

Jazz Cheat Sheet

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Bolded terms appear frequently in questions.

Names marked with an asterisk* appear elsewhere in this sheet, since important jazz musicians frequently worked together.

Trumpet

Musician	Details
<i>Wynton Marsalis</i>	
Miles <u>Davis</u>	performed with John Coltrane* and Cannonball Adderley* on his album Kind of Blue , which includes "So What," "Freddie Freeloader," and "Blue in Green;" his album Birth of the Cool includes "Boplicity;" often collaborated with Gil Evans on albums like Sketches of Spain ; other albums include <i>Bitches Brew</i>
Louis <u>Armstrong</u>	nicknamed "Satchmo;" recorded "What a Wonderful World" and "Hello, Dolly;" popularized scat singing on his recording of "Heebie Jeebies;" performed with his Hot Five
Dizzy <u>Gillespie</u>	nicknamed "Dizzy" for puffing out his cheeks while playing his bent trumpet; recorded "A Night in Tunisia" and "Salt Peanuts"

Piano

Musician	Details
<i>Billy Strahorn, Bill Evans, Art Tatum, Jelly Roll Morton</i>	
Duke <u>Ellington</u>	bandleader and pianist known for performing "Take the 'A' Train," especially at the Cotton Club; composed "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got that Swing)" and "Mood Indigo;" often composed with Billy Strayhorn*
Dave <u>Brubeck</u>	led the Dave Brubeck Quartet, including saxophonist Paul Desmond*, who composed "Take Five" for the group's album Time Out to showcase Joe Morello's* drumming; <i>Time Out</i> also includes "Blue Rondo à la Turk"
Thelonious <u>Monk</u>	composed "Round Midnight" and "Straight, No Chaser"

Saxophone

Musician	Details
<i>Cannonball Adderley, Paul Desmond</i>	
John <u>Coltrane</u>	recorded the albums A Love Supreme and Giant Steps , which uses his "sheets of sound" style; recorded the song "Naima" and a jazz version of "My Favorite Things;" performed with Cannonball Adderley* on <i>Kind of Blue</i>
Charlie <u>Parker</u>	bebop saxophonist nicknamed "Bird;" wrote the song "Ornithology" as a play on that nickname; composed "Ko-Ko"

Drums

Musician	Details
<i>Gene Krupa, Joe Morello</i>	
Buddy <u>Rich</u>	described by Gene Krupa* as the greatest drummer who had ever lived

Others

Musician	Details
Cab <u>Calloway</u>	singing
Ella <u>Fitzgerald</u>	singing; the Queen of Jazz and First Lady of Song who sang "A Tisket, A Tasket" and "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" and "Summertime," a song from the opera <i>Porgy and Bess</i> ; famous for scat singing
Benny <u>Goodman</u>	clarinet; recorded "Sing Sing Sing;" the King of Swing
Charles <u>Mingus</u>	double bass; recorded the album <i>Mingus Ah Um</i>
Django <u>Reinhardt</u>	guitar