

Reference List for Transcribing and Listening

Young children learn to speak by listening to and attempting to imitate the people around them. That is how you learned to speak and that is how you will learn to play jazz. It is widely accepted that transcribing and listening are the two most important steps in becoming a competent jazz musician. This handout contains solos to begin with and other artists to listen to and transcribe. These are some of the best musicians that have ever lived! This list is extensive, but nowhere near complete. If you feel that I have missed someone, please tell me and I will add them to the list! If you like what you heard/played in one of the solos, check out their other stuff as well.

Formatting example:

Miles Davis - So What - Kind of Blue

^(Artist)^ ^(Song)^ ^(Album)^

Trumpet:

.....Solos to start with.....

Miles Davis-Straight No Chaser, Autumn Leaves, So What, Freddie Freeloader, All Blues, Surrey w/ the Fringe on Top, Diane, Bag's Groove, Oleo, Doxy

Nat Adderley-Inside Straight

Blue Mitchell-Juicy Lucy, Come on Home, The Tokyo Blues

Joe Newman-Blues in Frankie's Flat

Clifford Brown-Delilah, Jordu, Blues Walk, Sandu

Chet Baker-There's a Small Hotel, Dinah, How Deep is the Ocean, I'll Remember April, Summertime, All the Things You Are

Art Farmer-Funk in the Deep Freeze

Lee Morgan-Ceora

Kenny Dorham-If Ever I Would Leave You

J.J. Johnson Walkin' from Miles Davis All Stars album

.....Other great players.....

Red Allen

Herb Alpert

Louis Armstrong (!)

Bix Biederbeck

Bunny Berigan

Lester Bowie

Donald Byrd

Benny Carter

Don Cherry

Harry "sweets" Edison

Roy Elridge (!)

Jon Faddis (!)

Maynard Ferguson
Dizzy Gillespie!
Bobby Hackett
Roy Hargrove!
Al Hirt
Freddie Hubbard!
Thad Jones!
Chuck Mangione! lol!
Wynton Marsalis!
Fats Navarro
Arturo Sandoval
Woody Shaw
Clark Terry
Allen Vizzutti!
Doc Severinson

Trombone:

Al Grey-Blues in Frankie's Flat
J.J. Johnson-Lament, Barbados, Minor Blues, EVERYTHING FROM J.J.!
Ashley Alexander
David Baker
Wycliffe Gordon
Curtis Fuller
Steve Turre
Bill Watrous
Andy Martin
Frank Rosolino
Carl Fontana
Michael Davis
Tommy Dorsey
Robin Eubanks
Urbie Green
Bill Reichenbach
Dick Shearer
Jigs Whigham
Kai Winding
Joe "Tricky Sam" Nanton (voice of snoopy)
Jack Teagarden

Flute:

Ron Burgundy

Hubert Laws

Katisse Buckingham (person who recorded Ron Burgundy's "yazz flute" solo.

Dave Valentine!!!

Clarinet:

Benny Goodman-In a Sentimental Mood

Buddy DeFranco

Sidney Bechet

Paquito D'Rivera

Eddie Daniels

Jimmy Dorsey

Pete Fountain

Jimmy Guiffre

Woody Herman

Saxes:

Alto solos:

Paul Desmond on Take Five

Cannonball Adderley- Autumn Leaves, Inside Straight

Sonny Stitt- Blues Back

Kenny Garrett-Sing a song of song, brother hubbard

Dick Oatis-On Green Dolphin Street

Lou Donaldson on Blues Walk

Tenor Solos:

Lester Young-Blue Lester-The Immortal Lester Young

Sonny Rolins-St. Thomas

Phil Woods on Billy Joel's Just the way you are

Stan Getz on the Girl From Ipanema

David Newman on Ray Charles' Unchain My Heart

Dexter Gordon- Cheesecake, Apple Jump, Blue Bossa, **Second Balcony Jump**

Frank Foster- Blues in Frankie's Flat, Splanky

Harold Land-Delilah

Hank Mobley-Dig Dis

Branford Marsalis-Making Whoopie

Junior Cook-Juicy Lucy, Come on Home

Sonny Rollins, Saint Thomas, Tenor Madness

Stan Getz-Corvacado

Stanley Turrentine-I Want A Little Girl

John Coltrane over My Shining Hour

Baritone sax players:

Pepper Adams

Gerry Mulligan

Soprano Sax players:

Sidney Bechet

Kenny Garrett

Some John Coltrane as well

Alto mostly:

Cannonball Adderly

Paul Desmond

Kenny Garrett (+soprano)

Jonny Hodges

Charlie Parker

Maceo Parker

Art Pettet

Lee Konitz

Ornette Coleman

Phil Woods

Tenor mostly:

Al Cohen

bud Freeman

Stan Getz

Bob Mintzer

Coleman Hawkins

Lester Young

Sonny Rollins

Oliver Nelson

Joe Henderson

Wayne Shorter-brilliant

Both:

John Coltrane (don't try and sound like him right away)

Charlie Barnett

Sidney Bechet

Michael Brecker

Joshua Redman

Zoot Sims

Joe Lovano

Branford Marsalis

Buddy Tate
Grover Washington, Jr.
Lester Young
Frank Wess
Phil Woods

Piano:

Solos:

Wynton Kelly-Freddie Freeloader, Dig Dis
Horace Silver-Walkin, Oleo, Funk in the Deep Freeze, Juicy Lucy, Come on Home, Song for My
Father, The Jody Grind, The Tokyo blues, Walkin
Red Garland-Surrey w/ the Fringe on top, Diane
Keith Jarrett-Bye Bye Blackbird
Ellis Marsalis-Surrey w/ the Fringe on Top, Love for Sale, El-ray's Blues
Kenny Kirland-Sing a song of song
A.C. Jobim-Corcavado
Sonny Clark, Cheesecake, Second Balcony Jump
Bill Evans-Blue in Green
Tommy Flannigan-Blue 7

Great Players:

Jelly Roll morton
Earl Hines
Art Tatum
Thelonious Monk
Bud Powell
McCoy Tyner
Herbie Hancock
Chick Corea
Hilton Ruiz
Eddie Palmieri
Ahmad Jamal
Alan Broadbent
Benny
Green
Billy Strayhorn
Bob Florence
Count Basie
Dave Brubek
Fletcher Henderson
Gill Evans
Gordon Goodwin

Hank Jones
John Taylor
Lyle Mays
Marc Seales
Marty Paich
Norah Jones
Phineas Newborn Jr.
Shelly Berg
Sun Ra
Mary Lou Wilson
Tadd Dameron

Guitar:

Solos:

Grant Green-Green Dolphin Street
Wes Montgomery- Four on Six
Kenny Burrell-Chitlin's COn Carne
Jim Hall-Alone Together
Pat Metheny-Soul Cowboy
Bill Frisell-Strange Meeting

Other greats:

Freddie Green (you MUST know how to comp in his style!)
George Benson-lots of great melodic playing. love this guy!
Charlie Christian
Joao Gilberto
Sal Salvador
Charlie Byrd
Herb Ellis
Hank Garland
Jim Hall
Stanley Jordon
Joe Pass
Bucky Pizzarelli
Jimmy Ramey
Django Reinhardt!

Drums:

For transcription:

Jimmy Cobb-Straight no Chaser (behind miles solo on Live at Newport)
Jimmy Cobb-All of You (behind Red Garland's solo on the album 'Round Midnight)

Philly Joe Jones!!!-The Surrey with the fringe on top (behind sonny rollin's solo on the album Newk's Time)

Max Roach-Sandu

Kenny Clarke-Well You Needn't

Billy Higgins-Love for Sale

Jeff "Tain" Watts-Makin' Whoopie

Art Blakey!!

Elvin Jones!1

Gary burton

Joey Baron

Louie Bellson

Al Foster

Roy Haynes

billy higgins

gene krupa

pap jack laine

stan levey

Mel Lewis

Sheey Manne

Airto Morello

Buddy Rich

Max Roach!!!!

Antonio Sanchez

Bill Stewart

Grady Tate

Ed Thigpen

Cal Tjader

Chad Wackerman

Tony Williams

Pete La Roca

Vibes:

Milt Jackson on Bag's Groove with Miles Davis

Vocal:

Ella Fitzgerald

Carmen McRae

Sarah Vaughn

Frank Sinatra

Dean Martin

Harry Connick Jr.

Chet Baker
Michael Buble
johnny Mathis
Nat King Cole
Esperanza Spalding
Tony Bennett
Natalie Cole
Bessie Smith
Billie Holiday
Tito Rodriguez

Percussion:

Tito Puente
Pancho Sanchez

Bass:

Solos:

Ray Brown-Cool Walk, Surrey with the Fringe on Top, Sweet Georgia Brown, El-Ray's Blues
Eugene Taylor-Come on Home
Doug Watkins- Funk in the Deep Freeze
Larry Grenadier-Soul Cowboy

ALBUMS:

Jimmy Blanton---Duke Ellington The Jimmy Blanton Era
Slam Stewart---Slam Stewart & Major Holley: Shut Yo' Mouth!
Paul Chambers---Whims of Chambers, Bass on Top, "1st Bassman", with Miles Davis (Kind of Blue), or with John Coltrane (Blue Train, Giant Steps),
Milt Hinton---Old Man Time, Laughing at Life
Oscar Pettiford---First Bass, Bass Hits, or with Lucky Thompson (Tricotism) Any other Oscar Pettiford CD
Willbur Ware---with Sonny Rollins: A Night at the Village Vanguard
Ray Brown---with the Oscar Peterson Trio (Night Train, We Get Requests, Live at the Stratford Shakespearean Festival) ANYTHING with Ray Brown. Also Bam Bam Bam, Summer Wind, Ray Brown Trio
Charles Mingus---Mingus Ah Um, Mingus Mingus Mingus Mingus Mingus, The Quintet (Live at Massey Hall)
Sam Jones---The Soul Society
Israel Crosby---Ahmad Jamal (Live at the Pershing)
Charlie Haden
Scott LaFaro---with Bill Evans!
Miroslav Vitous

John Clayton
Dave Holland
Jaco Pastorius
Gary Peacock
Steve Swallow
Michael Moore
Larry Grenadier
Christian McBride
Avishai Cohen (bassist, not the trumpeter, although he's good too)
Ben Allison
Nathan East
Stanley Clarke
Ron Carter
Dave Young
Charlie Haden

::::Classical Bass CD's:::

Quatuor de contrabasses de Bruxelles (Pavane)

Gary Karr: J.S. Bach Solo Suites

Gary Karr: Basso Cantabile