

ALBUMS OF THE YEAR

JOSHUA ABRAMS QUARTET - *Unknown Known* (Rogue Art)
JD ALLEN - *Grace* (Savant)
THE NEW GARY BURTON QUARTET - *#Guided Tour#* (Mack Avenue)
STEVE COLEMAN AND FIVE ELEMENTS - *Functional Arrhythmic* (Pi)
KRIS DAVIS - *Capricorn Climber* (Clean Feed)
MIKE MCGINNIS + 9 - *Road*Trip* (RKM)
CÉCILE MCLORIN SALVANT - *WomanChild* (Mack Avenue)
BEN MONDER - *Hydra* (Sunnyside)
WAYNE SHORTER QUARTET - *Without a Net* (Blue Note)
CRAIG TABORN TRIO - *Chants* (ECM)
 -David R. Adler
DAVID CHESKY - *The New York Rags* (Chesky)
BENOÎT DELBECQ/FRED HERSCH DOUBLE TRIO - *Fun House* (Songlines)
CÉCILE MCLORIN SALVANT - *WomanChild* (Mack Avenue)
NICOLE MITCHELL'S ICE CRYSTAL - *Aquarius* (Delmark)
ESA PIETILÄ LIBERTY SHIP - *Approaching* (Eclipse Music)
ODEAN POPE - *Odean's Three* (In+Out)
FRANK ROSALY - *Cicada Music* (Delmark)
SEXMOB - *Cinema, Circus & Spaghetti* (Sexmob Plays Fellini: The Music of Nino Rota) (Royal Potato Family)
COLIN STETSON - *New History Warfare Vol. 3: To See More Light* (Constellation)
TOO NOISY FISH - *Fight Eat Sleep* (Rat)
 -Laurence Donohue-Greene
BARRY ALTSCHUL - *The 3Dom Factor* (TUM)
TIM BERNE - *Shadow Man* (ECM)
JEREMIAH CYMERMAN AMPLIFIED QUARTET - *Sky Burial* (5049 Records)
DKV TRIO + GUSTAFSSON/PUPILLO/NILSSEN-LOVE - *Schl8hof* (Trost)
KAZE - *Tornado* (Circum-Libra)
LAMA/CHRIS SPEED - *Lamaçal* (Clean Feed)
EDVARD LYGRE MØSTER - *Møster!* (Hubro)
RACHEL MUSSON/MARK SANDERS/LLIAM NOBLE - *Tatterdemalion* (Babel)
NERVE4TET - *Even Worms Have Nerves* (Not Two)
EVAN PARKER/BARRY GUY/PAUL LYTTON - *Live at Maya Recordings Festival* (NoBusiness)
 -Andrey Henkin

BOXED SETS

SIDNEY BECHET/MEZZ MEZZROW - *The King Jazz Records Story* (Storyville)
CLIFFORD JORDAN - *The Complete Clifford Jordan Strata-East Sessions* (Mosaic)
NEW YORK ART QUARTET - *Call It Art* (Triple Point)
WILLIAM PARKER - *Wood Flute Songs* (Anthology/Live 2006-2012) (AUM Fidelity)
VARIOUS ARTISTS - *Just Not Cricket! Three Days of British Improvised Music in Berlin* (NI-VU-NI-CONNU Productions)

REISSUES

RAN BLAKE - *Plays Solo Piano* (ESP-Disk)
VOLKER KRIEGL - *With A Little Help From My Friends* (Liberty - MIG Music/Art of Groove)
CHRIS MCGREGOR'S BROTHERHOOD OF BREATH - *Procession* (Live at Toulouse) (Ogun)
ROSCOE MITCHELL - *Live at "A Space" 1975* (Sackville-Delmark)
JERI SOUTHERN - *The Warm Singing Style of Jeri Southern* (The Complete Decca Years: 1951-1957) (Decca-Fresh Sound)

LATIN RELEASES

GABRIEL ALÉGRÍA AFRO-PERUVIAN SEXTET - *Ciudad de Los Reyes* (Saponegro)
FRANCISCO MORA-CATLETT/AFROHORN - *Rare Metal* (AACE)
BILL O'CONNELL/THE LATIN JAZZ ALL-STARS - *Zócalo* (Savant)
MICHELE ROSEWOMAN - *New Yor-Uba: 30 Years - A Musical Celebration of Cuba in America* (Dance Disques)
JOHN SANTOS SEXTET - *Filosofía Caribeña Vol. 2* (Machete)

VOCAL RELEASES

ANDY BEY - *The World According To Andy Bey* (HighNote)
CHAMPIAN FULTON - *Champion Sings and Swings* (Sharp Nine)
GRZEGORZ KARNAS TRIO - *Audio Beads* (BMC)
CÉCILE MCLORIN SALVANT - *WomanChild* (Mack Avenue)
ANDREAS SCHAERER/BÁNZ OESTER - *Rarest Reechoes* (Unit)

LARGE ENSEMBLE RELEASES

GHOST TRAIN ORCHESTRA - *Book of Rhapsodies* (Accurate)
OLIVER LAKE BIG BAND - *Wheels* (Passin' Thru)
TED NASH BIG BAND - *Chakra* (Plastic Sax)
ADAM RUDOLPH/GO: ORGANIC ORCHESTRA - *Sonic Mandala* (Meta)
WADADA LEO SMITH & TUMO - *Occupy The World* (TUM)

DEBUTS

GOAT'S NOTES - *Fuzzy Wonder* (Leo)
IFA Y XANGO - *Abraham* (Maene)
MATT MITCHELL - *Fiction* (Pi)
EDVARD LYGRE MØSTER - *Møster!* (Hubro)
NEXT COLLECTIVE - *Cover Art* (Concord)

TRIBUTES

MARC CARY - *For The Love of Abbey* (Motéma Music)
PAUL DUNMALL/TONY BIANCO - *Tribute to Coltrane* (SLAM)
QUEST - *Circular Dreaming* (Enja)
SEXMOB - *Cinema, Circus & Spaghetti* (Sexmob Plays Fellini: The Music of Nino Rota) (The Royal Potato Family)
AKI TAKASE - *My Ellington* (Intakt)

UNEARTHED GEMS

DONALD BYRD/BARNEY WILEN - *Jazz in Camera* (Sonorama)
TOMMY FLANAGAN/JAKI BYARD - *The Magic of 2* (Live at Keystone Korner) (Resonance)
THELONIOUS MONK - *Newport '59* (Concert Vault)
OSCAR PETTIFORD - *Lost Tapes: Germany 1958/1959* (Jazzhaus)
S.O.S. (JOHN SURMAN, MIKE OSBORNE, ALAN SKIDMORE) - *Looking For The Next One* (Cuneiform)

JACOB GARCHIK'S THE HEAVENS
 Josh Roseman, Curtis Hasselbring, Reut Regev, Jason Jackson, Brian Drye, Alan Ferber, Joe Daley, Kenny Wollesen
 Winter Jazzfest, Bowery Electric, January 11th

TONY MALABY TUBA TRIO
 Dan Peck, John Hollenbeck
 Winter Jazzfest, Culture Project Theater, January 12th

DAVID VIRELLES CONTINUUM
 Ben Street, Roman Filiu, Andrew Cyrille, Román Díaz
 Village Vanguard, February 2nd

ERIC HARLAND VOYAGER
 Julian Lage, Taylor Eigsti, Walter Smith III, Harish Raghavan
 Jazz Standard, April 13th

WALLACE RONEY ORCHESTRA
 Jazz Standard, July 27th

CHRIS LIGHTCAP'S BIGMOUTH
 Tony Malaby, Chris Cheek, Matt Mitchell, Gerald Cleaver
 Cornelia Street Café, September 7th

ERIC HOFBAUER SOLO
 Ibeam Brooklyn, September 14th

MIKE MCGINNIS' TWO VIEWS OF THE ANGSUDDEN SONG CYCLE
 Kyoko Kitamura, Sara Schoenbeck, Jason Kao Hwang, Khabu Doug Young, Sean Moran, Dan Fabricatore, Harris Eisenstadt
 Roulette, October 13th

TAYLOR HO BYNUM SEXTET
 Jim Hobbs, Bill Lowe, Mary Halvorson, Ken Filiano, Tomas Fujiwara
 The Jazz Gallery, November 19th

JON COWHERD MERCY PROJECT
 Mike Moreno, Matt Penman, Rudy Royston
 Dizzy's Club, November 11th

-David R. Adler

MUSICIANS OF THE YEAR

SAMUEL BLASER (trombone)
GREGORY PORTER (vocals)
CÉCILE MCLORIN SALVANT (vocals)
NATE WOOLEY (trumpet)
JOHN ZORN (alto saxophone)

CONCERTS OF THE YEAR

JACK DEJOHNETTE/RAVI COLTRANE/MATT GARRISON
 ShapeShifter Lab, February 16th
A TRIBUTE TO PAUL MOTIAN
 Joe Lovano, Bill Frisell, Billy Drevets, Ed Schuller, Joey Baron, Masabumi Kikuchi, Marilyn Crispell, Gary Peacock, Andrew Cyrille, Billy Hart, Geri Allen, Tim Berne, Larry Grenadier, Greg Osby, Ben Street, Mark Turner, The Bad Plus, Ben Monder, Ravi Coltrane, Chris Cheek, Steve Cardenas, Bill McHenry, Jakob Bro, Jerome Harris, Matt Wilson, Matt Mitchell, Petra Haden
 Symphony Space Peter Jay Sharp Theatre, March 22nd

SLAVIC SOUL PARTY
 Joe's Pub, March 28th

ICP ORCHESTRA
 Littlefield, April 13th

COLIN STETSON SOLO
 Le Poisson Rouge, May 8th

CÉCILE MCLORIN SALVANT
 Aaron Diehl, Paul Sikivie, Rodney Green
 Charlie Parker Jazz Festival, Marcus Garvey Park, August 24th

EVAN PARKER/MILFORD GRAVES
 The Stone, September 21st

JOHN ZORN AT 60: GAME PIECES
 Talea Ensemble, Brian Chase, Ches Smith, Tim Keiper, George Lewis, Mike Patton, William Winant, Dither, Joey Baron, Kenny Wollesen, Okkyung Lee, Marc Ribot, John Medeski, Cyro Baptista, Trevor Dunn, Sylvio Courvoisier, Erik Friedlander, Ikuo Mori
 Miller Theater, September 27th

SUN RA ARKESTRA
 Allen Room, October 5th

RHIANNON
 Jacob Sacks, Brad Jones, Allison Miller
 ShapeShifter Lab, October 19th

-Laurence Donohue-Greene

LABELS OF THE YEAR

CLEAN FEED (cleanfeedrecords.com)
CUNEIFORM (cuneiformrecords.com)
JAZZHAUS (jazzhaus-label.com)
MOTÉMA MUSIC (motema.com)
NOT TWO (nottwo.com)

SHOFAR TRIO

Raphael Roginski, Mikolaj Trzaska, Macio Moretti
 David Rubenstein Atrium, February 21st

DON FRIEDMAN TRIO
 George Mraz, Matt Wilson
 Jazz at Kitano, March 30th

JOHN MEDESKI SOLO
 Le Poisson Rouge, April 10th

EAST-WEST COLLECTIVE
 Didier Petit, Sultain Kassap, Xu Fengxia, Larry Ochs, Miya Masaoka
 Vision Festival, Roulette, June 14th

SONNY FORTUNE QUINTET
 Kamau Adilifu, Michael Cochrane, David Williams, Steve Johns
 Smoke, June 15th

NED ROTHENBERG/MARC RIBOT
 The Stone, June 18th

SATOKO FUJII
 Briggan Krauss, Natsuki Tamura, Nels Cline, Michael TA Thompson
 The Stone, August 20th

ERIC REVIS QUARTET
 Darius Jones, Bill McHenry, Chad Taylor
 Smalls, September 5th

SONORAMA: THE LOST SPACE AGE MUSIC OF ESQUIVEL
 Mr. Ho's Orchestralia
 Schimmel Center for the Arts, September 21st

JIM HALL TRIO
 Scott Colley, Joey Baron
 and guests John Abercrombie, Peter Bernstein
 Allen Room, November 23rd

-Andrey Henkin

VENUES OF THE YEAR

GREENWICH HOUSE MUSIC SCHOOL (West Village)
JAZZ STANDARD (Midtown)
ROULETTE (Downtown Brooklyn)
THE STONE (Alphabet City)
VILLAGE VANGUARD (West Village)

HONORABLE MENTIONS - NEW RELEASES

Jeff Albert's *Instigation Quartet* - *The Tree On The Mound* (Rogue Art) • **Ralph Alessi** - *Baida* (ECM) • **Ben Allison** - *The Stars Look Very Different Today* (Sonic Camera) • **Rodrigo Amado Motion Trio + Jeb Bishop** - *The Flame Alphabet* (Not Two) • **Lotte Anker/Rodrigo Pinheiro/Hernani Faustino** - *Birthmark* (Clean Feed)
 Killer Ray *Appleton* - *Naptoom Legacy* (Hollistic MusicWorks) • **Darcy James Argue's Secret Society** - *Brooklyn Babylon* (New Amsterdam) • **Ab Baars/Meinrad Kneer/Bill Elgart** - *Give No Quarter* (Evil Rabbit) • **Joachim Badenhorst/John Butcher/Paul Lytton** - *Nachtigall* (Klein)
 Michael Bates/Samuel Blaser *Quintet* - *One From None* (Fresh Sound-New Talent) • **Black Host** - *Life In The Sugar Candle Mines* (Northern Spy) • **Samuel Blaser Consort in Motion** - *A Mirror to Machaut* (Songlines) • **Samuel Blaser/Benoît Delbecq/Gerry Hemingway** - *Fourth Landscape* (Nuscope)
 Peter Brötzmann/Masahiko Satoh/Takeo Moriyama - *Yatagarasu* (Not Two) • **Peter Brötzmann/Steve Noble** - *I Am Here Where Are You* (Trost) • **Uri Caine/Han Bennink** - *Sonic Boom* (816 Music) • **Marco Cappelli Acoustic Trio** - *Le Stagioni Del Commissario Ricciardi* (Tzadik)
 Brian Charette - *Borderline* (SteepleChase) • **The Claudia Quintet** - *September* (Cuneiform) • **Kris Davis** - *Massive Threads* (Thirsty Ear) • **De Beren Gieren** - *A Raveling* (El Negocito) • **Die Enttäuschung** - *Vier Halbe* (Intakt) • **Mark Dresser Quintet** - *Nourishments* (Clean Feed)
 Michel Edelin *Quartet* - *Resurgence* (RogueArt) • **Amir ElSaffar** - *Alchemy* (Pi) • **Endangered Blood** - *Work Your Magic* (Skirl) • **The Engines** - *Other Violets (w/John Tchicai)* (Not Two) • **Eillery Eskelin** - *Trio New York II* (Prime Source) • **Peter Evans** - *Zebulon Trio* (More Is More)
 Joe Fiedler *Big Sackbut* - *Sackbut Stomp* (featuring Steven Bernstein) (Multiphonics) • **Erik Friedlander/Ikuo Mori/Sylvie Courvoisier** - *Claws & Wings* (SkipStone) • **The Fringe** - *40 Years on the Fringe* (Stunt) • **Ben Goldberg** - *Subatomic Particle Homesick Blues* (BAG) • **Gordon Grdina/Mark Helias** - *No Difference* (Songlines)
 Iro Haarla *Sextet* - *Kolibri* (TUM) • **Dane T'S Hawk & His Cop Jazz Festsemble** - *Hear We Go* (Barefoot) • **John Hébert Trio** - *Floodstage* (Clean Feed) • **Gilbert Holmström New Quintet** - *Tiden Är Kort* (Moserobie) • **Jon Irabagon/Hernani Faustino/Gabriel Ferrandini** - *Absolute Zero* (Not Two)
 Ethan Iverson/Lee Konitz/Larry Grenadier/Jorge Rossy - *Costumes Are Mandatory* (HighNote) • **Bo Jacobsen** - *Free Spirit* (Embla Music) • **Kirk Knuffke** - *Chorale* (SteepleChase) • **Karin Krog/Morten Gunnar Larsen** - *In A Rag Bag* (Meantime) • **Adam Lane Trio** - *Absolute Horizon* (NoBusiness)
 Yusef Lateef/Roscoe Mitchell/Adam Rudolph/Douglas R. Ewart - *Voice Prints* (Meta) • **Shih-Yang Lee/Fred Van Hove** - *Galactic Alignment* (Jazzhus Disk-Kandala) • **Joe Lovano Us Five** - *Cross Culture* (Blue Note) • **Steven Lugerner** - *For We Have Heard* (NoBusiness-Primary) • **Måak** - *Buenaventura* (W.E.R.F.)
 Harold Mabern - *Live at Smalls* (smallsLIVE) • **Peter Madsen** - *Soul of the Underground* (with Alfred Vogel) (Playscape) • **Rudresh Mahanthappa** - *Gamak* (ACTMusic) • **Billy Martin's Wicked Knee** - *Heels Over Head* (Amulet) • **Rob Mazurek Octet** - *Skull Sessions* (Cuneiform)
 Pete McGuinness - *Voice Like a Horn* (Summit) • **Pat Metheny** - *Tap: John Zorn's Book of Angels, Vol. 20* (Nonesuch/Tzadik) • **Ruth Wilhelmine Meyer/Helge Lien** - *Memnon* (Ozella Music) • **Mikrokolektyw** - *Absent Minded* (Delmark) • **Nicole Mitchell** - *Engraved in the Wind* (RogueArt)
 Roscoe Mitchell - *Duets* (Wide Hive) • **Mostly Other People Do the Killing** - *Slippery Rock!* (Hot Cup) • **Youn Sun Nah** - *Lento* (ACT Music) • **The Necks** - *Open* (Northern-Spy) • **Scott Neumann/NEU3 Trio** - *Blessed* (Origin) • **Aruán Ortiz/Michael Janisch Quintet** - *Banned in London* (Whirlwind)
 Mario Pavone - *Arc Trio* (Playscape) • **Gregory Porter** - *Liquid Spirit* (Blue Note) • **RED Trio** - *Rebento* (NoBusiness) • **Reut Regev's R*Time** - *exploRing the vibe* (Enja) • **Rempis Percussion Quartet** - *Phalanx* (Aerophonic) • **Eric Revis** - *City of Asylum* (feat. Kris Davis and Andrew Cyrille) (Clean Feed)
 Howard Riley - *Live with Repertoire* (NoBusiness) • **Stephen Riley** - *Lover* (SteepleChase) • **Scott Robinson** - *Creative Music for 3 Bass Saxophones* (ScienSonic) • **Rocket Science** - *Eponymous* (More is More) • **Roswell Rudd** - *Trombone For Lovers* (Sunnyside) • **Samo Salamon Quartets** - *Stretching Out* (Samo)
 Angelica Sanchez/Wadada Leo Smith - *Twine Forest* (Clean Feed) • **Irène Schweizer/Pierre Favre** - *Live in Zürich* (Intakt) • **Elliott Sharp Aggregat** - *Quintet* (Clean Feed) • **Matthew Shipp** - *Piano Sutras* (Thirsty Ear) • **Sifter** - *Eponymous* (Relative Pitch)
 Edward Simon - *Trio Live* (Sunnyside) • **Slavic Soul Party** - *New York Underground Tapes* (Barbès) • **Dr. Lonnie Smith Octet** - *In The Beginning, Volumes 1 & 2* (Pilgrimage Prod.) • **Mark Solborg Trio** - *The Trees* (feat. Herb Robertson & Evan Parker) (ILK Music) • **Jürg Solothurnmann & Next** - *Molto Subito* (Unit)
 Günter Baby Sommer - *Dedications* - *Hörmusik IV* (Intakt) • **Skúli Sverrisson/Oskar Guðjónsson** - *The Box Tree* (Mengi) • **The Thing** - *Boot!* (The Thing-Trost) • **Kasper Tom 5** - *Ost Bingo Skruer* (Barefoot) • **Trio 3 + Jason Moran** - *Refraction* - *Breakin' Glass* (Intakt)
 François Tusques - *L'Étang Change* (mais les poissons sont toujours là) (Improvising Beings) • **Ken Vandermark/The Resonance Ensemble** - *Head Above Water/Feet Out Of The Fire* (Not Two) • **Neil Welch** - *Twelve Tiny Explosions* (Table & Chairs) • **Frank Wess** - *Magic 101* (IPO)
 Randy Weston/Billy Harper - *The Roots of the Blues* (Sunnyside) • **Nate Wooley Sextet** - *(Sit In) The Throne of Friendship* (Clean Feed) • **Nate Wooley/Seymour Wright** - *About Trumpet and Saxophone* (Fataka) • **Miguel Zenón & The Rhythm Collective** - *Oye!!!* (Live in Puerto Rico) (Miel Music)