

Influences

These days I listen to lots of world music and field recordings. Some of my favorite stuff is from Africa, in particular, Mali. Oumou Sangare is the Diva of Mali and sounds like a bird. There are lots of field recordings from Africa available as well as great studio recordings. If you are interested in more recommendations, contact me. I would also recommend the field recordings of Alan Lomax. Indian musicians like Hariprasad Chaurasia and Shrinivas also knock me out. Go to your local library and sign out some music if you get the chance or look online for things to listen to. Let me know if you think there is something I should check out too!

Here is a partial list of some jazz to check out...

- Duke Ellington - anything
- Thelonius Monk - anything
- Miles Davis - anything
- John Coltrane - anything. but some in particular... A Love Supreme, Ballads, Crescent, Giant Steps, Blue Train. Soultrane, Africa Brass, Live @ the Village Vanguard, w/Johnny Hartman, w/Duke Ellington, again I feel the same about Trane as I do about Miles. If you are new to Trane, start with something like Ballads.
- Ornette Coleman - my favorite stuff is on Atlantic
- Johnny Griffin (w/Trane, Hank Mobley, Art Blakey, Lee Morgan etc...), Intro. Johnny Griffin
- Alice Coltrane - anything...esp. Translinear Light (2004)

- Cannonball Adderley - Something Else
- Lee Morgan - any
- Eric Dolphy - any
- Kenny Dorham - (great trumpet sound)
- Count Basie - anything
- Bill Frisell - most anything really.
- Stan Getz - pretty much anything. what a sound!!!
- Dexter Gordon - anything

- Elvin Jones - all his stuff with Trane.
- Coleman Hawkins - anything, esp. Body & Soul
- Lester Young - anything, esp. the Alladin Sessions
- Joe Henderson - anything from "The Joe"

- Keith Jarrett - anything...a true geunius.

- Rahsaan Roland Kirk - ... anything!
- Joe Lovano - From the Soul, Live at the Village Vanguard, Landmarks
- Charles Mingus - Mingus Mingus Mingus Mingus Mingus, etc... pretty much anything. I rank him compositionally with Duke.
- Hank Mobley - Soul Station
- Charlie Parker anything
- Chris Potter - most anything...one of the great young players.
- Joshua Redman - any
- Pharoah Sanders - w/Trane, Thembi, solo work with Alice Coltrane
- Sonny Rollins - any....see him LIVE!
- Wayne Shorter - any... and read his book Footprints.

- Horace Silver - Song For My Father, etc...
- Billie Holiday - anything
- Nat Cole - trio recordings
- Michael Brecker , Michael Brecker/solo recordings, w/Steps Ahead
- Ray Charles - most anything
- Art Blakey & the Jazz Messengers - anything
- John Zorn - Naked City, Masada, anything really. he's killing!
- Albert Ayler - anything
- Milford Graves - anything you can find (an amazing drummer and much more)
- Kenny Garrett - any
- Carlos Ward - w/Don Pullen & Abdullah Ibrahim

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