

ALBUMS OF THE YEAR

REZ ABBASI ACOUSTIC QUARTET—*Intentions and Purposes* (Enja)
 STEVE COLEMAN AND THE COUNCIL OF BALANCE—*Synovial Joints* (Pi)
 VIJAY IYER TRIO—*Break Stuff* (ECM)
 JULIAN LAGE—*World's Fair* (Modern Lore)
 CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE TRIO—*Live at the Village Vanguard* (Mack Avenue)
 RUDRESH MAHANTHAPPA—*Bird Calls* (ACT)
 MYRA MELFORD—*Snowy Egret* (Enja)
 MATT MITCHELL—*Vista Accumulation* (Pi)
 MARIA SCHNEIDER ORCHESTRA—*The Thompson Fields* (ArtistShare)
 RYAN TRUESDELL'S GIL EVANS PROJECT—*Lines of Color: Live at Jazz Standard* (Blue Note/ArtistShare)

-David R. Adler

HOWARD ALDEN—*Guitar Solo* (K2B2)
 DAVID CHESKY JAZZ IN THE NEW HARMONIC—*Primal Scream* (Chesky)
 JACK DEJOHNETTE—*Made in Chicago* (ECM)
 SCOTT DUBOIS—*Winter Light* (ACT)
 MARY HALVORSON—*Meltframe* (Firehouse 12)
 LE POT—*Hera* (Everest)
 CHARLES LLOYD—*Wild Man Dance* (Blue Note)
 LARRY OCHS—*The Fictive Five* (Tzadik)
 MATTHEW SHIPP TRIO—*The Conduct of Jazz* (Thirsty Ear)
 KAMASI WASHINGTON—*The Epic* (Brainfeeder)

-Laurence Donohue-Greene

STANLEY COWELL—*Juneteenth* (Piano Solo) (Vision Fugitive)
 JACK DEJOHNETTE—*Made in Chicago* (ECM)
 ANDREW DRURY—*Content Provider* (Soup and Sound)
 FREE NELSON MANDOOMJAZZ—*Awakening of a Capital* (RareNoise)
 JACOB GARCHIK—*ye Olde* (s/r)
 MARY HALVORSON—*Meltframe* (Firehouse 12)
 KONSTRUKT—*Live at Tarcento Jazz* (Holidays)
 PULVERIZE THE SOUND—*Eponymous* (Relative Pitch)
 MIKE REED'S PEOPLE PLACES & THINGS—*A New Kind of Dance* (482 Music)
 JOHN ZORN—*The True Discoveries of Witches and Demons* (Tzadik)

-Andrey Henkin

UNEARTHED GEMS

MILES DAVIS—*Miles Davis at Newport 1955-1975: The Bootleg Series, Vol. 4* (Columbia-Legacy)
 BENGT NORDSTRÖM, SVEN-ÅKE JOHANSSON, ALEXANDER VON SCHLIPPENBACH—*Stockholm Connection* (Umlaut)
 MIKE OSBORNE—*Dawn* (Cuneiform)
 HOWARD RILEY/JAKI BYARD—*R&B* (SLAM)
 LUCKY THOMPSON & BARNEY WILEN—*Four Brothers* (Sonorama)

LARGE ENSEMBLE RELEASES

STEVE COLEMAN AND THE COUNCIL OF BALANCE—*Synovial Joints* (Pi)
 JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA—*Live in Cuba* (Blue Engine)
 ARTURO O'FARRILL & THE AFRO-LATIN JAZZ ORCHESTRA—*Cuba: The Conversation Continues* (Motéma)
 ADAM RUDOLPH/GO: ORGANIC GUITAR ORCHESTRA—*Turning Towards The Light* (Cuneiform)
 KAMASI WASHINGTON—*The Epic* (Brainfeeder)

LATIN RELEASES

GABRIEL ALÉGRIA AFRO-PERUVIAN SEXTET—*10* (ZOH0)
 CARLOS HENRIQUEZ—*The Bronx Pyramid* (Blue Engine)
 ARTURO O'FARRILL & THE AFRO-LATIN JAZZ ORCHESTRA—*Cuba: The Conversation Continues* (Motéma)
 CHUCHO VALDÉS—*Tribute to Irakere* (Live in Marciac) (Jazz Village)
 PAPO VAZQUEZ MIGHTY PIRATES TROUBADOURS—*Spirit Warrior* (Picaro)

ORIGINAL ALBUM ARTWORK

TOM BLANCARTE/PETER EVANS/ LOUISE DAM ECKARDT JENSEN/DAN PECK—*The Gauntlet of Mehen* (Destiny Records)
 JOHN ELLIS & DOUBLE-WIDE—*Charm* (Parade Light)
 BÉLA SZAKCSI LAKATOS/TIM RIES/ROBERT HURST/ RUDY ROYSTON—*Climate Change* (BMC)
 SCOTT ROBINSON SPACETETTE—*Mission in Space* (Sciensonic Laboratories)
 SLOBBER PUP—*Pole Axe* (RareNoise)

REISSUES

KENNY BARRON—*At the Piano* (Xanadu-Elemental)
 JOHN COLTRANE—*A Love Supreme: The Complete Masters* (Impulse!/Verve)
 FREE JAZZ GROUP WIESBADEN—*Frictions/Frictions Now* (LST-NoBusiness)
 ERROLL GARNER—*The Complete Concert By The Sea* (Columbia-Legacy)
 LAST EXIT—*Iron Path* (Virgin-ESP-Disk')

BOXED SETS

JOE CASTRO—*Lush Life* (Clover-Sunnyside)
 OSCAR PETERSON—*Exclusively For My Friends* (MPS)
 VARIOUS ARTISTS—*3 Nights at Café Oto* (Matchless)
 VARIOUS ARTISTS—*The Complete Dial Modern Jazz Sessions* (Dial-Mosaic)
 VARIOUS ARTISTS—*Turtle Records: Pioneering British Jazz 1970-1971* (Turtle - Cherry/RMP)

VOCAL RELEASES

DUCHESS—*Eponymous* (Anzic)
 CÉCILE MCLORIN SALVANT—*For One to Love* (Mack Avenue)
 JEN SHYU & JADE TONGUE—*Sounds and Cries of the World* (Pi)
 MARY STALLINGS—*Feelin' Good* (HighNote)
 CASSANDRA WILSON—*Coming Forth By Day* (Legacy)

DEBUTS

BANDA DE LOS MUERTOS—*Eponymous* (Barbès)
 JACKSON HARDAKER—*Watering Can* (s/r)
 METTE HENRIETTE—*Eponymous* (ECM)
 BOBBY KAPP—*Themes 4 Transmutation* (s/r)
 KAMASI WASHINGTON—*The Epic* (Brainfeeder)

TRIBUTES

STEFAN PASBORG—*The Firebirds* (ILK Music)
 MATTHEW SHIPP TRIO—*To Duke* (Rogue Art)
 CHARENÉE WADE—*Offering: The Music of Gil Scott-Heron and Brian Jackson* (Motéma)
 CASSANDRA WILSON—*Coming Forth By Day* (Legacy)
 NATE WOOLEY QUINTET—*Dance To* The Early Music (Clean Feed)

CONCERTS OF THE YEAR

VIJAY IYER/LIBERTY ELLMAN/ REGGIE WORKMAN/TYSHAWN SOREY
 The Stone, January 22nd
 CHARLES LLOYD NEW QUARTET
 Jason Moran, Reuben Rogers, Eric Harland
 Village Vanguard, March 15th
 CHARLES LLOYD
 Jason Moran, Joe Sanders, Eric Harland, Sokratis Sinopoulos, Miklós Lukács
 Metropolitan Museum of Art Temple of Dendur, April 18th
 MUHAL RICHARD ABRAMS/ROSCOE MITCHELL/ GEORGE LEWIS
 AACM50: Bohemian National Hall, April 29th
 MATTHEW SHIPP/MICHAEL BISIO
 Zürcher Gallery, May 27th
 NASHEET WAITS EQUALITY
 Darius Jones, Aruán Ortiz, Mark Helias
 Cornelia Street Café, June 13th
 DARIUS JONES QUARTET
 Sean Conly, Pascal Niggenkemper, Gerald Cleaver
 Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church, October 13th
 WADADA LEO SMITH SEXTET
 Bobby Naughton, Yuko Fujiyama, Brad Jones, Reggie Nicholson, Thurman Barker
 AACM50: Community Church of New York, October 16th
 GEORGE LEWIS IMPROMPTUS
 Thurman Barker, Eli Fountain, Tyshawn Sorey
 AACM50: Community Church of New York, October 23rd
 THE TURBINE!
 Harrison Bankhead, Benjamin Duboc, Ramón López, Hamid Drake and guest Steve Swell
 Zürcher Gallery, November 17th
 -Laurence Donohue-Greene

TROKER

"El Tiburón" Santillanes, Samo González, Gil Cervantes, Frankie Mares, Christian Jimenez, DJ Zero
 Winter Jazz Fest, Bowery Electric, January 10th

CHARLES LLOYD NEW QUARTET
 Jason Moran, Reuben Rogers, Eric Harland
 Village Vanguard, March 15th

JULIAN LAGE TRIO
 Scott Colley, Eric Harland
 Jazz Standard, April 15th

LARRY OCHS/NELS CLINE/GERALD CLEAVER
 JACK, May 26th

JACOB GARCHIK'S YE OLDE
 Mary Halvorson, Brandon Seabrook, Jonathan Goldberger, Vinnie Sperrazza
 Joe's Pub, July 20th

LETIERES LEITE AND ORKESTRA RUMPILEZZ WITH GUESTS ARTURO O'FARRILL, STEVEN BERNSTEIN
 Damrosch Park, July 30th

PHILM

Dave Lombardo, Gerry Nestler, Pancho Tomaselli
 The Stone, August 3rd

THE THING

Mats Gustafsson, Ingebrigt Håker Flaten, Paal Nilssen-Love
 Roulette, September 29th

STEVE WILSON/LEWIS NASH
 Jazz at Kitano, October 10th

NONOKO YOSHIDA SOLO
 The Stone, November 11th

-Andrey Henkin

VENUES OF THE YEAR

JACK (Fort Greene)
 THE JAZZ GALLERY (NoMad)
 ROULETTE (Boerum Hill)
 THE STONE (Alphabet City)
 VILLAGE VANGUARD (West Village)

HONORABLE MENTIONS—NEW RELEASES

Admiral Awesome—*Makeout Music for Modern Lovers* (Gateway Music) • All Included—*Satan in Plain Clothes* (Clean Feed) • Barry Altschul's 3Dom Factor—*Tales of the Unforeseen* (TUM) • AMM—*Place sub. v.* (Matchless) • AMM—*Spanish Fighters* (Matchless)
 Fred Anderson—*Quintessential Birthday Trio, Vol. II* (Asian Improv) • Richard Anderson—*Splitting up in Boston* (Hobby Horse) • Atomic—*Lucidity* (Jazzland) • The Bad Plus/Joshua Redman—*Eponymous* (Nonesuch) • Michael Bates—*Northern Spy* (Stereoscopic)
 Tim Berne's Snakeoil—*You've Been Watching Me* (ECM) • Andrew Bishop—*De Profundis* (Envoi) • Raoul Björkenheim eCsTaSy—*Out of The Blue* (Cuneiform) • Ran Blake—*Cocktails at Dusk* (A Noir Tribute to Chris Connor) (Impulse!) • Samuel Blaser Quartet—*Spring Rain* (Whirlwind)
 James Brandon Lewis—*Days of FreeMan* (OKeh) • Rodriguez Brothers—*Impromptu* (Criss Cross) • Jean-Luc Cappozzo/Douglas R. Ewart/Joëlle Leandre/Bernard Santacruz/Michael Zerang—*Sonic Communion* (The Bridge Sessions) • Chicago Reed Quartet—*Western Automatic* (Aerophonic)
 Larry Coryell—*Heavy Feel* (Wide Hive) • Marilyn Crispell/Gerry Hemingway—*Table of Changes* (Intakt) • Steve Cromity—*All My Tomorrows* (Cromcake) • Actis Dato Quartet—*Earth is the Place* (Leo) • De Beren Gieren—*One Mirrors Many* (Clean Feed)
 Patrick Defosseze/Anne-Gabriel Debaecker—*Quatre = Onze ==(7)* (Neos) • Benoît Delbecq 3—*Ink* (Clean Feed) • Aaron Diehl—*Space Time Continuum* (Mack Avenue) • Mike DiRubbo—*Threshold* (Ksanti) • Dave Douglas—*Brazen Heart* (Greenleaf)
 Kaja Draksler/Susana Santos Silva—*This Love* (Clean Feed) • Paul Dunmall/Tony Bianco—*Homage to John Coltrane* (SLAM) • Harris Eisenstadt—*Canada Day IV* (Songlines) • Liberty Ellman—*Radiate* (Pi) • Ellery Eskelin—*Solo Live at Snugs* (hatOLOGY)
 Oran Etkin—*What's New: Reimagining Benny Goodman* (Motéma) • Charles Evans—*On Beauty* (More is More) • Orrin Evans—*The Evolution of Oneself* (Smoke Sessions) • James Falzone/The Renga Ensemble—*The Room Is* (Allos Documents) • Chico Freeman/Heiri Känzig—*The Arrival* (Intakt)
 Erik Friedlander—*Illuminations* (Skipstone) • Erik Friedlander—*Oscalypto* (Tribute to Oscar Pettiford) (Skipstone) • Satoko Fujii Tobira—*Yamiyo Ni Karasu* (Libra) • Rich Halley—*Creating Structure* (Pine Eagle) • Scott Hamilton—*Plays Jule Styne* (Blue Duchess) • Alexander Hawkins—*Trio* (s/r)
 Albert "Tootie" Heath Trio—*Philadelphia Beat* (Sunnyside) • Thomas Heberer/Pascal Niggenkemper—*Miner's Pick* (FMR) • Mark Helias Open Loose—*The Signal Maker* (Intakt) • Eddie Henderson—*Collective Portrait* (Smoke Sessions) • Hoodoo Magic—*Blues & Roots* (Clean Feed)
 Paul Hubweber/Frank Paul Schubert/Alexander von Schlippenbach/Clayton Thomas/Willi Kellers—*Intricacies* (NoBusiness) • Dick Hyman—*House of Pianos* (Arbors) • Abdullah Ibrahim—*The Song Is My Story* (Sunnyside) • Mikko Innanen—*Song For A New Decade* (TUM) • Ochion Jewell—*VOLK* (s/r)
 Darius Jones Quartet—*Le Bébé de Brigitte* (Lost in Translation) (AUM Fidelity) • Jessica Jones Quartet—*Moxie* (New Artists) • Kirk Knuffke—*Arms & Hands* (Royal Potato Family) • John Korsrud's Hard Rubber Orchestra—*Crush* (s/r) • Pierre Labbé Sextet—*Tromper Eustache* (Effendi)
 The Ladybugs—*Eponymous* (s/r) • Ingrid Laubrock—*Ubatuba* (Firehouse 12) • Le Rex—*Wild Man* (Cuneiform) • Liberty Ship—*The Wide Open Suite & Noises at Sea* (Eclipse) • John Lindberg/Anil Eraslan—*Juggling Kukla* (NoBusiness) • London, Meader, Pramuk & Ross—*The Royal Bopsters Project* (Motéma)
 Russ Lossing—*Eclipse* (Aqua Piazza) • Joe Lovano/Dave Douglas Sound Prints—*Live at Monterey Jazz Festival* (Blue Note) • Megalodon Collective—*Megalodon* (Gigafon) • Livio Minafra/Louis Moholo-Moholo—*Born Free* (Egea) • Nicole Mitchell/Tomeka Reid/Mike Reed—*Artifacts* (482 Music)
 Mostly Other People Do the Killing—*Mauch Chunk* (Hot Cup) • The Necks—*Vertigo* (Northern-Spy) • Mike Nock/Roger Manins—*Two - Out* (FWM) • Evan Parker/Peter Jacquemyn—*Marsyas Suite* (El Negocito) • Mario Pavone—*Blue Dialect* (Clean Feed) • Gary Peacock Trio—*Now This* (ECM)
 Eric Person—*Duoscope* (Distinction) • Plattform—*Anthropocene* (Va Fangool) • Rara Avis—*Eponymous* (Not Two) • Rempis Percussion Quartet—*Cash and Carry* (Aerophonic) • Simon Rose/Stefan Schultze—*The Ten Thousand Things* (Red Toucan)
 John Russell/Steve Beresford/John Edwards/Ståle Liavik Solberg—*Will It Float?* (Va Fongool) • Christian Sands/Thomas Fønnesbæk/Alex Riel—*Take One* (Storyville) • Schlippenbach Trio—*Features* (Intakt) • Christophe Schweizer's Young Rich & Famous—*Grand Grace* (Between The Lines)
 Irène Schweizer/Han Bennink—*Welcome Back* (Intakt) • Secret Keeper—*Emerge* (Intakt) • Sonny Simmons/Moksha Samnyasin—*Nomadic* (Svart) • Spinifex—*Maximus* (TryTone) • Steve Swell's Kende Dreams—*Hommage a Bartók* (Silkheart) • The Thing—*Shake* (Trost)
 Tiziano Tononi/Awake Nu Quartet—*The (CherryCo)mpany* (Nu Bop) • Gebhard Ullmann Basement Research—*Hat And Shoes* (Between The Lines) • The Uppercut | Matthew Shipp/Mat Walerian—*Live at Okuden* (ESP-Disk') • Steve Wilson & Wilsonian's Grain—*Live in New York: The Vanguard Sessions* (Random Act)
 Nate Wooley/Dave Rempis/Pascal Niggenkemper/Chris Corsano—*From Wolves to Whales* (Aerophonic) • Nate Wooley/Ken Vandermark—*East by Northwest* (Pleasure of the Text/Audiographic) • Yells at Eels—*In Quiet Waters* (For Tune) • Torbjörn Zetterberg & Den Stora Frågan—*Om Liv & Dod* (Moserobie)