

## Required Listening

This list is meant to familiarize you with some of the most important jazz artists and repertoire, with a focus on saxophone players in particular. It is by no means a comprehensive list (you need to listen to many more than 50 songs to get a foothold on the history of jazz and saxophone!), but it can serve as a jumping-off point for exploring the huge amount of jazz that is out there and perhaps give you a better idea of the players you might enjoy the most.

Each song on the list is linked to iTunes. You are not required to buy the song there, but in many cases it's the most convenient option. If you want to listen to it from another source (Amazon, Rhapsody, local library, the physical CD), you are welcome to, but whatever method you choose, make sure it's legal — do not download copies of these songs illegally. It's important to respect the artists and pay them for their work rather than stealing it.

1. Miles Davis — “Freddie Freeloader” from Kind of Blue
2. Sonny Rollins — “St. Thomas” from Saxophone Colossus
3. Miles Davis — “Oleo” from Relaxin’
4. Charlie Parker — “Donna Lee” from The Complete Savoy and Dial Master Takes
5. Johnny Hodges — “I’ve Got It Bad” from Johnny Hodges with Billy Strayhorn and the Orchestra
6. Coleman Hawkins — “Body and Soul” from Body and Soul
7. Dave Brubeck — “Take Five” from Time Out
8. Michael Brecker — “Delta City Blues” from Two Blocks from the Edge
9. Stan Getz — “The Girl from Ipanema” from Getz/Gilberto
10. Dexter Gordon — “Cheese Cake” from Go
11. Art Pepper — “Groovin’ High” from Modern Jazz Classics
12. Lester Young — “There Will Never Be Another You” from Lester Young with the Oscar Peterson Trio
13. Hank Mobley — “If I Should Lose You” from Soul Station
14. Pepper Adams — “Well You Needn’t” from Twelfth and Pingree
15. Gerry Mulligan and Stan Getz — “Let’s Fall in Love” from Getz Meets Mulligan
16. Lee Konitz & Warne Marsh — “Marshmallow” from Subconscious-Lee
17. Charles Mingus — “Boogie Stop Shuffle” from “Ah Um”
18. Duke Ellington — “Cottontail” from Ella at Duke’s Place
19. Count Basie — “Fly Me To The Moon” from Nothing But the Best
20. Buddy Rich — “Love for Sale” from Big Swing Face
21. Wayne Shorter — “Yes or No” from Juju
22. Art Blakey — “Moanin’” from Moanin’
23. Kenny Garrett — “Sing a Song of Song” from Songbook

24. Maceo Parker — "Uptown Up" from Funkoverload
25. Stanley Turrentine — "Don't Mess with Mr. T" from Don't Mess with Mr. T
26. Bill Evans — "Waltz for Debby" from Know What I Mean?
27. Louis Armstrong — "Struttin' with Some Barbecue" from The Best of the Hot 5 and Hot 7 Recordings
28. Benny Goodman — "Sing, Sing, Sing" from Sing, Sing, Sing
29. Yellowjackets — "Mofongo" from Mint Jam
30. Phil Woods — "Loose Change" from Dizzy Gillespie Meets Phil Woods Quintet
31. Thelonious Monk — "Trinkle, Tinkle" from Thelonious Monk with John Coltrane
32. Ornette Coleman — "Lonely Woman" from The Shape of Jazz to Come
33. Jim Pepper — "Witchi Tai To" from The Path
34. Joe Henderson — "Recordame" from Page One
35. Joshua Redman — "Jazz Crimes" from Elastic
36. Brecker Brothers — "Some Skunk Funk" from Heavy Metal Bebop
37. Cannonball Adderley — "Grand Central" from Cannonball Adderley Quintet in Chicago
38. Herbie Hancock — "Eye of the Hurricane" from Maiden Voyage
39. Jaco Pastorius — "The Chicken" from The Birthday Concert
40. John Coltrane — "Locomotion" from Blue Train
41. Lee Morgan — "Ceora" from Cornbread
42. Oregon — "Green and Golden" from Live at Yoshi's
43. Keith Jarrett — "Country" from My Song
44. Grover Washington Jr. — "Mister Magic" from Mister Magic
45. Joe Lovano — "Work" from From the Soul
46. Junior Walker — "Shotgun" from Shotgun
47. Earl Bostic — "Up There in Orbit" from Twilight Time
48. Clifford Brown — "Cherokee" from Study in Brown
49. Benny Golson — "Killer Joe" from Meet the Jazztet
50. John Coltrane — "Giant Steps" from Giant Steps