

ALBUMS OF THE YEAR

JAIMIE BRANCH – *Fly Or Die II: Bird Dogs of Paradise* (International Anthem)
ALEX HARDING/LUCIAN BAN – *Dark Blue* (Sunnyside)
PER “TEXAS” JOHANSSON – *Stråk på Juleten och storm tus* (Moserobie)
MICHAEL LEONHART ORCHESTRA – *Suite Extracts Vol. 1* (Sunnyside)
JAMES BRANDON LEWIS – *An UntRuly Manifesto* (Relative Pitch)
JOE LOVANO – *Trio Tapestry* (ECM)
RED KITE – *Eponymous* (RareNoise)
STEPH RICHARDS – *Take The Neon Lights* (Birdwatcher)
PHIL SLATER – *The Dark Pattern* (Earshift Music)
GEHARD ULLMANN/HANS LÜDEMANN/OLIVER POTRATZ/ERIC SCHAEFFER – *mikroPULS* (Intuition)
 – Laurence Donohue-Greene
SATOKO FUJII/TAYSUYA YOSHIDA – *Baikano* (Libra)
VIJAY IYER/CRAIG TABORN – *The Transitory Poems* (ECM)
ALEX HARDING/LUCIAN BAN – *Dark Blue* (Sunnyside)
KROKOFAT (WITH STÅLE STORLØKKE/INGEBRIGT HÅKER FLATEN) – *Q* (Rune Grammofon)
JULIAN LAGE – *Love Hurts* (Mack Avenue)
MICHAEL LEONHART ORCHESTRA – *Suite Extracts Vol. 1* (Sunnyside)
CHRIS LIGHTCAP – *SuperBignmouth* (Pyroclastic)
EVAN PARKER/BARRY GUY/PAUL LYTTON – *Concert in Vilnius* (NoBusiness)
RED KITE – *Eponymous* (RareNoise)
STEPHANE WREMBEL – *The Django Experiment IV* (Water Is Life)
 – Andrey Henkin

CONCERTS OF THE YEAR

GHOST TRAIN ORCHESTRA “PLAYS MOONDOG”
 Brian Carpenter, Charlie Hasselbring, Andy Lester, Dennis Lichtman, Alec Spiegelman, Sara Schoenbeck, Mazz Swift, Brandon Sotbrook, Chris Lightcap, Rob Garcia, David Cossin, Ben Stapp, Karen Waltuch, Max Moskon, Dina Macaluso, Alex Waterman
 January 5th, Winter Jazzfest, Le Poisson Rouge
GARY BARTZ “ANOTHER EARTH 50TH ANNIVERSARY”
 Pharoah Sanders, Charles Tolliver, James King, Bruce Edwards, Noshay Watts, Eric Berryman
 January 10th, Winter Jazzfest, Le Poisson Rouge
AROOJ AFTAB/VIJAY IYER/SHAHZAD ISMAILY
 April 28th, Joe’s Pub
BARRE PHILLIPS SOLO
 May 20th, Zürcher Gallery
ANDREW CYRILLE
 Tomoko Reid, Beatrice Capote
 June 11th, Vision Festival, Roulette
KRIS DAVIS/WILLIAM PARKER/JEFF “TAIN” WATTS
 June 14th, Vision Festival, Roulette
MICHAEL LEONHART ORCHESTRA
 Jeff Nelson, Ray Mason, Claudia Chopek, Jake Charkey, Charles Pillow, EJ Strickland, Elizabeth Pupo-Walker, Sam Sadigursky, John Ellis, Jason Marshall, Gil Goldstein, Scott Wendtliott, Joe Martin, Robbie Mangano, Tom Christensen, Frank Greene, Carter Yasutake, Jamie Leonhart, La Tanya Hall, Audrey Mariella • guests Mark Whitefield, Steven Bernstein
 July 16th, Jazz Standard
DAVID TRONZO/STOMU TAKEISHI/AND ROTHENBERG
 August 10th, Ibeam Brooklyn
RAVI COLTRANE QUARTET
 David Virelles, Dezron Douglas, Johnathan Blake
 August 24th, Charlie Parker Jazz Festival, Marcus Garvey Park
PAT METHENY SIDE-EYE TRIO
 James Francies, Marcus Gilmore
 September 11th, Sony Hall
 – Laurence Donohue-Greene

STEPHANE WREMBEL’S THE DJANGO EXPERIMENT IV
 Ther Jensen, Ari Folman-Cohen, Nick Driscoll, Nick Anderson
 January 23rd, Joe’s Pub
CHES SMITH QUARTET
 Mary Halvorson, Liberty Ellman, Nick Dunston
 March 6th, The Stone at The New School
NIK BÄRTSCH/SHA
 March 27th, Residence of the Swiss Ambassador
 Consulate General of Switzerland
RALPH TOWNER SOLO
 March 28th, Jazz Standard
BARRE PHILLIPS SOLO
 May 20th, Zürcher Gallery
BROOKLYN RAGA MASSIVE MAHAVISHNU ORCHESTRA PROJECT
 Snehasish Mozumder, Vin Scialla, Neel Murgai, Premik Russell Tubbs, Dax Asher, Susannah Selwyn-Gresh and guests
 David Ullmann, Joe Denizoz
 June 19th, The Jazz Gallery
JASON MORAN/TYSHAWN SOREY
 June 12th, Downtown Jazz Festival, Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning
NELS CLINE QUARTET
 Julian Lage, Jorge Roeder, Tom Rainey
 August 20th, Blank Forms, Le Poisson Rouge
AKIRA SAKATA/DARIN GRAY
 October 2nd, Blank Forms, James Cohan Gallery
JOHNATHAN BLAKE AND PENTAD
 Immanuel Wilson, Joel Ross, David Virelles, Dezron Douglas
 December 5th, Village Vanguard
 – Andrey Henkin

UNEARTHED GEMS

BILL DIXON/CECIL TAYLOR – *Duets 1992* (Triple Point)
ELLA FITZGERALD – *Ella at the Shrine* (Verve)
CHARLES LLOYD QUARTET – *Montreux Festival 1967* (Swiss Radio Days Jazz Series 46) (TCB)
SAM RIVERS QUINTET – *Zenith* (NoBusiness)
FRANÇOIS TSUQUES – *Ahors Nosferatu Combina Un Plan Ingénieux* (Finders Keepers)

LATIN RELEASES

MICHEL CAMILO – *Essence* (Resilience Music Alliance) (International Anthem)
PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND – *A Tubu to Cuba* (Sub Pop)
MICHELE ROSEWOMAN NEW YOR-UBA – *Hallowed* (Advance Dance Disques)
PONCHO SANCHEZ – *Trane’s Delight* (Concord Picante)
JIGGS WHIGHAM BUJAZZO – *Cuban Fire* (Doublemoon)

VOCAL RELEASES

JAZZMEIA HORN – *Love and Liberation* (Concord)
NICKI PARROTT – *From New York to Paris* (Arbors)
MARY STALLINGS – *Songs Were Made to Sing* (Smoke Sessions)
DIANA TORTI (WITH SABINO DE BARI) – *On a Cloud* (SLAM)
MARCONA SWIFT – *Confessions* (Mack Avenue)

LIVE ALBUMS

PETER BRÖTZMANN/ALEXANDER VON SCHLIPPENBACH/HAN BENNINK – *Fifty Years After* (Trost)
VIJAY IYER/CRAIG TABORN – *The Transitory Poems* (ECM)
PETER LEMER QUINTET – *Son of Local Colour* (Live at the Pizza Express, Solo) (ESP-Disk)
EVAN PARKER/BARRY GUY/PAUL LYTTON – *Concert in Vilnius* (NoBusiness)
TORBJÖRN ZETTERBERG & THE GREAT QUESTION – *Live* (Corbett vs. Dempsey)

MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES OF THE YEAR

BOXED SETS

ANTHONY BRAXTON – *Quartet* (New Haven) 2014 (Firehouse 12)
NAT “KING” COLE – *Hittin’ The Ramp: The Early Years* (1936-1943) (Resonance)
JOHN COLTRANE – *1963: New Directions* (Impulse)
DKV TRIO & JOE MCPHEE – *The Fire Each Time* (Not Two)
ART PEPPER – *Promise Kept: The Complete Artists House Recordings* (Artists House-Omnivore)

ORIGINAL ALBUM ARTWORK

JAIMIE BRANCH – *Fly Or Die II: Bird Dogs of Paradise* (International Anthem)
DAVE LIEBMAN/DAVE BINNEY/DONNY MCCASLIN/SAMUEL BLAIS – *Four Visions* (Sunnyside)
MARK LOTZ TRIO – *The Wrocław Sessions* (Audiocave)
CHRIS POTTER – *Circuits* (Edition)
KENDRICK SCOTT ORACLE – *A Wall Becomes A Bridge* (Blue Note)

LARGE ENSEMBLE RELEASES

JEAN DEROME – *Sudoku pour Pugnèdes* (Ambiances Magnétiques)
WAYNE HORVITZ EUROPEAN ORCHESTRA – *Live at the Bimhuis* (NovaraJazz)
JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS – *Jazz and Art* (Blue Engine)
MICHAEL LEONHART ORCHESTRA – *Suite Extracts Vol. 1* (Sunnyside)
MAURICE LOUCA – *Elephantine* (Northern Spy)

SOLO RECORDINGS

PETER BRÖTZMANN – *Solo: I Surrender Dear* (Trost)
BRIAN CHARLETTE – *Beyond Borderline* (SteepleChase)
SATOKO FUJII – *Stone* (Solo Piano) (Libra)
LARRY GRENADIER – *The Cleaners* (ECM)
ABDULLAH IBRAHIM – *Dream Time* (Enja)

TRIBUTES

PAUL DUNHAM SUN SHIP QUARTET – *John Coltrane 50th Memorial Concert at Cafe Oto* (Confront)
JOE FIEDLER – *Open Sesame* (MultiPhonics Music)
IRO HAARLAUL/KROKOFAT/BARRY ALTSCHUL – *Around Again* (The Music of Carla Bley) (TUM)
DICK HYMAN/KEN PELOWSKI – *Counterpoint: Lerner & Loewe* (Arbors)
DENNY ZEITLIN – *Remembering Miles* (Sunnyside)

DEBUTS

NICKY BARBATO – *Every Day Is A Bad Hair Day* (s/r)
NICK DUNSTON – *Atlantic Extraction* (Out of Your Head)
LARRY GRENADIER – *The Cleaners* (ECM)
LISA HOPPE’S THIRD REALITY – *The Mighty Unlikely* (Jazzhaus Musik)
JUNJUS PAUL – *Isn* (International Anthem)

REISSUES

ERIC DOLPHY – *Musical Fughetta: The Expanded 1963 New York Studio Sessions* (Resonance)
ERROLD GARNER – *Canopus Concert* (MCM - Mack Avenue/Octave Music)
ICP TENTET – *Tettertlet* (ICP-Corbett vs. Dempsey)
SUN RA – *Monorails & Satellites* (Works for Solo Piano, Vol. 1.2.3) (Cosmic Myth)
MAL WALDRON – *Free At Last* (Extended Edition) (ECM)

JAZZ BOOKS

Billie Holiday: The Last Interview and Other Conversations (Melville House)
Jason Moran (Walker Arts Center)
Jazz from Detroit by Mark Stryker (University of Michigan Press)
Rabbit’s Blues: The Life and Music of Johnny Hodges by Con Chapman (Oxford University Press)
Sweet Thunder: Duke Ellington’s Music in Nine Themes by Jack Chambers (Milestone’s Music & Art)

MUSICIANS OF THE YEAR

JAIMIE BRANCH (trumpet)
KRIS DAVIS (piano)
JOE LOVANO (saxophone)
EVAN PARKER (saxophone)
AKI TAKASE (piano)

VENUES OF THE YEAR

BIRDLAND THEATER (Hell’s Kitchen)
DIZZY’S CLUB (Upper West Side)
JAZZ STANDARD (Gramercy)
THE STONE AT THE NEW SCHOOL (West Village)
VILLAGE VANGUARD (West Village)

LABELS OF THE YEAR

ASTRAL SPIRITS (astralspiritsrecords.com)
 ECM (ecmrecords.com)
NOBUSINESS (nobusinessrecords.com)
STEEPLECHASE (steeplechase.dk)
SUNNYSIDE (sunnysiderecords.com)



HONORABLE MENTIONS—NEW RELEASES

Acre – *Different Constellations* (AUT) • **Melissa Aldana** – *Visions* (Motema Music) • **Eric Alexander** – *With Strings* (HighNote) • **Art Ensemble of Chicago** – *We Are On The Edge: A 50th Anniversary Celebration* (Pi) • **Michael Attias** – *échos la nuit* (solo) (Out Of Your Head)
Lucian Ban/Alex Simu – *Free Fall* (Sunnyside) • **Bangkok Lingo** – *Smells | Colours | Noise* (Losen) • **Simon Barker/Scott Tinkler** – *Interwave* (Kinnara) • **Jon Batiste** – *Anatomy of Angels* (Live at the Village Vanguard) (Verve) • **Matt Bauder/JP Schlegelmilch/Vinnie Sperrazza** – *Here’s Hearing Things* (Yeggs)
Josh Berman/Paul Lytton/Jason Roebeck – *Trio Discrepancies* (Astral Spirits) • **Bones** (Ziv Taubenfeld/Shay Hazan/Nir Sabag) – *Reptiles* (NoBusiness) • **Boneshaker** – *Fake Music* (Soulwhat) • **Bushman’s Revenge** – *El han mot overklassen* (Hubro) • **George Cables** – *I’m All Smiles* (HighNote)
James Carter Organ Trio – *Live from Newport Jazz* (Blue Note) • **Jimmy Cobb** – *This Is Dig Of You* (Smoke Sessions) • **The Comet Is Coming** – *Trust in the Life force of the Deep Mystery* (Impulse!) • **Chick Corea** – *Trilogy 2* (Concord) • **Stephan Crump/Ingrid Laubrock/Cory Smythe** – *Channels* (Intakt)
Harold Danko/Kirk Knuffke – *Play Date* (SteepleChase) • **Kris Davis** – *Diatom Ribbons* (Pyroclastic) • **Whit Dickey** – *Peace Planet/Box of Light* (AUM Fidelity) • **Petter Eldh** – *Presents Koma Saxo* (We Jazz) • **Ethnic Heritage Ensemble** – *Be Known: Ancient/Future/Music* (Spiritmusic)
Avram Fefer – *Quartet – Testament* (Clean Feed) • **Greg Foat** – *The Mage* (Athens of the North) • **Michael Formanek** – *Very Practical Trio – Even Better* (Intakt) • **Bill Frisell/Thomas Morgan** – *Epistrophe* (ECM) • **Fred Frith** – *Woodwork* (Klang Galerie) • **Stephen Gauci/Adam Lane/Kevin Shea** – *Studio Sessions, Vol. 2* (Gaucimusic)
Heinz Geisser Ensemble 5 – *The Collective Mind* (Leo) • **Ghost Horse** – *Trojan* (Auand) • **Lafayette Gilchrist** – *Dark Matter* (s/r) • **Ben Goldberg** – *Good Day For Cloud Fishing* (Pyroclastic) • **Burton Greene/Damon Smith/Ra Kalam Bob Moses** – *Life’s Intense Mystery* (Astral Spirits)
Muriel Grossmann – *Golden Rule* (RR Gems) • **Eric Hofbauer/Dylan Jack** – *Remains of Echoes* (Creative Nation Music) • **Abdullah Ibrahim** – *The Balance* (Gearbox) • **Chuck Israels** – *Nextst – Bass Intentions* (Soulpatch) • **Ethan Iverson Quartet** (with Tom Harrell) – *Common Practice* (ECM)
Bo Jacobsen – *Northern Spirit* (Gateway Music) • **Ahmad Jamal** – *Ballades* (Jazzbook/Jazz Village) • **Jamile** – *If You Could See Me Now* (s/r) • **Vic Juris** – *Two Guitars* (SteepleChase) • **Kengchakaj Kengkarnka** – *Lak Lam* (Outside In Music) • **Yoni Kretzmer** – *2Bass Quartet – Mis-Take* (OutNow)
Joachim Kühn – *Piano Works XIII: Melodic Ornamentation* (ACT Music) • **Ingrid Laubrock/Sylvie Courvoisier/Mark Feldman/Tom Rainey** – *TISM* (RogueArt) • **Billy Lester** – *From Scratch* (Newvelle) • **Dave Liebman/Adam Rudolph/Hamid Drake** – *Chi* (RareNoise) • **Russ Lossing Trio** – *Ways* (Ezz-thetics)
Mark Lotz Trio – *The Wrocław Sessions* (Audiocave) • **Denman Maroney** – *Solo@70* (s/r) • **Hedvig Mollestad Trio** – *Smells Funny* (Rune Grammofon) • **Rachel Musson/Pat Thomas/Mark Sanders** – *Shifa: Live at Cafe Oto* (577 Records) • **Ed Neumeister** – *One and Only* (MeisteroMusic)
Sam Newsome – *Chaos Theory: Song Cycles for Prepared Saxophone* (s/r) • **Too Noisy Fish** – *Furious Empathic Silence* (Iglou) • **Terkel Nørgaard** – *With Ralph Alessi* (We Jazz) • **Ale Nymo** – *Solo for Trio* (Losen) • **OGJZ Quartet** – *Banako* (TUM) • **Linda May Han Oh** – *Aventurine* (Biophilia)
Masanori Oishi – *Smoke* (Odradek) • **Henrik Olsson** – *Hand of Benediction* (Barefoot) • **Evan Parker/Paul G. Smyth** – *Calenture and Light Leaks* (Weckerhoff) • **Zeena Parkins/Ryan Sawyer/Ryan Ross Smith** – *Green Dome: Thinking in Shades* (Case Study) • **Ken Peplowski/Diego Figueiredo** – *Amizade* (Arbors)
Ralph Peterson’s Gen-Next Big Band – *Listen Up!* (Onyx) • **Ralph Peterson’s Messenger Legacy** – *Legacy Alive, Vol. 6 at The Side Door* (Onyx) • **Enrico Ravaja/Joey Lovano** – *Roma* (ECM) • **Tomoko Reid Quartet** – *Old New* (Cuneiform)
Dave Rempis/Joshua Abrams/Arveeayl Ra + Jim Baker – *Apis* (Aerophonic) • **Stephen Riley** – *Oléo* (SteepleChase) • **Eve Risser** – *Après Un Réve* (Clean Feed) • **Jamie Saft/Svea Swallow/Bobby Previte** – *You Don’t Know The Life* (RareNoise) • **Akira Sakata/Johan Berthling/Paol Nilssen-Love** – *Arashi: Ikan* (PNL)
Susana Santos Silva/Torbjörn Zetterberg/Hampus Lindvall – *Hi, who are you?* (Matière Mémorie) • **Saxophone Summit** – *Street Talk* (Enja) • **Jenny Scheinman/Allison Miller** – *Parlour Game* (Royal Potato Family) • **Louis Sclavis Quartet** – *Characters On A Wall* (ECM) • **Sensaroud** – *Hear/Noise* (HellasQuare)
Matthew Shipp Trio – *Signature* (ESP-Disk) • **Sonar** (with David Torn) – *Trancorporation* (Volume 1) (RareNoise) • **Aki Takase** – *Japanese – Thema Prima* (BMC Records) • **Aki Takase** – *Hokusai* (Piano Solo) (Intakt) • **Per “Texas” Johansson/Torbjörn Zetterberg/Konrad Agnäs** – *Orakel* (Moserobie)
Pat Thomas/Dominic Lash/Tony Orrell – *BleySchool* (577 Records) • **David Torn/Tim Berne/Ches Smith** – *Sun of Goldfinger* (ECM) • **Gebhard Ullmann** – *Basement Research – Improptious and Other Short Works* (WhyPlayJazz) • **The Vampires** – *Pacifica* (Earshift Music) • **Anna Webber** – *Clockwise* (Pi)
Dan Weiss Trio Plus 1 – *Utica Box* (Sunnyside) • **Mars Williams** – *An Ayler Xmas, Vol. 3* (Live in Krakow) (Not Two) • **Nate Woolley** – *Battle Pieces 4* (Relative Pitch) • **Stephane Wrembel** – *Django L’Impressionniste* (WaterIsLife) • **Brandee Younger** – *Soul Awakening* (s/r) • **Jeppe Zeeberg** – *Universal Disappointment* (BIEM)