

Success in performing jazz starts with listening!

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It is always a good idea to spend some time listening to jazz. Even listening to three charts a day from this station would benefit a student greatly in learning the feel of jazz. As a student is learning to improvise, sometimes they start to get ideas from what they hear the professionals doing.

Recordings of the great artists

Below is a listing of some of the great artists for each instrument. It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that some recordings be purchased or checked from the local library for the same reason mentioned above. The benefits of having a recording are better, because a student can actually repeat certain parts of a song or solo, and learn it by playing along. YouTube and Pandora are also an sources for free material.

Jazz Listening

This is only a small sample of artists, but a good list to start with.

Big Bands

Count Basie
Thad Jones/Mel Lewis
Duke Ellington
Frank Mantooth
Woody Herman
Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra
Jazz Police
Big Phat Band

Alto Saxophone

Cannonball Adderley
Phil Woods
Charlie Parker
Paul Desmond
Jay Beckenstein
Joey Dosik

Tenor Saxophone

Lester Young
Coleman Hawkins
John Coltrane
Sonny Rollins
Ben Webster
Stan Getz
Michael Brecker
Branford Marsalis
Dexter Gordon
Chris Potter

Trumpet

Louis Armstrong
Dizzy Gillespie
Miles Davis
Freddie Hubbard
Wynton Marsalis
Clifford Brown
Chet Baker
Blue Mitchell
Lee Morgan

Trombone

Jack Teagarten
J.J. Johnson
Frank Rosolino
John Fedchock
Juan Tizol
Bill Watrous

Piano

Count Basie
Duke Ellington
Theolonius Monk
Oscar Peterson
Chick Corea
Horace Silver
Art Hodge
Bill Evans
Herbie Hancock
Art Tatum
Bud Powell

Drums

Papa Jo Jones
Buddy Rich
Gene Krupa
Art Blakey
Philly Joe Jones
Dave Weckl
Peter Erskine
Max Roach

Bass

Charles Mingus
Ron Carter
Oscar Pettiford
Charlie Haden
Milt Hinton
Walter Page
Jimmy Blanton

Guitar

Joe Pass
Wes Montgomery
Freddie Green
Pat Metheny
Herb Ellis
Jim Hall
Bill Frisell
David T Walker

Vibes

Lionel Hampton
Gary Burton
Milt Jackson
Bobby Hutcherson
Stefon Harris