

## Year in Review: The Top 40 Jazz Albums of 2022

Our critics pick their favorite new releases of the year

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1. Immanuel Wilkins *The 7<sup>th</sup> Hand* (Blue Note)
2. Tyshawn Sorey Trio *Mesmerism* (Yeros7)

### 3. Billy Drummond & Freedom of Ideas *Valse Sinistre* (Cellar)



For his first album as a leader in 26 years, the drummer's drummer enlists saxophonist Dayna Stephens, pianist Micah Thomas, and bassist Dezron Douglas for adventurous music ranging from an urgent, bracing take on Jackie McLean's "Little Melonae" to a haunting version of the ballad "Laura." Drummond aptly salutes a pair of musical heroes on his "Changes for Trane & Monk" and turns in a soprano-led version of Grachan Moncur's twisty, rarely played "Frankenstein." PHILIP BOOTH

4. Cécile McLorin Salvant *Ghost Song* (Nonesuch)
5. Mary Halvorson *Amaryllis* (Nonesuch)
6. Redman Mehldau McBride Blade *Long Gone* (Nonesuch)
7. Jakob Bro/Joe Lovano *Once Around the Room: A Tribute to Paul Motian* (ECM)
8. Charles Lloyd *Trios: Chapel* (Blue Note)
9. Wadada Leo Smith, Jack DeJohnette & Vijay Iyer *A Love Sonnet for Billie Holiday* (TUM)
10. Julian Lage *View with a Room* (Blue Note)
11. JD Allen *Americana Vol. 2* (Savant)

12. Dave Stryker *As We Are* (Strikezone)
13. Terri Lyne Carrington *New Standards Vol. 1* (Candid)
14. Christian McBride & Inside Straight *Live at the Village Vanguard* (Mack Avenue)
15. Samara Joy *Linger Awhile* (Verve)
16. Miles Okazaki *Thisness* (Pi)
17. Melody Gardot/Philippe Powell *Entre eux Deux* (Decca)
18. Wadada Leo Smith *The Emerald Duets* (TUM)
19. Natalie Cressman & Ian Faquini *Auburn Whisper* (GroundUP)
20. The Bad Plus: *The Bad Plus* (Edition)
21. Ches Smith *Interpret It Well* (Pyroclastic)
22. Myra Melford's Fire and Water Quintet *For the Love of Fire and Water* (RogueArt)
23. Danilo Pérez Featuring the Global Messengers *Crisálida* (Mack Avenue)
24. John Scofield *John Scofield* (ECM)
25. Marta Sanchez *SAAM (Spanish American Art Museum)* (Whirlwind)
26. Miguel Zenón *Música de las Américas* (Miel)
27. Ron Carter *Finding the Right Notes* (In & Out)
28. James Brandon Lewis Quartet *MSM Molecular Systematic Music Live* (Intakt)
29. Makaya McCraven *In These Times* (International Anthem)
30. Yellowjackets *Parallel Motion* (Mack Avenue)
31. Joel Ross *The Parable of the Poet* (Blue Note)
32. Keith Jarrett *Bordeaux Concert* (ECM)
33. Eliane Elias *Quietude* (Candid)
34. Jon Irabagon *Rising Sun* (Irabbagast)
35. Luke Stewart's Silt Trio *The Bottom* (Cuneiform)
36. Ivo Perelman/Matthew Shipp *Fruition* (ESP-Disk')
37. The Headhunters *Speakers in the House* (Ropeadope)
38. Snarky Puppy *Empire Central* (GroundUP)
39. DOMi & JD Beck *NOT TiGHT* (Blue Note)
40. Janel Leppin *Ensemble Volcanic Ash* (Cuneiform)