Overview: This class is designed to introduce students to the history, aesthetics, and cultural contexts of “jazz” and blues music. We will look to answer the question, “What is Jazz?” - using recordings, a number of films, discussions, and live performances (if possible) to bring this historical voyage to life.

What once was an almost exclusively African-American art form has become a globally transformed music adapted to many performance styles and contexts worldwide. We will move chronologically from the roots of blues music (traditional African music) through the advent of recording technology and into the incorporation of new electronic media such as the Internet. The course requires no previous musical experience and will investigate areas such as. In summer session two we have a lot of direct contact with the various forms of jazz music - and will try to have live concert to experience as well.

Course description: Exploring the relationship between the African-American “jazz” evolution with the sociopolitical milieu in which it developed. The class circumscribed the historical context that contains the musical innovations & explored the world of the progenitors of “jazz” through listening to recordings, critical viewing of film footage, course reading, lecture discussions, research, & potentially through extra credit work.


**IMPORTANT NOTE:** YOU MUST bring your text to class each session. Only the current edition of the textbook is acceptable for the course, as your preliminary exams will come from material in that edition. NO HAND-WRITTEN OR DUPLICATIONS OF THE PRELIMINARY EXAMS FORMS ARE ACCEPTED BY YOUR COURSE TAs.

The required book for Music 11B: Intro to Jazz, is published by Cognella Academic Publishing and distributed by University Readers, Inc. The book is now available for purchase through Bay Tree Bookstore or the University Readers’ student e-commerce store:


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Preliminary Exam Schedule (all prelims are in your text)
1. African Music Exam (Due June 26)
2. Early African-American Music (Due June 26)
3. Tryin’ to Get Home Film Ques. (Due Jul 1)
4. The Wonderful World of Louis Armstrong (Due Jul 3)
5. THE SWING ERA (Due Jul 8)
6. Jazz Is Our Religion Film Quest (Due Jul 11)
7. Charles Mingus (Due Jul 15)
8. Hard Bop Questions (Due Jul 17)
9. Sun Ra, Miles, etc. (Due Jul 17)
10. Jazz Styles – Overview Exam (Due Jul 22)
11. Mary Lou Williams- Music on My Mind-questions (Due Jul 25)

1. LECTURES
   FILM: (View in Class) African Music
   Prologue, Chapters 1
   * The Afrocentric Origins of "Jazz" (Overview of African Music
   * The Impact of Sexism and Racism
   * What is Jazz? *Formulating An Approach To Understanding African Music
   * Stylistic Regions Of Sub-Saharan Africa
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* The Function Of African Music In African Culture
* An Overview Of Musical Style
* Characteristics Of African Music
  • Musical Instruments
  • Structures Of African Rhythms
  • Classes Of African Musicians
  • Stylistic Regions Of African Music
  • Traditional African songs

2. LECTURES

Chapter 2

1800-1850
Frank Johnson, Bands & Orchestras
The Luca Troupe (touring family of musicians)
Elizabeth T. Greenfield, (The "Black Swan) European concert music
Signor Cornmeali, Street vendor turned minstrel

African American social songs:
Field Hollers and Street Vendor Songs
Other Plantation Songs
Children’s Game Songs
African American Folk Songs
Social Commentary Following the Civil War
Work Songs
Freedom Songs
Traveling Songs
APPRECIATING JAZZ IMPROVISATION

Listening Exam-1
CD #1-2

3. LECTURES

FILM: (View in Class) Tryin’ to Get Home VT 7147: "Tryin' To Get Home: A History Of African-American Music In Song" (by Kerrigan Black)

Chapter 3

1850-1890
Joseph W. Postlewaite, published his dances, marches, and piano music
Henry "Juba" Lane, "the greatest dancer known" (changing African American image abroad)
William Appo and Robert C. Johnson, Antebellum Sacred Music Concerts
Henry Brown, dramatic troupe at The African Grove (Bleecker & Mercer, NYC), Shakespeare, music

**SUMMARY**
The Cakewalk And Children’s Game Songs
* American Folksongs And The Blues: Post-Civil War
* Marches
* Minstrel Shows
* The Dawn Of Ragtime
* The Term "Jazz"
* Musical Influence On Religion, Racism, And Revolution

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4. **LECTURES**
IV. Innovators Emerging Between 1900 And 1910

**Chapter 4**

1890-1910
Buddy Bolden-Brass Band
Scott Joplin-Ragtime, Opera (1911)
Will M. Cooke and Bob Cole, etc. (African American Music Theatre).
W.C. Handy-Blues
Dee Dee Chandler-bass drum pedal (1894)

Film: WOMEN in “JAZZ”

5. **LECTURES**
The Evolution of Classic "Jazz" Forms

V. Innovators Emerging Between 1910 and 1920

**Chapter 5**
1910-1920
James Reese Europe-Symphonic Rag
Jelly Roll Morton-Ragtime Band (the 12/16 swing feeling)
Joe "King" Oliver and Kid Ory – New Orleans (“Dixieland”) Jazz (second-lining)
Blind Lemon Jefferson-Rural Blues
Johnny Dodds and Sidney Bechet (clarinet tradition)

6. **LECTURES**
Evolution of the Early Piano:

**FILM:** (View in class) Piano Legends

Listening Exam-2

CD #3
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7. Lectures
(Jazz vocabulary matures within a segregated American society.)

1920-1930
Duke Ellington, Fletcher Henderson-Big Bands
Fats Waller-Virtuoso Stride (movies, theater)
Louis Armstrong-jazz combo (star soloist)
Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith-Classic Blues

Chapter 6:

8.
C. The Swing Era

Listening Exam-3
CD #4

9. Week 5 Lectures

Film: (View in Class) International Sweethearts of Rhythm
VII. Innovators Emerging Between 1930 and 1940

1930-1940
Count Basie (Swing Master), Jimmy Lunceford (precision)-Swing Bands
Art Tatum (master of Swing keyboard virtuosity)
Mary Lou Williams-Symphonic Jazz
Chick Webb-Drummer/Leader; Gene Krupa -Drum Showmanship
Billie" Lady Day" Holiday (lyrical expressive style)-Urban Blues
Coleman Hawkins, Lester Young-Age of the Sax Masters

10. Innovators prepare the way to Bebop

Listening Exam-4
CD #5

11. Lectures

VI. Innovators Emerging Between 1940 and 1950

1940-1950
Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Christian, -Bebop, Afro-Latin, etc.
Stan Kenton-Third Stream Big Band{fusion}
Modern Jazz Quartet, Buddy Collette, Lennie Tristano, Miles, etc.-Third Stream
Ella Fitzgerald(scat)-Mistress of Vocal Virtuosity; Sarah Vaughn-vocal range
Louis Jordan-Rhythm and Blues
International Sweethearts of Rhythm
Bebop Summary-The Dawn of Modern Jazz: WAS BEBOP A REVOLUTION OR
NATURAL EVOLUTION?

12. LECTURES
Chapter 7 supplement: BOP

FILM: (View in Class) VT 3405: Celebrating Bird [videorecording] : the triumph of Charlie Parker

Listening Exam-5
CD #6

13. LECTURES
The Creation of Free, Fusion and Reconstructive Modern Styles

IX. Innovators Emerging Between 1950 and 1960

1950-60
Miles Davis, Wes Montgomery, Gil Evans-Cool, Modal Jazz
John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins, Thelonious Monk-Hard Bop
Ornette Coleman, Cecil Taylor-Free Jazz
Sun Ra(Afrocentric), Teo Macero(third stream)-Electronics Incorporated
The Modern Jazz Quartet-Democratic Jazz Combo, Image

Chapter 9:

FILM Assignment: VT 888: The Coltrane legacy

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Chapter 9 supplement: Cool Jazz

HARD BOP

Listening Exam-6
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15. LECTURES
X. Innovators Emerging Between 1960 and 1970

1960-70
The Art Ensemble of Chicago, Albert Ayler, Eric Dolphy-liberation of sound
Miles Davis-Jazz/Rock
Antonio Carlos Jobim (Brazilian influence)
Horace Silver (quartal harmony), Cannonball Adderley-Jazz Funk
Chapter 10:

* Evolution of Innovative Music for 1960s Audiences
* Restructuring Musical Approaches
* Artistic Expression or Entertainment?
* Betty Carter
* Alice Coltrane
* Eric Dolphy and the "Jazz" Critics
* Albert Ayler
* The Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians
* The Emergence of the Art Ensemble of Chicago
* Dewey Redman, Art Davis, and the New York Scene
* Amina Claudine Myers
* Pharaoh Sanders
* Archie Shepp
* Joanne Brackeen
* Charles Tolliver
* Toshiko Akiyoshi
* "Traditional Jazz" Continues
* 1960s Music Outside African-American Culture
* Summary: The American Society That 1960s Music Reflected

Chapter 10 supplement: MILES DAVIS (Visual Artwork of Miles Davis)

16. LECTURES
FREE JAZZ

CHARLES MINGUS

Listening Exam-7

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17. LECTURES
XI. Innovators Emerging Between 1970 and 1980

1970-1980
Herbie Hancock, Ramsey Lewis, Chic Corea, Scott LaFaro, Oliver Lake{Neo?}
Anthony Braxton, Sam Rivers, Marion Brown, Archie Shepp{Neo?}
World Saxophone Quartet, Andrew Hill, Joe Henderson{Evolution of tradition}
Hubert Laws, Don Ellis, Eddie Jefferson, Toshiko Akiyoshi, Mango Santamaria
{Neo?}
Chapter 11:

* Spiritual "Jazz" and New Musical Settings
* Changing Attitudes in Europe
* Connecting Fusion, Miles Davis, and Jimi Hendrix

Jazz-Funk Fusion
Jazz-Rock Fusion
Donald Byrd
* The Crossroads of Stylistic Evolution
* More Conceptual Expansion

Charles Mingus Reemerges during the 1970s
Anthony Braxton
The World Saxophone Quartet
Joe Henderson
McCoy Tyner
* Instrumental Style Continues to Evolve

The Evolution of the Flute
Other Instrumental Evolutions
Classical-Jazz Fusion and Other New Approaches
Santeria and Musical Freedom

Chapter 11 supplement: HERBIE HANCOCK, BILL EVANS, KEITH JARRETT and CHICK COREA

SECOND CHICAGO SCHOOL

WAYNE SHORTER, RON CARTER, TONY WILLIAMS

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LECTURES

1980-1990
Wynton and Branford Marsalis, James Newton, Dave Murray {Neo-Neoclassicism}
Stanley Clarke, Kent Jordan, Amina Claudine Myers, Take Six {Cross-over}

Chapter 12:

* African-American Music in the American Marketplace - Emphasis Moves from Innovations to Youthful Image
* Families of Musicians
* The Age of the Freelance Musician
* Snapshot: Bay Area "Jazz" in the Early 1980s
* The Contemporary Midwestern "Jazz" Scene
* Rap and Hip-Hop Culture
* Contemporary Politics & Labeling African-American Culture

20. LECTURES
Chapter 12 supplement: JAZZ-ROCK
   BIG BANDS

Listening Exam-9
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