

ALBUMS OF THE YEAR

ANTHONY BRAXTON—*Solo (Victoriaville) 2017* (Victo)
 PHILIPP GERSCHLAEUER/DAVID FIUCZYNSKI—*Mikrojazz: Neue Expressionistische Musik* (RareNoise)
 CHARLES LLOYD NEW QUARTET—*Passin' Thru* (Blue Note)
 THE NECKS—*Unfold* (Ideological Organ)
 SAM NEWSOME/JEAN-MICHEL PILC—*Magic Circle* (Some New Music)
 ARUÁN ORTIZ—*Cub(an)ism* (Intakt)
 WADADA LEO SMITH—*Solo: Reflections and Meditations on Monk* (TUM)
 GÜNTER "BABY" SOMMER—*Le Piccole Cose (Live at Theater Gütersloh)* (Intuition)
 TYSHAWN SOREY—*Verisimilitude* (Pi)
 GEBHARD ULLMANN/OLIVER POTRATZ/ERIC SCHAEFER—*Das Kondensat* (WhyPlayJazz)
 -Laurence Donohue-Greene

JAIMIE BRANCH—*Fly or Die* (International Anthem)
 JOANA GAMA/LUÍS FERNANDES/RICARDO JACINTO—*Harmonies* (Clean Feed)
 MADE TO BREAK—*Trébuchet* (Trost)
 MATT MITCHELL—*forage* (Screwgun)
 REFLECTIONS IN COSMO—*Eponymous* (RareNoise)
 TOMMY SMITH—*Embodying the Light* (Spartacus)
 GEBHARD ULLMANN/OLIVER POTRATZ/ERIC SCHAEFER—*Das Kondensat* (WhyPlayJazz)
 PAUL VAN GYSEGEM/CHRIS JORIS/PATRICK DE GROOTE—*Boundless* (El Negocito)
 VARIOUS ARTISTS—*Sky Music: A Tribute to Terje Rypdal* (Rune Grammofoon)
 MARS WILLIAMS—*An Ayler Xmas* (Soul What)
 -Andrey Henkin

MUSICIANS OF THE YEAR

JOHN McLAUGHLIN (guitar)
 MATT MITCHELL (piano)
 ROSCOE MITCHELL (reeds)
 THELONIOUS MONK (piano)
 TYSHAWN SOREY (drums)

CONCERTS OF THE YEAR

BILL CHARLAP WITH CAROL SLOANE
 January 11th, Jazz Standard

REGGIE NICHOLSON BRASS CONCEPT
Vincent Chancey, Nabate Isles, Jose Davila, Stafford Hunter
 February 4th, Sistas' Place

ED NEUMEISTER SOLO
 February 7th, Zürcher Gallery

SPANISH FLY
Steven Bernstein, Marcus Rojas, David Tronzo
 March 2nd, The Stone

NATE WOOLEY/KEN VANDERMARK
 May 16th, Issue Project Room

RAOUL BJÖRKENHEIM/JOE FONDA/GERALD CLEAVER
 June 5th, Zürcher Gallery

BROOKLYN RAGA MASSIVE
Marc Cary, Brandee Younger, Sameer Gupta, Jay Gandhi, Neel Murgai, Arun Ramamurthy, Trina Basu, Pawan Benjamin, Amali Premawardhana, Michael Gam and guest Nicholas Payton
 June 23rd, BRIC Celebrate Brooklyn! Festival, Prospect Park Bandshell

THE EARREGULARS FEATURING BRIANNA THOMAS
Jon-Erik Kells, John Allred, Matt Munisteri, Sean Cronin
 September 23rd, New York Hot Jazz Festival, McKittrick Hotel

CHICO FREEMAN PLUS+TET
Anthony Wonsey, Gust Tsilis, Kenny Davis, Billy Hart
 October 19th, Village Vanguard

SCOTT ROBINSON HELIOTONES
Philip Harper, Frank Lacy, Gary Versace, Pat O'Leary, Matt Wilson and guest Frank Kimbrough
 October 31st, Jazz Standard

-Laurence Donohue-Greene

VENUES OF THE YEAR

ISSUE PROJECT ROOM (Downtown Brooklyn)
 JAZZ STANDARD (Gramercy)
 THE STONE AT THE NEW SCHOOL (West Village)
 VILLAGE VANGUARD (West Village)
 ZÜRCHER GALLERY (East Village)

LABELS OF THE YEAR

DARCY JAMES ARGUE'S SECRET SOCIETY
Dave Pietro, Rob Wilkerson, Chris Speed, John Ellis, Carl Maraghi, Seneca Black, Jonathan Powell, Matt Holman, Nadje Noordhuis, Ingrid Jensen, Mike Fahie, Ryan Keberle, Jacob Garchik, George Flynn, Sebastian Noelle, Carmen Staaf, Matt Clohesy, Jon Wikan
 January 6th, Winter Jazzfest, SubCulture

MIN XIAO-FEN/SATOSHI TAKEISHI
 February 4th, Brooklyn Conservatory of Music

INSPIRED—CELEBRATING JIM HALL
John Abercrombie, Peter Bernstein, Lage Lund, Ralle Micic
 May 22nd, Blue Note

BRIAN MARSELLA TRIO
Trevor Dunn, Kenny Wollesen
 June 5th, The Stone

BENNY GOLSON AND JIMMY HEATH
Jeremy Pelt, Bill Charlap, David Wong, Kenny Washington
 July 19th, 92nd Street Y's Jazz in July

SEXMOB WITH GUESTS JOHN MEDESKI, NELS CLINE
Steven Bernstein, Briggan Krauss, Tony Scherr, Kenny Wollesen
 August 9th, City Winery

HUDSON
John Scofield, John Medeski, Larry Grenadier, Jack DeJohnette
 October 7th, Jazz at Lincoln Center's Rose Theater

JOHN McLAUGHLIN AND JIMMY HERRING
Gary Husband, Jason Crosby, Matt Slocum, Etienne M'Bappe, Kevin Scott, Jeff Sipe, Ranjit Barot
 November 3rd, Town Hall

TODD CAPP CLARINET CHOIR
Sylvaan Kassap, Guillermo Gregorio, Patrick Holmes, Michael Lytle
 November 19th, Downtown Music Gallery

DANILO PÉREZ PANAMONK
Ben Street, Terri Lyne Carrington
 November 30th, Jazz Standard

-Andrey Henkin

LABELS OF THE YEAR

BLUE NOTE (bluenote.net)
 CLEAN FEED (cleanfeed-records.com)
 ECM (ecmrecords.com)
 INTAKT (intaktrec.ch)
 PI (pirecordings.com)

UNEARTHED GEMS

ELLA FITZGERALD—*Ella at Zardi's* (Verve)
 TUBBY HAYES QUINTET—*Modes and Blues* (8th February 1964): *Live at Ronnie Scott's* (Gearbox)
 STEVE LACY—*Free For A Minute* (Emanem)
 THELONIOUS MONK—*Les Liaisons Dangereuses 1960* (Sam/Saga)
 TON-KLAMI (MIDORI TAKADA/KANG TAE HWAN/MASAHIKO SATOH)—*Prophecy of Nue* (NoBusiness)

LATIN RELEASES

MICHEL CAMILO—*Live in London* (Redondo Music)
 CURTIS BROTHERS QUARTET—*Szyggy* (Truth Revolution)
 ARTURO O'FARRIL/CHUCHO VALDES—*Familia* (Tribute to Bebo + Chico) (Motéma Music)
 CHARLIE SEPULVEDA & THE TURNAROUND—*Mr. EP: A Tribute to Eddie Palmieri* (HighNote)
 DAVID VIRELLES—*Gnosis* (ECM)

VOCAL RELEASES

DOMINIQUE EADE & RAN BLAKE—*Town and Country* (Sunnyside)
 JAZZMEIA HORN—*A Social Call* (Prestige)
 LILLY (FEAT. GILAD HEKSELMAN)—*Tenderly* (Gateway Music)
 CÉCILE McLORIN SALVANT—*Dreams and Daggars* (Mack Avenue)
 ERIC MINGUS/DAVID AMRAM/LARRY SIMON/GROOVE BACTERIA—*Langston Hughes: The Dream Keeper* (Mode Avant)

LIVE ALBUMS

ANTHONY BRAXTON—*Solo (Victoriaville) 2017* (Victo)
 JOHN McLAUGHLIN & THE 4TH DIMENSION—*Live at Ronnie Scott's* (Abstract Logix)
 EVE RISSER/BENJAMIN DUBOC/EDWARD PERRAUD—*En Corps Generation* (Dark Tree)
 MARTIAL SOLAL/DAVE LIEBMAN—*Masters in Bordeaux* (Sunnyside)
 GÜNTER "BABY" SOMMER—*Le Piccole Cose (Live at Theater Gütersloh)* (Intuition)

MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES OF THE YEAR

BOXED SETS

WILLEM BREUKER KOLLEKTIEF—*Out of the Box* (BvHaast)
 ORNETTE COLEMAN—*Celebrate Ornette* (Song X)
 WILD BILL DAVISON—*The Danish Sessions: 1973-1978* (Storyville)
 ELLA FITZGERALD—*Sings the George & Ira Gershwin Songbooks* (Verve)
 SVEN-ÅKE JOHANSSON—*Blue for a Moment* (Ni-Vu-Ni-Connu)

LARGE ENSEMBLE RELEASES

ANGLES 9—*Disappeared behind the sun* (Clean Feed)
 HARRIS EISENSTADT—*Recent Developments* (Songlines)
 SATOKO FUJII ORCHESTRA TOKYO—*Peace* (Libra)
 JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA—*Handful of Keys* (Blue Engine)
 ROSCOE MITCHELL—*Bells for the South Side* (ECM)

ORIGINAL ALBUM ARTWORK

MICHAEL BLAKE—*Red Hook Soul* (Ropeadope)
 JAIMIE BRANCH—*Fly or Die* (International Anthem)
 THE HELIOSONIC TONE-TETTE—*Heliosonic Toneways, Vol. 1* (ScienSonic)
 KASPER TRANBERG/PETER DANSTRUP/MARILYN MAZUR—*Damaztra: Flag of Time* (ILK Music)
 TRIO KONTRASZT—*From Dyonisian Sound Sparks To The Silence Of Passing* (BMC)

SOLO RECORDINGS

ANTHONY BRAXTON—*Solo (Victoriaville) 2017* (Victo)
 MATT MITCHELL—*forage* (Screwgun)
 SAM NEWSOME—*Sopranoville* (s/r)
 ARUÁN ORTIZ—*Cub(an)ism* (Intakt)
 WADADA LEO SMITH—*Solo: Reflections and Meditations on Monk* (TUM)

TRIBUTES

TONY ALLEN—*A Tribute to Art Blakey and The Jazz Messengers* (Blue Note)
 KIRK KNUFFKE—*Cherryco* (SteepleChase)
 WADADA LEO SMITH—*Solo: Reflections and Meditations on Monk* (TUM)
 VARIOUS ARTISTS—*Sky Music: A Tribute to Terje Rypdal* (Rune Grammofoon)
 MARS WILLIAMS—*An Ayler Xmas* (Soul What)

DEBUTS

JAIMIE BRANCH—*Fly or Die* (International Anthem)
 KATE GENTILE—*Mannequins* (Skirl)
 MARÍA GRAND & DIATRIBE—*TetraWind* (s/r)
 JAZZMEIA HORN—*A Social Call* (Prestige)
 MATTHEW WHITAKER—*Outta The Box* (Jazz Foundation of America)

REISSUES

RÜDIGER CARL INC.—*King Alcohol* (FMP-Corbett vs. Dempsey)
 SONNY CLARK TRIO—*The 1960 Time Sessions* (Time-Tompkins Square Park)
 FLIP PHILLIPS—*Your Place or Mine?* (Jump-Delmark)
 SUN RA AND HIS SOLAR ARKESTRA—*The Magic City* (Saturn-Cosmic Myth)
 NORMA WINSTONE—*Well Kept Secret* (Enodoc-Sunnyside)

JAZZ BOOKS

50 Years at the Village Vanguard: Thad Jones, Mel Lewis and the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra—Dave Lisik and Eric Allen (Skydeck Music)
Good Things Go Slowly: A Life In and Out of Jazz—Fred Hersch (Crown Archetype)
Loft Jazz Improvising in the 1970s—Michael C. Heller (University of California Press)
Queen of Bebop: The Musical Lives of Sarah Vaughan—Elaine M. Hayes (Harper Collins)
Whisper Not: The Autobiography of Benny Golson—with Jim Merod (Temple University Press)

HONORABLE MENTIONS—NEW RELEASES

alt.timers—*CRISPR* (s/r) • Barry Altschul & The 3Dom Factor—*Live in Krakow* (Not Two) • Amok Amor—*We Know Not What We Do* (Intakt) • Anyaa Arts Quartet—*Harmattan* (Voxlox) • Bambostic—*DJ's Nightmare* (JazzHausMusik) • Han Bennink Trio—*Adelante* (ICP) • Tim Berne's Snakeoil—*Incidentals* (ECM)
 Raoul Björkenheim Triad—*Beyond* (Eclipse Music) • Bobby Bradford/Hafez Modirzadeh—*Live at the Magic Triangle* (NoBusiness) • Brooklyn Raga Massive—*Coltrane Raga Tribute* (s/r) • Buffalo Jazz Octet—*PausaLive* (Cadence Jazz) • Chicago Edge Ensemble—*Decaying Orbit* (Varanid Music)
 Chicago/London Underground—*A Night Walking Through Mirrors* (Cuneiform) • Cortex—*Avant-Garde Party Music* (Clean Feed) • Tim Daisy/Ken Vandermark/Michael Thieke—*Triptych* (Relay) • Ted Daniel—*Zulu's Ball* (Plays The Music of King Oliver) (s/r) • Jakob Davidsen—*Silence Trio 1* (ILK Music)
 Ernest Dawkins New Horizons Ensemble (featuring Vijay Iyer)—*Transient Takes* (s/r) • Massimo De Mattia/Bruno Cesselli—*Teatro Arrignoi* (Artesuono) • DEK Trio—*Construct 2: Artacts* (Audiographic) • Robert Dick—*Our Cells Know* (Tzadik) • Chano Dominguez—*Over the Rainbow* (Sunnyside)
 Dave Douglas—*Little Giant Still Life* (Greenleaf Music) • Hamid Drake/Sylvaan Kassap—*Heads or Tails* (Rogue Art) • Scott Dubois—*Autumn Wind* (ACT Music) • Paul Dunmall Brass Project—*Maha Samadhi* (SLAM) • Paul Dunmall/Liam Noble/John Edwards/Mark Sanders—*Chords of Connections* (FMR)
 Agustí Fernández/Artur Majewski/Rafal Mazur—*Spontaneous Soundscapes* (Not Two) • The Firebirds—*Aladdin's Dream* (ILK Music) • Bill Frith/Thomas Morgan—*Small Town* (ECM) • Fred Frith—*Storytelling* (Intuition) • Satoko Fujii—*Invisible Hand* (Cortez Sound) • Giacomo Gates—*What Time Is It?* (Savant)
 Gato Libre—*Neko* (Libra) • Paul Giallorenzo Trio—*Flow* (Delmark) • Muriel Grossman—*Momentum* (Dreamland) • Hashima—*The Haywain* (Metropolis) • Louis Hayes—*Serenade for Horace* (Blue Note) • Steve Heather/Joe Williamson/Tobias Delius—*Booklet: The 100% Rabbit* (Jedso)
 The Heliosonic Tone-Tette—*Heliosonic Toneways, Vol. 1* (ScienSonic) • Arve Henriksen—*Towards Language* (Rune Grammofoon) • Benjamin Herman/Peter Beets/Han Bennink/Ruud Jacobs—*Quartet N-L* (ICP/VPRO) • Fred Hersch—*open book* (Palmetto) • Gary Husband—*A Meeting of the Spirits* (Edition)
 Vijay Iyer Sextet—*Far From Over* (ECM) • Jazz Passengers—*Still Life with Trouble* (Thirsty Ear) • Bobby Kapp—*Risky Business* (s/r) • Briggan Krauss—*The Art of the Saxophone (Live at the Saalfelden Jazz Festival 2017)* (Needle Blunts the Sun Music) • LABtrio—*Nature City* (Out Note)
 Led Bib—*Umbrella Weather* (RareNoise) • Gregory Lewis Organ Monk—*The Breathe Suite* (s/r) • Miklós Lukács/Larry Grenadier/Eric Harland—*Cimbalom Unlimited* (BMC Records) • Rudresh Mahanthappa Indo-Pak Coalition—*Agrima* (s/r) • Delfeayo Marsalis—*Kalamazoo* (Troubadour Jazz)
 Brian Marsella Trio—*Buer* (Book of Angels, Volume 31) (Tzadik) • Lisa Mezzacappa—*avantNOIR* (Clean Feed) • Billy Mintz—*Ugly Beautiful* (Thirteenth Note) • Matt Mitchell—*A Pouting Grimace* (Pi) • Roscoe Mitchell (with Yuganaut)—*Four Ways* (Nessa) • Charnett Moffett—*Music From Our Soul* (Motéma Music)
 Ikue Mori—*Obelisk* (Tzadik) • Michael Musillami/Rich Syracuse—*Bird Calls* (Playscape) • Quinsin Nachoff—*Ethereal Trio* (Whirlwind) • Neuköllner Modelle—*Sektion 3-7* (Umlaut) • William Parker—*Meditation/Resurrection* (AUMFidelity) • Jonah Parzen-Johnson—*I Try To Remember Where I Come From* (Clean Feed)
 Mario Pavone Dialect Trio—*Chrome* (Playscape) • Gregory Porter—*Nat "King" Cole & Me* (Blue Note) • Noah Preminger—*Meditations on Freedom* (Dry Bridge) • Rempis Percussion Quartet—*Cochonnerie* (Aerophonie) • Dave Rempis—*Lattice* (Aerophonie) • Eric Revis—*Sing Me Some Cry* (Clean Feed)
 Marcus Roberts—*Trio Crescent: Celebrating Coltrane* (J-Master) • Adam Rogers—*Dice* (ADRAJ) • Roots Magic—*Last Kind Words* (Clean Feed) • Ned Rothenberg/Hamid Drake—*Full Circle* (Fundacja Stuchaj/Listen Foundation) • Georg Ruby—*Windmills* (JazzHausMusik)
 Timuçin Sahin's Flow State—*Nothing Bad Can Happen* (Between The Lines) • Eric Schaefer—*Kyoto mon Amour* (ACT Music) • Irène Schweizer/Joey Baron—*Live!* (Intakt) • Jim Self/John Chiodini—*Floating in Winter* (Basset Hound)
 Sexmob—*Cultural Capital* (Rex) • Elliott Sharp (with Mary Halvorson and Marc Ribot)—*Err Guitar* (Intakt) • Matthew Shipp—*Invisible Touch* (At Taktlos Zürich) (hatOLOGY) • Matthew Shipp Trio—*Piano Song* (Thirsty Ear) • Jen Shyu—*Song of Silver Geese* (Pi)
 Alister Spence Trio—*Not everything but enough* (Alister Spence Music) • Spinifex—*Amphibian Ardour* (Tryptone) • Tomasz Stanko New York Quartet—*December Avenue* (ECM) • Colin Stetson—*All This I Do For Glory* (Kartel Music Group) • Craig Taborn—*Daylight Ghosts* (ECM)
 Camille Thurman—*Inside the Moment* (Chesky) • Kasper Tranberg/Peter Danstrup/Marilyn Mazur—*Damaztra: Flag of Time* (ILK Music) • Trespass Trio—*The Spirit of Pitesti* (Clean Feed) • Trio 3—*Visiting Texture* (Intakt) • Fred Van Hove/Roger Turner—*The Corner* (Relative Pitch)
 Miroslav Vitous—*Ziljabu Nights* (Live at Theater Gütersloh) (Intuition) • Jürg Wickihalder/Barry Guy/Lucas Niggli—*Beyond* (Intakt) • Min Xiao-Fen—*Mao, Monk and Me* (Blue Pipa) • Michael Zerang/Piotr Melech/Ksawery Wójcicki—261034115 (Multikulti Project)