

## 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 – *Mbókò: Sacred Music for Piano, Two Basses, Drum Set and Biankoméko Abakuá* (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* (Fremaux & Associes)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 CUIPIJÓ 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 Stops 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 SCHAEERER'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 &amp; 4 –

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

## HONORABLE MENTIONS

Juhani Aaltonen – *To Future Memories* (TUM) • Jason Ajemian/Tony Malaby/Rob Mazurek/Chad Taylor – *A Way A Land of Life* (NoBus)

Piero Bittolo Bon's Lacus Amoenus (feat. Peter Evans) – *The Sauna Session* (Long Song) • Black Top – *#One* (with special guest Steve Will)

Michael Blake – *Tiddy Boom* (Sunnyside) • Paul Bley – *Plays Blue* (Oslo Concert) (ECM) • Itamar Borochoy Quartet – *Outset* (Realbird)

George Cables – *Icons & Influences* (HighNote) • Michael Carvin – *Flash Forward* (Motéma Music) • Philip Catherine/Martin Wind – *New Folk*

François Courneloup – *Noir Lumière* (Innacor) • Jeremiah Cymerman/Nate Wooley/Evan Parker – *World of Objects* (5049 Records) • Nils Daviden –

Double Trio De Clarinettes – *Itinéraire Bis* (Between The Lines) • East-West Collective – *Humeurs* (Rogue Art) • John Edwards/Mark Sanders/John Till

Farmers By Nature – *Love and Ghosts* (AUM Fidelity) • Agustí Fernández/Barry Guy/Ramón López – *A Moment's Liberty* (Maya)

Tomas Fujiwara Trio – *Variable Bets* (Relative Pitch) • Georg Graewe – *Stills & Stories* (Random Acoustics) • Frank Gratkowski/Achim Kaufmann/Wi

Mary Halvorson/Michael Formanek/Tomas Fujiwara – *Thumbscrew* (Cuneiform) • Billy Hart Quartet – *One Is The Other* (ECM) • Alexander

Ibrahim Electric – *Rumours From Outer Space* (ILK Music) • Ideal Bread – *Beating The Teens: Songs of Steve Lacy* (Cuneiform) • In

Achim Kaufmann/Robert Landfermann/Christian Lillinger – *Grünen: Pith & Twig* (Clean Feed) • Kirk Knuffke/Jesse Stacken – *Five* (SteepleChase) •

John La Barbera Big Band – *Caravan* (Jazz Compass) • Ingrid Laubrock Octet – *Zürich Concert* (Intakt) • Azar Lawrence – *The Seeker* (Sunn

Led Bib – *The People In Your Neighbourhood* (Cuneiform) • Wadada Leo Smith/Bill Laswell – *The Stone: Akashic Meditation* (MOD)

Harold Mabern – *Right on Time* (Smoke Sessions) • Made To Break – *Cherchez La Femme* (Trost) • Branford Marsalis – *In My Solitude* (Live at Grace

Matt Nelson – *Lower Bottoms* (Tubapede) • Mario Pavone – *Street Songs* (Playscape) • Ralph Peterson Fo'tet Augmented – *ALIVE at Firehouse 12, Vol.*

Tom Rainey – *Obbligato* (Intakt) • Adrian Raso/Fanfare Ciocărlia – *Devil's Tale* (Asphalt Tango) • Red Trio/Mattias Stahl – *North and The Red*

Dave Rempis/Joshua Abrams/Avreeayl Ra – *Aphelion* (Aerophonic) • Alex Riel/Stefan Pasborg – *Drum Faces* (Stunt) • Jason Roebke

Catherine Russell – *Bring It Back* (Jazz Village) • John Russell/Ståle Liavik Solberg – *No Step* (Hispid) • Akira Sakata/Giovanni

Jim Self/Hollywood 12 – *'Tis the Season Tuba Jolly!* (Basset Hound Music) • Matthew Shipp Trio – *Root of Things* (Relative Pite

Marianne Solivan – *Spark* (Hipnotic) • Sound & Fury – *Pulsacion* (Ektro) • Chris Speed Trio – *Really OK* (Skirl) • Vinnie Sperrazz

Tarbaby (with Oliver Lake & Marc Ducret) – *Fanon* (Rogue Art) • Trio 3 + Vijay Iyer – *Wiring* (Intakt) • Mark Turner Quartet – *Lathe of Heaven* (ECM)