*My Ideal* (Dot Time)
SAMARA JOY—*Portrait* (Verve)
WILLIAM PARKER & ELLEN CHRISTI—*Cereal Music* (AUM Fidelity)
YOUN SUN NAH—*Elles* (Warner Music Arts)

LARGE ENSEMBLE RELEASES

DANISH RADIO BIG BAND—*XL-LX* (Storyville)
JIHYE LEE ORCHESTRA—*Infinite Connections* (Motéma Music)
JOHN HOLLENBECK & NDR BIG BAND—*Colouring Hockets* (Flexatonic)
SCHEEN JAZZORKESTER & CORTEX—*Frameworks* (Music by Thomas Johansson) (Clean Feed)
SUN RA ARKESTRA—*Lights On A Satellite* (IN+OUT)

ORIGINAL ALBUM ARTWORK *SEE PG. 26

KENNY BARRON—*Beyond This Place* (Artwork/[PIAS])
LUÍS VICENTE TRIO—*Come Down Here* (Clean Feed)
PAUL DUNMALL, TOBIAS DELIUS, OLIE BRICE, MARK SANDERS—*No Better Than The Butcher Bird* (Fundacja Sluchaj)
PETE RODRIGUEZ—*I'm Pete Rodriguez, Volume 1* (Sunnyside)
SAM NEWSOME/MAX JOHNSON—*Tubes* (Unbroken Sounds)

LIVE ALBUMS

ANGELICA SANCHEZ, BARRY GUY, RAMON LÓPEZ—*Live at JAZZDOR* (Maya)
BRANDON ROSS PHANTOM STATION—*Off The End* (Sunnyside)
GERALD CANNON—*Live at Dizzy's Club: The Music of Elvin & McCoy* (Woodneck)
JOËLLE LÉANDRE—*Lifetime Rebel* (RogueArt)
MICHAEL SARIAN—*Live at Cliff Bell's* (Shifting Paradigm)

BOXED SETS

BYARD LANCASTER—*The Complete Palm Recordings* (1973-1974) (Souffle Continú)
CHARLES GAYLE, MILFORD GRAVES, WILLIAM PARKER—*WEBO* (Black Editions Archive)
MARIA SCHNEIDER ORCHESTRA—*Decades* (ArtistShare)
MILES DAVIS QUINTET—*Miles in France 1963 & 1964: The Bootleg Series, Vol. 8* (Columbia Legacy)
VARIOUS—*Classic Vanguard Small Group Swing Sessions* (Mosaic)

JAZZ BOOKS

In the Brewing Luminous: The Life & Music of Cecil Taylor by Philip Freeman (Wolke)
Jazz Revolutionary: The Life & Music of Eric Dolphy by Jonathan Grasse (Jawbone Press)
Shimmering Shadows: The Music and Life of Ran Blake by Janet McFadden (BlackBag Books)
The Jazz Omnibus: 21st Century Photos and Writings by Members of the Jazz Journalists Association (Cymbal Press)
The Many Worlds of David Amram: Renaissance Man of American Music by Dean Birkenkamp (Routledge)

HONORABLE MENTIONS—NEW RELEASES

[Ahmed]—*Giant Beauty* (Fönstret) • **Abdullah Ibrahim**—3 (Gearbox) • **Adam O'Farrill**—*HUESO* (FOOD) • **Adam Rudolph/Tyshawne Sorey**—*Archaisms I* (Meta/Defkaz/Yeros) • **Adam Schroeder & Mark Masters Celebrate Clark Terry**—*CT!* (Capri) • **Alan Braufman**—*Infinite Love Infinite Tears* (Valley of Search) • **Alex Harding & Lucian Ban**—*Blutopia* (Sunnyside)
Alina Bzhezhinska/Tony Kofi—*Altera Vita* (BBE Music) • **Allegra Levy**—*Out of the Question* (SteepleChase) • **Álvaro Torres Trio**—*Iris* (Sunnyside) • **Amaro Freitas**—*Y'Y* (Psychic Hotline) • **Anna Webber**—*simpletrio2000* (Intakt) • **Arild Anderson, Daniel Sommer, Rob Luft**—*As time passes* (April) • **aRT** (Pheeroan akLaff, Scott Robinson, Julian Thayer)—*aRT* (ScienSonic Laboratories)
BassDrumBone—*Afternoon* (Auricle) • **Bleyschool** (Pat Thomas, Dominic Lash, Tony Orrell)—*Where?* (577 Records) • **Bria Skonberg**—*What It Means* (Cellar Music) • **Brian Marsella, Jorge Roeder, Ches Smith**—*John Zorn: Ballades* (Tzadik) • **Caleb Wheeler Curtis**—*The True Story of Bears and the Invention of the Battery* (Imani) • **Charles Lloyd**—*The Sky Will Still Be There Tomorrow* (Blue Note)
Colin Stetson—*The love it took to leave you* (Ervision) • **Dave Douglas**—*Gifts* (Greenleaf Music) • **Dave Rempis, Jason Adasiewicz, Joshua Abrams, Tyler Damon**—*Propulsion* (Aerophonica) • **Emmet Cohen**—*Vibe Provider* (Mack Avenue) • **Enrico Pieranunzi, Marc Johnson, Joey Baron**—*HINDSIGHT* (Live At Seine Musicale) (CAM Jazz)
Erik Griswold, Helen Svoboda, Chloe Kim—*Anatomical Heart* (Earshift Music) • **Eva Novoa**—*Novoa/Cress/Gray Trio, Vol. 1* (577 Records) • **Florian Weiss' Woodism**—*Inner Garden* (rwog) • **Frank London**—*Brass Conspiracy* (Tzadik) • **Gilbert Holmström**—*Peak* (Moserobie) • **Giovanni Guidi, James Brandon Lewis, Thomas Morgan, João Lobo**—*A New Day* (ECM)
I Am Three (Nikolaus Neuser/Silke Eberhard/Christian Marien)—*In Other Words* (Leo) • **Ingrid Laubrock/Tom Rainey**—*Brink* (Intakt) • **Isaiah Collier & The Chosen Few**—*The World is On Fire* (Division 81) • **Izumi Kimura, Barry Guy, Gerry Hemingway**—*Six Hands Open As One* (Fundacja Sluchaj) • **Jake Baldwin, Zacc Harris, Pete Hennig**—*Boundaries* (Shifting Paradigm)
James Brandon Lewis Quartet—*Transfiguration* (Intakt) • **Jason Robinson**—*Ancestral Numbers 1* (Playscape) • **Jason Stein**—*Anchors* (TAO Forms) • **Jazzmeia Horn**—*Messages* (Empress Legacy) • **Jeff Lederer**—*Guilty!!!* (Little (i) Music) • **Jeff Parker/ETA IVtet**—*The Way Out of Easy* (International Anthem/Nonesuch) • **Jerome Sabbagh**—*Heart* (Analog Tone Factory)
Joe Fonda Quartet—*Eyes on the Horizon* (Long Song) • **Joel Ross**—*nublues* (Blue Note) • **Jon Irabagon Trio + One**—*Dinner & Dancing* (Irabagast) • **Jordina Millà/Barry Guy**—*Live in Munich* (ECM) • **Kahil El'Zabar's Ethnic Heritage Ensemble**—*Open Me, A Higher Consciousness of Sound and Spirit* (SpiritMUSE) • **Ken Peplowski**—*Live at Mezzrow* (Cellar Music)
Ken Peplowski—*unheard bird* (Arbors) • **Kevin Sun**—*The Fate of the Tenor* (Endectomorph Music) • **Kirk Knuffke**—*Super Blonde* (SteepleChase) • **Kris Davis**—*Run the Gauntlet* (Pyroclastic) • **Kurt Elling**—*Wildflowers, Vol. 1 & 2* (Edition) • **Lakecia Benjamin**—*Phoenix Reimagined* (Live) (Ropeadope) • **Lennar Ginman, Thomas Blachman, Carsten Dahl**—*What's To Come!* (Storyville)
Leo Genovese, John Lockwood, Nat Mugavero—*The Art of Not Playing* (577 Records) • **Lisa Rich**—*Long As You're Living* (Tritone) • **Louis Hayes**—*Artform Revisited* (Savant) • **Luís Vicente Trio**—*Come Down Here* (Clean Feed) • **Luke Stewart Silt Trio**—*Unknown Rivers* (Pi Recordings) • **Magda Mayas Filamental**—*Ritual Mechanics* (Relative Pitch)
Maria Faust Jazz Catastrophe: 3rd mutation—*MOTH* (Bush Flash) • **Mary Halvorson Amaryllis**—*Cloudward* (Nonesuch) • **Matt Choboter**—*Unburying, From Liminals, Emerging* (ILK Music) • **Matt Mitchell Trio**—*Zealous Angles* (Pi Recordings) • **Matt Wilson**—*Good Trouble* (Palmetto) • **Matthew Shipp Trio**—*New Concepts in Piano Trio Jazz* (ESP-Disk) • **Matthew Shipp**—*The Data* (RogueArt)
Michael Dease—*Found in Space: The Music of Gregg Hill* (Origin) • **Moor Mother**—*The Great Bailout* (ANTI-Records) • **MTB** (Brad Mehldau, Mark Turner, Peter Bernstein)—*Solid Jackson* (Criss Cross Jazz) • **Mulatu Astatke and Hoodna Orchestra**—*Tension* (Batov) • **Nasheet Waits**—*New York Love Letter* (Bitter Sweet) (Giant Step Arts) • **Natsuki Tamura/Satoko Fujii**—*Aloft* (Libra)
Nduzozo Makhathini—*uNomkhumbulwane* (Blue Note) • **Neal Kirkwood Big Band**—*Night City* (BJU Records) • **Nicole Glover**—*Plays* (Savant) • **Ohad Talmor**—*Back to the Land* (Intakt) • **Pat Metheny**—*MoonDial* (BMG) • **Pat Thomas**—*The Solar Model of Ibn Al-Shatir* (Otoroku) • **Paul Dunmall, Paul Rogers, Mark Sanders**—*Wild Life* (Fundacja Sluchaj)
Peter Bernstein—*Better Angels* (Smoke Sessions) • **Rob Mazurek Exploding Star Orchestra**—*Live at the Adler Planetarium* (International Anthem) • **Rob Mazurek**—*Milan* (Clean Feed) • **Russ Lossing**—*Inventions* (Blaser Music) • **Sigurd Hole Ensemble**—*Extinction Sounds* (Elvesang) • **Steph Richards**—*Power Vibe* (Northern Spy)
Steve Coleman and Five Elements—*Polytropos/Of Many Turns* (Pi Recordings) • **Superposition** (Olavi Louhivuori, Linda Fredriksson, Adele Sauros, Mikael Saastamoinen)—*II* (We Jazz) • **Tarbaby**—*You Think This Is America* (Giant Step Arts) • **The Necks**—*Bleed* (Northern Spy) • **Thumbscrew**—*Wingbeats* (Cuneiform) • **Tim Armacost Chordless Quintet**—*Something About Believing* (TMA)
Tomasz Dabrowski & The Individual Beings—*Better* (April) • **Tomin Perea-Chamblee**—*A Willard and Conscious Balance* (International Anthem) • **Vijay Iyer**—*Compassion* (ECM) • **Void Patrol** (Elliott Sharp, Colin Stetson, Billy Martin, Payton MacDonald)—*Live @ Victo* (Les Disques VICTO)
Wadada Leo Smith/Amina Claudine Myers—*Central Park's Mosaics of Reservoir, Lake, Paths and Gardens* (Red Hook) • **William Parker, Cooper-Moore, Hamid Drake**—*Heart Trio* (AUM Fidelity)