

ALBUMS OF THE YEAR

- DIEGO BARBER & CRAIG TABORN** – *Tales* (Sunnyside)
BILLY CHILDS – *Map to the Treasure: Reimagining Laura Nyro* (Sony Masterworks)
TOM HARRELL – *TRIP* (HighNote)
ANNE METTE IVERSEN'S DOUBLE LIFE – *So Many Roads* (BJU Records)
STEVE LEHMAN OCTET – *Mise en Abîme* (Pi)
RUFUS REID – *Quiet Pride: The Elizabeth Catlett Project* (Motéma Music)
WADADA LEO SMITH – *The Great Lakes Suites* (TUM)
WALTER SMITH III – *Still Casual* (s/r)
YOSVANY TERRY – *New Throned King* (5Passion)
DAVID VIRELLES – *Mbòkò: Sacred Music for Piano, Two Bases, Drum Set and Blankomêko Abakúá* (ECM)
 -David R. Adler
JASON ADASIEWICZ'S SUN ROOMS – *From The Region* (Delmark)
THE BAD PLUS – *The Rite of Spring* (Sony Music)
ARAM BAJAKIAN – *There Were Flowers Also in Hell* (Sanasar)
JACQUES COURSIL (WITH ALAN SILVA) – *FreeJazzArt* (Sessions for Bill Dixon) (Rogue Art)
SYLVIE COURVOISIER TRIO – *Double Windsor* (Tzadik)
WAYNE HORVITZ – *The Royal Room Collective Music Ensemble* (Songlines)
ORPHÉON CÉLESTA – *Cuisine au Jazz* (Fremeaux & Associates)
GUNTER "BABY" SOMMER/MICHEL GODARD/PATRICK BEBELAAR – *Three Seasons* (HGBS)
STEVE WILSON/LEWIS NASH – *Duologue* (MCG Jazz)
TORBJÖRN ZETTERBERG – *Och Den Stora Frågan* (Moserobie)
 -Laurence Donohue-Greene

- ARAM BAJAKIAN** – *There Were Flowers Also in Hell* (Sanasar)
NELS CLINE/JULIAN LAGE – *Room* (Mack Avenue)
JON IRABAGON – *It Takes All Kinds* (Jazzwerkstatt)
JEAN LOUIS – *Uranus* (Coax)
DARIUS JONES – *The Oversoul Manual* (AUM Fidelity)
MEDESKI MARTIN & WOOD + NELS CLINE – *Woodstock Sessions, Vol. 2* (Woodstock Sessions)
SAM NEWSOME – *The Straight Horn of Africa – A Path To Liberation* (The Art of the Soprano, Vol. 2) (Some New Music)
ERIC REVIS – *In Memory Of Things Yet Seen* (Clean Feed)
BRANDON SEABROOK – *Sylphid Vitalizers* (New Atlantis)
AKI TAKASE/ALEXANDER VON SCHLIPPENBACH – *So Long, Eric! (Homage to Eric Dolphy)* (Intakt)
 -Andrey Henkin

BOXED SETS

- LOUIS ARMSTRONG AND THE ALL STARS** – *Columbia and RCA Victor Live Recordings* (Mosaic-Columbia/RCA Victor)
MILES DAVIS – *Miles at the Fillmore* (Miles Davis 1970: The Bootleg Series Vol. 3) (Columbia-Legacy)
MATS GUSTAFSSON NU ENSEMBLE – *Hidros 6 - Knockin'* (Not Two)
PETER KOWALD – *Discography* (Jazzwerkstatt)
GEORGE LEWIS – *Keeper of the Flame* (Storyville)

REISSUES

- JOHN CARTER/BOBBY BRADFORD QUARTET** – *Flight for Four* (Flying Dutchman-International Phonograph)
MESTRE CUPIJÓ E SEU RITMO – *Siriá* (Analog Africa)
SAM RIVERS – *Contrasts* (ECM)
HAL RUSSELL NRG ENSEMBLE + CHARLES TYLER – *Generation* (Nessa)
ALEXANDER VON SCHLIPPENBACH – *Payan* (Enja)

LATIN RELEASES

- ROBIN JONES' LATIN UNDERGROUND** – *Seven Steps to Heaven* (SLAM)
ARTURO O'FARRILL & THE AFRO LATIN JAZZ ORCHESTRA – *The Offense of the Drum* (Motéma Music)
ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ – *The Invasion Parade* (Mack Avenue)
EDWARD SIMON & ENSEMBLE VENEZUELA – *Venezuelan Suite* (Sunnyside)
MARK WEINSTEIN – *Latin Jazz Underground* (ZOHO)

VOCAL RELEASES

- ANDY BEY** – *Pages From An Imaginary Life* (Savant)
KATJA CRUZ (FEAT. OLIVER LAKE) – *Hexaphone* (The Cosmology of Improvised Music) (Rudi Records)
DARIUS JONES – *The Oversoul Manual* (AUM Fidelity)
ANDREAS SCHAEFER'S HILDEGARD LERNT FLIEGEN – *The Fundamental Rhythm of Unpolished Brains* (Enja/Yellowbird)
BRIANNA THOMAS – *You Must Believe in Love* (Sound on Purpose)

ORIGINAL ALBUM ARTWORK

- IBRAHIM ELECTRIC** – *Rumours From Outer Space* (ILK)
DAVID KRAKAUER – *The Big Picture* (Pounding Table)
MICHAEL SCHIEFEL – *Platypus Trio* (BMC Records)
BRANDON SEABROOK – *Sylphid Vitalizers* (New Atlantis)
STÉPHANE SPIRA – *In Between* (Jazzmax)

LARGE ENSEMBLE RELEASES

- ANGLES 9** – *Injuries* (Clean Feed)
SATOKO FUJII ORCHESTRA NEW YORK – *Shiki* (Libra)
WAYNE HORVITZ – *The Royal Room Collective Music Ensemble* (Songlines)
ICP ORCHESTRA – *East of the Sun* (ICP)
JC SANFORD ORCHESTRA – *Views from the Inside* (Whirlwind)

DEBUTS

- PETER BRENDLER** – *Outside The Line* (Posi-Tone)
EARL MCINTYRE – *Brass Carnival & Tribute!* (s/r)
BRANDON SEABROOK – *Sylphid Vitalizers* (New Atlantis)
BRIANNA THOMAS – *You Must Believe in Love* (Sound on Purpose)
J.J. WRIGHT – *Inward Looking Outward* (Ropeadope)

TRIBUTES

- THE BAD PLUS** – *The Rite of Spring* (Sony Masterworks)
JACQUES COURSIL (WITH ALAN SILVA) – *FreeJazzArt* (Sessions for Bill Dixon) (Rogue Art)
CHARLIE HUNTER/SCOTT AMENDOLA – *The Cars*, Hank Williams, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington (s/r)
RUSS JOHNSON – *Still Out To Lunch!* (Enja/Yellowbird)
AKI TAKASE/ALEXANDER VON SCHLIPPENBACH – *So Long, Eric! (Homage to Eric Dolphy)* (Intakt)

UNEARTHED GEMS

- JIMMY GIUFFRÉ 3 & 4** – *New York Concerts* (Elemental Music)
CHARLIE HADEN/JIM HALL – *Eponymous* (Impulse!)
KEITH JARRETT/CHARLIE HADEN/PAUL MOTIAN – *Hamburg '72* (ECM)
CHARLES ILOYD – *Manhattan Stories* (Resonance)
ALEXANDER VON SCHLIPPENBACH TRIO – *First Recordings* (Trost)

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- WAYNE ESCOFFERY QUARTET**
David Kikoski, Gerald Cannon, Lewis Nash
 Smoke, January 4th

- HENRY THREADGILL ENSEMBLE**
Jason Moran, David Virelles, Curtis Macdonald, Roman Filiu, Christopher Hoffman, Jose Davila, Craig Weinrib
 Winter Jazzfest, Judson Church, January 11th

- VINCE GIORDANO & THE NIGHTHAWKS**
 Town Hall, February 12th

- THE REAL AMBASSADORS**
Peter Martin, Yolande Bavan, Roberta Gambarini, Russell Graham, Robert Hurst, Brian Owens, Ulysses Owens, Jr. Vivian Sessoms, Ty Stephens, James Zollar
 Dave Brubeck Festival, The Appel Room, April 12th

- RYAN KEBERLE BIG BAND LIVING LEGACY PROJECT**
 Lang Recital Hall, Hunter College, May 19th

- KRIS DAVIS CAPRICORN CLIMBER**
Mat Maneri, Ingrid Laubrock, Eivind Opsvik, Tom Rainey
 The Stone, June 29th

- RALPH ALESSI BAIDA QUARTET**
Jason Moran, Drew Gress, Nasheet Waits
 Birdland, September 6th

- KURT ROSENWINKEL QUARTET**
Aaron Parks, Orlando Le Fleming, Allan Mednard
 Village Vanguard, September 14th

- MARK TURNER QUARTET**
Avishai Cohen, Joe Martin, Justin Brown
 Jazz Standard, September 20th

- THE BAD PLUS PLAYS SCIENCE FICTION**
Ethan Iverson, Reid Anderson, Dave King, Tim Berne, Ron Miles, Sam Newsome
 Skirball Center, October 23rd

-David R. Adler

MUSICIANS OF THE YEAR

- NELS CLINE** (guitar)
BILL LASWELL (electric bass/producer)
CHARLES LLOYD (saxophone/flute)
MARK TURNER (saxophone)
ALEXANDER VON SCHLIPPENBACH (piano)

CONCERTS OF THE YEAR

- MARC RIBOT SOLO**
The Stone, February 1st

- REMEMBERING MARIAN MCPARTLAND**
Kenny Barron, Tony Bennett, Chris Brubeck, Barbara Carroll, Bill Charlap, Bill Crow, Bill Dobbins, Jerry Dodgion, Jon Faddis, Michael Feinstein, Nneena Freelon, Eddie Gomez, Doug Kassel, Mike Kaupa, Grace Kelly, George Mraz, Bria Skonberg, Helen Sung, Jon Weber
 92nd Street Y, March 20th

- COLIN STETSON**
with Dianne Berkun-Menaker, Brooklyn Youth Chorus, et. al.
 Ecstatic Music Festival, Merkin Concert Hall, March 22nd

- WADADA LEO SMITH/BILL LASWELL**
 The Stone, April 22nd

- ANDREW WHITE QUARTET**
Wade Beach, Steve Novosel, Nasar Abadey
 The Jazz Gallery, April 26th

- HENRY BUTLER/STEVEN BERNSTEIN AND THE HOT 9**
Eric Lawrence, Michael Blake, Doug Wamble, Charles Burnham, Doug Wieselmann, Brad Jones, Donald Edwards
 The Cutting Room, July 16th

- MASADA QUARTET**
John Zorn, Dave Douglas, Greg Cohen, Joey Baron
 Village Vanguard, September 6th

- KENNY BARRON/DAVE HOLLAND**
 Birdland, October 23rd

- STEVE WILSON/LEWIS NASH**
 The Jazz Gallery, November 22nd

- BRANDEE YOUNGER AND RAVI COLTRANE**
Dezron Douglas, Jeff "Tain" Watts
 Abyssinian Baptist Church, December 7th

-Laurence Donohue-Greene

LABELS OF THE YEAR

- CLEAN FEED** (cleanfeed-records.com)
ECM (ecmrecords.com)
INTAKT (intaktrec.ch)
RELATIVE PITCH (relativepitchrecords.com)
SUNNYSIDE (sunnysiderecords.com)

- MICHAËL ATTIAS QUARTET**
Aruán Ortiz, John Hébert, Nasheet Waits
 Cornelia Street Café, January 5th

- JULIAN LAGE/NELS CLINE**
 Rockwood Music Hall, January 8th

- TOM BLANCARTE SOLO**
 "Snugs Series" at 61 Local, February 23rd

- PETER EVANS TRIO**
Ron Stabinsky, Cory Smythe
 The Firehouse Space, March 9th

- BLADERUNNER**
John Zorn, Bill Laswell, Dave Lombardo
 Le Poisson Rouge, May 4th

- TOMAS FUJIWARA TRIO**
Ralph Alessi, Brandon Seabrook
 Barbès, July 13th

- NELS CLINE/JIM BLACK**
 The Stone, August 5th

- YOUN SUN NAH/ULF WAKENIUS**
 Blue Note, September 16th

- ERIC MCPHERSON**
David Virelles, John Hébert, Trevor Todd
 SEEDS, November 5th

- MICHAEL BLAKE'S TIDDY BOOM**
Frank Kimbrough, Ben Allison, Jeremy "Bean" Clemons
 Jazz at Kitano, November 12th

-Andrey Henkin

VENUES OF THE YEAR

- CORNELIA STREET CAFÉ** (West Village)
DIZZY'S CLUB (Upper West Side)
 "SNUGS SERIES" AT 61 LOCAL (Cobble Hill)
THE STONE (Alphabet City)
VILLAGE VANGUARD (West Village)

HONORABLE MENTIONS - NEW RELEASES

Juhani Aaltonen – *To Future Memories* (TUM) • Jason Ajemian/Tony Malaby/Rob Mazurek/Chad Taylor – *A Way A Land of Life* (NoBusiness) • Matt Bauder and Day in Pictures – *Nightshades* (Clean Feed) • David Berkman – *Live at Smalls* (feat. Tom Harrell) (smallsLIVE) • Piero Bittolo Bon's Lacus Amoenus (feat. Peter Evans) – *The Sauna Session* (Long Song) • Black Top – *#One* (with special guest Steve Williamson) (Babel) • Daniel Blackberg Trio – *Perilous Architecture* (NoBusiness) • Johnathan Blake – *Gone, but not Forgotten* (Criss Cross Jazz) • Michael Blake – *Tiddy Boom* (Sunnyside) • Paul Bley – *Plays Blue* (Oslo Concert) (ECM) • Itamar Borochoy Quartet – *Outset* (Reallbird) • James Brandon Lewis – *Divine Travels* (Okeh) • Oguz Büyükerberber/Simon Nabatov/Gerry Hemingway – *Live at the Bimhuis* (TryTone) • George Cables – *Icons & Influences* (HighNote) • Michael Carvin – *Flash Forward* (Motéma Music) • Philip Catherine/Martin Wind – *New Folks* (ACT Music) • Jimmy Cobb – *The Original Mob* (Smoke Sessions) • Marco Colonna/Agustí Fernández – *Desmadre* (Fonterossa/Jambona Lab) • François Courneloup – *Noir Lumière* (Innacor) • Jeremiah Cymerman/Nate Wooley/Evan Parker – *World of Objects* (5049 Records) • Nils Davidsen – *Noget at Glæde Sig Til* (ILK Music) • Roger Davidson – *Temple of the Soul* (Soundbrush) • Kris Davis Trio – *Waiting For You To Grow* (Clean Feed) • Double Trio De Clarinettes – *Itinéraire Bis* (Between The Lines) • East-West Collective – *Humeurs* (Rogue Art) • John Edwards/Mark Sanders/John Tilbury – *A Field Perpetually At The Edge Of Disorder* (Fataka) • Ensemble 5 – *The Summary of 4* (Leo) • John Escreet – *Sound, Space and Structures* (Sunnyside) • Farmers By Nature – *Love and Ghosts* (AUM Fidelity) • Agustí Fernández/Barry Guy/Ramón López – *A Moment's Liberty* (Maya) • Free Nelson Mandombo/Jazz – *The Shape of Jazz to Come/Saxophone Giganticus* (RareNoise) • Frontton – *Alternating Flows* (Unit) • Tomas Fujiwara Trio – *Variable Bets* (Relative Pitch) • Georg Graewe – *Stills & Stories* (Random Acoustics) • Frank Gratkowski/Achim Kaufmann/Wilbert De Jooede/Okkyung Lee – *Skein* (Leo) • Barry Guy New Orchestra – *Amphi, Radio Rondo* (Intakt) • Mary Halvorson – *Reverse Blue* (Relative Pitch) • Mary Halvorson/Michael Formanek/Tomas Fujiwara – *Thumbscrew* (Cuneiform) • Billy Hart Quartet – *One Is The Other* (ECM) • Alexander Hawkins Ensemble – *Step Wide, Step Deep* (Babel) • John Hollenbeck/Alban Darche/Sébastien Boisseau/Samuel Blaser – *JASS* (YOLK Music) • Ibrahim Electric – *Rumours From Outer Space* (ILK Music) • Ideal Bread – *Beating The Teens: Songs of Steve Lacy* (Cuneiform) • In Trio – *Defining Moment* (s/r) • Indigo Mist – *That The Days Go By and Never Come Again* (RareNoise) • Je Suis! – *Ça va?* (Umlaut) • Achim Kaufmann/Robert Landfermann/Christian Lillinger – *Grünen: Pith & Twig* (Clean Feed) • Kirk Knuffke/Jesse Stacken – *Five* (SteepleChase) • David Krakauer – *The Big Picture* (Pounding Table) • Jonas Kulhammar/Espen Aalberg/Torbjörn Zetterberg – *Basement Sessions, Vol. 2* (Clean Feed) • John La Barbera Big Band – *Caravan* (Jazz Compass) • Ingrid Laubrock Octet – *Zürich Concert* (Intakt) • Azar Lawrence – *The Seeker* (Sunnyside) • Daunik Lazro/Benjamin Duboc/Didier Lasserre – *Sens Radiants* (Dark Tree) • Daunik Lazro/Joëlle Léandre – *Hasparren* (NoBusiness) • Led Bib – *The People In Your Neighbourhood* (Cuneiform) • Wadada Leo Smith/Bill Laswell – *The Stone: Akashic Meditation* (MOD Technologies/Incunabula) • Wadada Leo Smith – *Red Hill* (RareNoise) • Lukas Ligeti/Thollem McDonas – *Imaginary Images* (Leo) • Harold Mabern – *Right on Time* (Smoke Sessions) • Made To Break – *Cherchez La Femme* (Trost) • Branford Marsalis – *In My Solitude* (Live at Grace Cathedral) (Okeh) • Roscoe Mitchell/Scott Robinson – *Tone Ventures* (ScienSonic) • Mostly Other People Do the Killing – *Hannover* (Jazzwerkstatt) • Matt Nelson – *Lower Bottoms* (Tubapede) • Mario Pavone – *Street Songs* (Playscape) • Ralph Peterson Fo'tet Augmented – *ALIVE at Firehouse 12, Vol. 2: Fo' n Mo'* (Onyx) • Pharoah & The Underground – *Spiral Mercury* (Clean Feed) • Radius/Fred Lonberg-Holm – *Just Outside the Door* (Hazel Jazz) • Tom Rainey – *Obbligato* (Intakt) • Adrian Raso/Fanfare Ciocărlia – *Devil's Tale* (Asphalt Tango) • Red Trio/Mattias Ståhl – *North and The Red Stream* (NoBusiness) • Joshua Redman – *Trios Live* (Nonesuch) • Mike Reed's People, Places & Things – *Second Cities: Volume 1* (482 Music) • Dave Rempis/Joshua Abrams/Avreeayl Ra – *Aphelion* (Aerophonix) • Alex Riel/Stefan Pasborg – *Drum Faces* (Stunt) • Jason Roebke Octet – *High/Red/Center* (Delmark) • Joris Roelofs – *Aliens Deliberating* (Pirouet) • Ted Rosenthal Trio – *Rhapsody in Gershwin* (Playscape) • Catherine Russell – *Bring It Back* (Jazz Village) • John Russell/Ståle Liavik Solberg – *No Step* (Hispid) • Akira Sakata/Giovanni di Domenico – *Iruman* (Mbari Musica) • Saxophone Summit – *Visitation* (ArtistShare) • Sekstons – *Eponymous* (Multikulti Project) • Jim Self/Hollywood 12 – *Tis the Season Tuba Jolly!* (Basset Hound Music) • Matthew Shipp Trio – *Root of Things* (Relative Pitch) • Matthew Shipp – *I've Been To Many Places* (Thirsty Ear) • Ches Smith and These Arches – *International Hoohah* (ForTune) • Marianne Solivan – *Spark* (Hypnotic) • Sound & Fury – *Pulsacion* (Ektro) • Chris Speed Trio – *Really OK* (Skirl) • Vinnie Sperrazza – *Apocryphal* (Loyal Label) • Bob Stewart Connections – *Mind the Gap* (Sunnyside) • Aki Takase La Planète – *Flying Soul* (Intakt) • Tarbaby (with Oliver Lake & Marc Ducret) – *Fanon* (Rogue Art) • Trio 3 + Vijay Iyer – *Wiring* (Intakt) • Mark Turner Quartet – *Lathe of Heaven* (ECM) • Anna Webber – *Simple* (Skirl) • Frank Wess – *Magic 201* (IPO) • Sebastian Zawadzki/Mariusz Praśniewski/Radek Wośko – *Tąga* (Multikulti Project)