



Jazz Performers

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Jazz performers organized by their instrument of choice. Names marked with an asterisk* appear elsewhere in this sheet, since important jazz musicians frequently worked together.

Trumpeter Details

- Miles Davis performed with John Coltrane* and Cannonball Adderley* on his album *Kind of Blue*, which includes "**So What**," "**Freddie Freeloader**," and "Blue in Green;" his album *Birth of the Cool* includes "**Boplicity**;" often collaborated with Gil Evans on albums like *Sketches of Spain*; other albums include *Bitches Brew*
- Louis Armstrong nicknamed "**Satchmo**;" recorded "**What a Wonderful World**" and "**Hello, Dolly**;" popularized **scat** singing on his recording of "Heebie Jeebies;" performed with his Hot Five
- Dizzy Gillespie nicknamed "**Dizzy**" for puffing out his cheeks while playing his **bent trumpet**; recorded "**A Night in Tunisia**" and "**Salt Peanuts**"
- Other notable trumpeter: Wynton Marsalis

Pianist Details

- Duke Ellington bandleader and pianist known for performing "**Take the 'A' Train**," especially at the **Cotton Club**; composed "**It Don't Mean a Thing** (If It Ain't Got that Swing)" and "**Mood Indigo**;" often composed with Billy Strayhorn*
- Dave Brubeck led the Dave Brubeck **Quartet**, including saxophonist Paul Desmond*, who composed "**Take Five**" for the group's album *Time Out* to showcase Joe Morello's* drumming; *Time Out* also includes "**Blue Rondo à la Turk**"
- Thelonious Monk composed "**Round Midnight**" and "**Straight, No Chaser**"
- Other notable pianists: Billy Strayhorn, Bill Evans, Art Tatum, Jelly Roll Morton

Saxophonist Details

- John Coltrane recorded the albums *A Love Supreme* and *Giant Steps*, which uses his "sheets of sound" style; recorded the song "**Naima**" and a jazz version of "My Favorite Things;" performed with Cannonball Adderly* on *Kind of Blue*
- Charlie Parker **bebop** saxophonist nicknamed "**Bird**;" wrote the song "**Ornithology**" as a play on that nickname; composed "**Ko-Ko**"
- Other notable saxophonists: Cannonball Adderley, Paul Desmond

Drummer Details

- Buddy Rich described by Gene Krupa* as the greatest drummer who had ever lived
- Other notable drummers: Gene Krupa, Joe Morello

Other Details

- Ella Fitzgerald **singing**; the **Queen of Jazz** and **First Lady of Song** who sang "**A Tisket, A Tasket**" and "**It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)**" and "**Summertime**" from the opera *Porgy and Bess*; famous for **scat** singing
- Benny Goodman **clarinet**; recorded "**Sing Sing Sing**;" the **King of Swing**
- Charles Mingus double **bass**; recorded the album *Mingus Ah Um*
- Other notable performers: Cab Calloway (singing), Django Reinhardt (guitar)