

ALBUMS OF THE YEAR

- BUGPOWDER**—*Cage Tennis* (Trytone)
FIRE!—*Defeat* (Rune Grammofon)
FRANK KIMBROUGH—*Ancestors* (Sunnyside)
JAMES BRANDON LEWIS RED LILY QUINTET—*Jesup Wagon* (TAO Forms)
JOE LOVANO TRIO TAPESTRY—*Garden of Expression* (ECM)
MANKWE NDOZI AND BODY MEMORI—*felt/not said* (Auspice NOW)
WILLIAM PARKER—*Mayan Space Station* (AUM Fidelity)
PUNKT.VRT.PLASTIK—*Somit* (Intakt)
STEPH RICHARDS (WITH JOSHUA WHITE)—*Zephyr* (Relative Pitch)
WADADA LEO SMITH'S GREAT LAKES QUARTET—*The Chicago Symphonies* (TUM)
 —Laurence Donohue-Greene
BARRY ALTSCHUL'S 3DOM FACTOR (FEATURING JON IRABAGON)—*Long Tall Sunshine* (Not Two)
CHRISTER BOTHÉN 3—*Omen* (Bocian)
BARRY GUY—*Irvin's Comet* (NoBusiness)
ALEXANDER HAWKINS—*Togetherness Music (For Sixteen Musicians Featuring Ewan Parker + Riot Ensemble)* (Intakt)
JŪ—*III* (RareNoise)
FRANK KIMBROUGH—*Ancestors* (Sunnyside)
KOMA SAXO—*Live* (We Jazz/Freestyle)
STEPHANIE NILLES—*I pledge allegiance to the flag — the white flag* (Sunnyside)
IRÈNE SCHWEIZER/HAMID DRAKE—*Celebration* (Intakt)
MARTIAL SOLAL—*Coming Yesterday: Live at Salle Gaveau 2019* (Challenge)
 —Andrey Henkin

MUSICIANS OF THE YEAR

- JOHNATHAN BLAKE** (drums)
SATOKO FUJII (piano)
JAMES BRANDON LEWIS (tenor saxophone)
FRANCISCO MELA (drums)
WADADA LEO SMITH (trumpet)

LABELS OF THE YEAR

- ASTRAL SPIRITS** (astralspiritsrecords.com)
 ECM (ecmrecords.com)
GEARBOX (gearboxrecords.com)
 INTAKT (intaktrec.ch)
SUNNYSIDE (sunnysiderecords.com)

CONCERTS OF THE YEAR

- FRANCISCO MELA SOLO TRIBUTE TO MILFORD GRAVES**
 February 13th, Soapbox Gallery
SAM NEWSOME QUARTET
Angelica Sanchez, Hilliard Greene, Reggie Nicholson
 April 21st, Bar Bayeux
AARON BURNETT QUARTET
Peter Evans, Nick Jozwiak, Tyshawn Sorey
 May 1st, Giant Step Arts "Walk With The Wind" Series,
 Central Park Summit Rock
JAMES BRANDON LEWIS RED LILY QUINTET
Kirk Knuffke, William Parker, Christopher Hoffman, Chad Taylor
 May 7th, Roulette
PETER EVANS BEING & BECOMING
Joel Ross, Nick Jozwiak, Savannah Harris
 June 24th, The Jazz Gallery
BRANDON LOPEZ TRIO
Steve Baczkowski, Gerald Cleaver
 July 30th, Vision Festival, Pioneer Works
"BIRD AT 100"
Bobby Watson, Gary Bartz, Vincent Herring, David Kikoski, Yasushi Nakamura, Carl Allen
 August 27th, Summerstage Charlie Parker Jazz Festival,
 Marcus Garvey Park
DAVE LIEBMAN EXPANSIONS
Bobby Avey, Tony Marino, Alex Ritzi
 September 4th, Dizzy's Club
PRISM QUARTET AND GUESTS
Timothy McAllister, Zachary Shemon, Matthew Levy, Taimur Sullivan, Melissa Aldana, Chris Potter, Rudresh Mahanthappa
 September 15th, DiMenna Center for Classical Music
DAVE BURRELL SOLO
 October 15th, Arts for Art, Clemente Soto Velez Cultural Center
PATRICK HOLMES/CHRIS CORSANO
 October 24th, Catalytic Sound NYC Festival, Fridman Gallery
BILL CHARLAP/RON CARTER DUO
 November 5th, Birdland
 —Laurence Donohue-Greene

VENUES OF THE YEAR

- BAR BAYEUX** (Prospect Lefferts Gardens)
BIRDLAND/BIRDLAND THEATER (Midtown West)
THE JAZZ GALLERY (Koreatown)
 ROULETTE (Boerum Hill)
 SOAPBOX GALLERY (Prospect Heights)

UP-AND-COMERS OF THE YEAR

- DAHVEED BEHROOZI** (piano)
PATRICIA BRENNAN (vibraphone)
WENDY EISENBERG (guitar/banjo)
LINDA FREDRIKSSON (baritone/alto saxophone)
BRANDON LOPEZ (bass)

- CARNEGIE HALL PRESENTS: BRANDEE YOUNGER**
Dezron Douglas, Marcus Gilmore
 August 7th, Brooklyn Museum of Art
MATT LAVELLE'S 12 HOUSES
Claire Daly, Art Baron, Mary Cherney, Cheryl Pyle, Chris Forbes, Jeremy Carlstedt, Lee Odom, Charles Waters, Nicole Davis, Stephanie Griffin, Hilliard Greene, Catherine Sikora, Jose Luis Abreu, Rich Rosenthal
 October 3rd, Scholes Street Studio
VANGUARD JAZZ ORCHESTRA
 November 8th, Village Vanguard
 —Tom Greenland
KEN PEPOWSKI TRIO
Rossano Sportiello, Kevin Dorn
 June 11th, Mezzrow
JAZZ IN JULY—STANDARD TIME: DIANNE REEVES
Bill Charlap, Peter Washington, Kenny Washington
 July 27th, 92nd Street Y
MARISSA LICATA STRINGS ON FIRE
Matt Marcus, Martin Doykin, Shannon Ford, Jerry Sabatini
 Guest James Montgomery
 September 13th, Birdland
 —Marilyn Lester

- ROBERT GLASPER TRIBUTE TO WAYNE SHORTER**
Marcus Strickland, Jaleel Shaw, Keyon Harrold, Vicente Archer, Kendrick Scott
 October 12th, Blue Note
ISSAC DELGADO Y LA 9NA
Livan Mesa, Yorgis Goiricelaya, Roberto Vizcaino, Camilo Molina, Manuel Marcos, Mike Rodriguez, Roman Filiu, Carlos Perez
 October 22nd, Birdland

- WYNTON AT 60: JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS**
 November 18th, Rose Theater
 —Russ Musto

- MINGUS BIG BAND**
 November 9th, The Django
ANNE WALDMAN
Devin Brahja Waldman, William Parker
 September 30th, First Unitarian Congregational Society
VIJAY IYER/ZOH AMBA
 October 15th, Arts for Art, Clemente Soto Velez Cultural Center
 —John Pietaro

UNEARTHED GEMS

- HASAAAN IBN ALI**—*Metaphysics: The Lost Atlantic Album* (Omnivore)
ART BLAKEY & THE JAZZ MESSENGERS—*First Flight to Tokyo: The Lost 1961 Recordings* (Blue Note)
NATHAN DAVIS (WITH GEORGE ARVANITAS TRIO)—*Live in Paris: The ORTF Recordings 1966-67* (Sam)
MASABUMI KIKUCHI—*Hanamichi* (The Final Studio Recording) (Red Hook)
MUJICIAN—*10 10 10* (Cuneiform)

LATIN RELEASES

- GABRIEL ALEGRIA AFRO-PERUVIAN SEXTET**—*Social Distancing* (Saponegro)
RUBÉN BLADES Y ROBERTO DELGADO & ORQUESTA—*SALSWING!* (s/r)
ENSEMBLE INTERACTIVO DE LA HABANA—*Studio Session* (TAK Editions)
CARLOS HENRIQUEZ—*The South Bronx Story* (Tiger Turn)
ARTURO O'FARRILL/THE AFRO LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE—*...dreaming in lions...* (Blue Note)

VOCAL RELEASES

- JEFF COFFIN/HELEN GILLET**—*Let It Shine* (Ear Up)
SINNE EEG & THOMAS FONNESBÆK—*Staying in Touch* (Stunt)
CHAMPION FULTON—*Live From Lockdown* (s/r)
JAZZMEIA HORN AND HER NOBLE FORCE—*Dear Love* (Empress Legacy)
LUCY YEGHIAZARYAN/VANISHA GOULD—*In Her Words* (s/r)

LARGE ENSEMBLE RELEASES

- GIRLS IN AIRPORTS X AARHUS JAZZ ORCHESTRA**—*Leap* (Kaja)
ALEXANDER HAWKINS—*Togetherness Music (For Sixteen Musicians Featuring Ewan Parker + Riot Ensemble)* (Intakt)
JOHANNES LUEBBERS DECTET—*Divide and Conquer* (Earshift Music)
MARK MASTERS ENSEMBLE (FEATURING ART BARON AND TIM HAGANS)—*Masters & Baron Meet Blanton & Webster* (Capri)
DAVID SANFORD BIG BAND—*A Prayer For Lester Bowie* (featuring Hugh Ragin) (Greenleaf Music)

MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES OF THE YEAR

TRIBUTES

- DAVE LIEBMAN EXPANSIONS**—*Selflessness* (Dot Time)
HAROLD MABERN—*Mabern Plays Coltrane* (Smoke Sessions)
STEPHANIE NILLES—*I pledge allegiance to the flag — the white flag* (Sunnyside)
VARIOUS ARTISTS—*Kimbrough* (Newvelle)
MIGUEL ZENÓN—*Law Years: The Music of Ornette Coleman* (Live at the Birds Eye Jazz Club) (Miel Music)

DEBUTS

- VINICIUS CAJADO**—*Monu* (Urchin)
NAZARENO CAPUTO—*Phylum* (AUT)
LINDA FREDRIKSSON—*Juniper* (We Jazz)
SAMARA JOY—*Eponymous* (Whirlwind)
JACQUELINE KERROD—*17 Days In December* (Orenda)

REISSUES

- LOUIS ARMSTRONG**—*The Complete Louis Armstrong Columbia and RCA Victor Studio Sessions 1946-1966* (Mosaic)
PAUL DUNMALL, KEITH TIPPETT, PHILIP GIBBS, PETE FAIRCLOUGH—*Onosante* (DUNS-577 Records)
SVEIN FINNERUD TRIO—*Thoughts* (Prisma-Rune Grammofon)
GEORGE OTSUKA QUINTET—*Loving You George* (Bellwood-Wewantounds)
CLAUDIA THOMPSON—*Goodbye to Love* (Edison International-Modern Harmonic)

JAZZ BOOKS

- Beneath Missouri Skies: Pat Metheny in Kansas City 1964-1972*
 Carolyn Glenn Brewer (University of North Texas Press)
Guitar Talk: Conversations with Visionary Players
 Joel Harrison (Terra Nova Press)
Ode To A Tenor Titan: The Life and Times and Music of Michael Brecker
 Bill Milkowski (Backbeat Books)
Organic Music Societies (Blank Forms)
Universal Tonality: The Life and Music of William Parker
 Cisco Bradley (Duke University Press)

BOXED SETS

- ERROLL GARNER**—*Liberation in Swing: The Octave Records Story & Complete Symphony Hall Concert* (Octave Music-Mack Avenue)
JULIUS HEMPHILL—*The Boyé Multi-National Crusade For Harmony* (mbari Production Company)
LEE MORGAN—*The Complete Live at the Lighthouse* (Blue Note)
WADADA LEO SMITH'S GREAT LAKES QUARTET—*The Chicago Symphonies* (TUM)
LENNIE TRISTANO—*Personal Recordings (1946-1970)* (Dot Time/Mosaic)

ORIGINAL ALBUM ARTWORK

- SAMUEL BLASER, MARC DUCRET, MASA KAMAGUCHI, GERRY HEMINGWAY**—*Moods* (Blaser Music)
TONY COE/JOHN HORLER—*Dancing in the Dark* (Gearbox)
JOHN EDWARDS, N.O. MOORE, EDDIE PRÉVOST, ALAN WILKINSON—*EMPoVered* (577 Records)
KENNY GARRETT—*Sounds from the Ancestors* (Mack Avenue)
OSSI MARISTO—*ARC* (Eclipse Music)

LIVE ALBUMS

- BARRY GUY**—*Irvin's Comet* (NoBusiness)
KOMA SAXO—*Live* (We Jazz/Freestyle)
PAT METHENY—*Side-Eye NYC (V1.IV)* (BMG Modern)
IRÈNE SCHWEIZER/HAMID DRAKE—*Celebration* (Intakt)
MARTIAL SOLAL—*Coming Yesterday: Live at Salle Gaveau 2019* (Challenge)

SOLO RECORDINGS

- SATOKO FUJII**—*Piano Music* (Libra)
BARRY GUY—*Irvin's Comet* (NoBusiness)
OKKYUNG LEE—*나를 (Na-Reul)* (Corbett vs. Dempsey)
STEPHANIE NILLES—*I pledge allegiance to the flag — the white flag* (Sunnyside)
MARTIAL SOLAL—*Coming Yesterday: Live at Salle Gaveau 2019* (Challenge)

HONORABLE MENTIONS—NEW RELEASES

[Ahmed]—*Nights on Saturn* (communication) (Astral Spirits) • **Chris Abrahams/Mark Wastell**—*A Thousand Sacred Steps* (Confront) • **JD Allen**—*Queen City* (Savant) • **Ray Anderson Pocket Brass Band**—*Come IN* (Double Moon) • **Martin Archer/Charlotte Keeffe/Martin Pyne**—*Hi Res Heart* (Discus-Music) • **Sergio Armaroli/Fritz Hauser**—*Angelica* (Leo) • **Artifacts**—*... and then there's this* (Astral Spirits) • **Dahveed Behroozi**—*Echos* (Sunnyside) • **Binker and Moses**—*Escape The Flames* (Gearbox) • **Johnathan Blake**—*Homebound Bound* (Blue Note) • **Jaimie Branch**—*FLY or DIE LIVE* (International Anthem) • **Jakob Bro**—*Uma Elmo* (ECM) • **Zach Brock**—*Light Shines Through* (Soapbox Sessions, Vol. 1) (Secret Fort) • **Rüdiger Carl/Joel Grip/Sven-Ake Johansson**—*In Early November* (Corbett vs. Dempsey) • **Cinghiale**—*Exit...Stage Left!* (Catalytic Sound) • **Todd Cochran**—*Then and Again, Here and Now* (Sunnyside) • **Emmet Cohen**—*Future Stride* (Mack Avenue) • **George Colligan Theoretical Planets—Long Term Goals** (P|CE) • **The Cookers**—*Look Out!* (Gearbox) • **Sylvie Courvoisier/Ned Rothenberg/Julian Sartorius**—*Lockdown* (Clean Feed) • **Sylvie Courvoisier/Mary Halvorson**—*Searching For The Disappeared Hour* (Pyroclastic) • **Jeremiah Cymerman/Charlie Looker**—*A Horizon Made of Canvas* (Astral Spirits) • **Carsten Dahl Trinity**—*Mirrors Within* (Storyville) • **Harold Danko**—*Spring Garden* (SteepleChase) • **Paul Dunmall/Mark Sanders**—*Unity* (577 Records) • **Yelena Eckemoff**—*Adventures of the Wildflower* (L&H Productions) • **Donald Edwards**—*The Color Of Us Suite* (Crisp Cross) • **Wendy Eisenberg**—*Bloodletting* (Out Of Your Head) • **Fanfare Ciocărlia**—*It Wasn't Hard To Love You* (Asphalt Tango) • **Mark Feldman**—*Sounding Point* (Intakt) • **Michael Formanek**—*Imperfect Measures* (Intakt) • **Michael and Peter Formanek**—*Dyads* (Out Of Your Head) • **Friends & Neighbors**—*The Earth Is#* (Clean Feed) • **Satoko Fujii**—*Hazuki* (Piano Solo) (Libra) • **Satoko Fujii/Taiko Saito**—*Moon on the Lake* (Libra) • **Satoko Fujii/Taiko Saito**—*Futari: Underground* (Libra) • **Satoko Fujii/Taiko Saito**—*Beyond* (Libra) • **Stephan Goldbach**—*Transit* (Jazz-HausMusik) • **Ayelet Rose Gottlieb**—*13 Lunar Meditations: Summoning The Witches* (s/r) • **Simone Graziano**—*Embracing The Future* (Auand) • **Iro Haarla Electric Ensemble**—*What Will We Leave Behind* (Images From Planet Earth) (Svart) • **Joel Harrison**—*Guitar Talk* (AGS Recordings) • **Hearth**—*Melt* (Clean Feed) • **Thomas Heberer**—*The Day That Is* (Sunnyside) • **Thomas Heberer/Joe Fonda/Joe Hertenstein**—*Remedy* (Fundacja Sluchaj!) • **Susie Ibarra**—*Talking Gong* (New Focus) • **Abdullah Ibrahim**—*Solitude* (Gearbox) • **Kari Ikonen**—*Impressions, Improvisations and Compositions* (Ozella) • **Mikko Innanen/Stefan Pasborg/Cedric Piromalli**—*This Is It* (Clean Feed) • **Vijay Iyer**—*Uneasy* (ECM) • **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra Septet with Wynton Marsalis**—*The Democracy! Suite* (Blue Engine) • **Marc Johnson**—*Overpass* (ECM) • **Nils Landgren**—*Nature Boy* (ACT Music) • **Jeff Lederer Sunwatcher**—*Eighnfold Path* (little(t)music) • **José Lencastre Nau Quartet + Pedro Carneiro**—*Thoughts Are Things* (Phonogram Unit) • **James Brandon Lewis**—*Code Of Being* (Intakt) • **Johan Lindström**—*On The Asylum* (Moserobie) • **López Trio**—*Live at Roulette* (Relative Pitch) • **Peter Madsen's Six on Six Guitar Ensemble**—*Where There Was No Path* (Playscape) • **Peter McEachern**—*Code 2* (SteepleChase) • **John Medeski/Kenny Grohowski/Matt Hollenberg**—*John Zorn: Nostradamus* (The Death of Satan) (Tzadik) • **Francisco Mela**—*MPT Trio Volume 1* (577 Records) • **Ava Mendoza**—*New Spells* (Relative Pitch/Astral Spirits) • **Roscoe Mitchell/Mike Reed**—*The Ritual and The Dance* (Astral Spirits) • **Hafez Modirzadeh**—*Facets* (Pi) • **Hedvig Mollestad**—*Tenpest Revisited* (Rune Grammofon) • **Hedvig Mollestad**—*Ding Dong, You're Dead* (Rune Grammofon) • **Nosax Noclar**—*Röd Sisters* (YOLK Music) • **Miles Okazaki/Trevor Dunn/Dan Weiss**—*Hive Mind* (Tzadik) • **Evan Parker**—*Winns Win* (Byrd Out) • **Evan Parker**—*All Knavery and Collusion* (Cadillac) • **Mario Pavone**—*Blue Vertical* (Out Of Your Head) • **Rich Perry**—*Happy Destiny* (SteepleChase) • **Noah Preminger/Kim Cass**—*THUNDA* (Dry Bridge) • **PRISM Quartet**—*Heritage/Evolution, Vol. 2* (Xas) • **Tom Rainey Obligato**—*Untucked in Hammock* (Intakt) • **Red Trio & Celebration Band**—*Suite 10 Years Anniversary* (NoBusiness) • **Reut Regev/Igal Foni**—*Two Much: Never Enough* (Relative Pitch) • **Rempis Percussion Quartet**—*Sud Des Alpes* (Aerophonic) • **Mattias Risberg**—*Still* (Kullen Reko) • **Scott Robinson**—*Solipsisms* (ScienSonic) • **Gonzalo Rubalcaba/Ron Carter/Jack DeJohnette**—*Skyline* (5 Passion) • **Sten Sandell/Lisa Ullén**—*Double Music* (Clean Feed) • **Sex Magick Wizards**—*Your Bliss My Joy* (Rune Grammofon) • **Jaleel Shaw**—*Echos* (s/r) • **Archie Shepp/Jason Moran**—*Let My People Go* (Archieball) • **Susana Santos Silva/Torbjörn Zetterberg**—*Tomorrow* (Carimbo Porta-Jazz) • **Harri Sjöström/Andrea Centazzo/Sergio Armaroli**—*Steps* (Ictus) • **Wadada Leo Smith/Douglas Ewart/Mike Reed**—*Sun Beams of Shimmering Light* (Astral Spirits) • **Craig Taborn**—*Shadow Plays* (ECM) • **Natsuki Tamura/Satoko Fujii**—*Keshin* (Libra) • **Ayumi Tanaka**—*Subaqueous Silence* (ECM) • **Henry Threadgill Zooid**—*Poof* (Pi) • **Sabu Toyozumi/Rick Countryman**—*Misaki Castle Tower* (Chap-Chap) • **Yuma Uesaka/Marilyn Crispell**—*Streams* (Not Two) • **Paul Van Gysegem**—*Square Talks* (El Negocito) • **Florian Weiss**—*Woodoism—Alternate Reality* (NWog) • **Mars Williams**—*An Ayler Xmas, Vol. 5* (Soul What/Astral Spirits) • **Stephane Wrembel**—*Django Experiment VI* (Water Is Life) • **Min Xiao-Fen**—*White Lotus* (featuring Rez Abbasi) (Outside In Music)