

ALBUMS OF THE YEAR

- REZ ABBASI—*Behind the Vibration* (Cuneiform)
 DARCY JAMES ARGUE'S SECRET SOCIETY—*Real Enemies* (New Amsterdam)
 NELS CLINE—*Lovers* (Blue Note)
 STEPHAN CRUMP—*Rhombal* (Papillon)
 MICHAEL FORMANEK ENSEMBLE KOLOSSUS—*The Distance* (ECM)
 TONY MORENO QUINTET—*Short Stories* (Mayimba)
 ESPERANZA SPALDING—*Emily's D+Evolution* (Concord)
 JOSHUA REDMAN & BRAD MEHLDAU—*Nearness* (Nonesuch)
 DAN WEISS—*Sixteen: Drummers Suite* (Pi)
 MATT WILSON'S BIG HAPPY FAMILY—*Beginning of a Memory* (Palmetto)
 -David R. Adler
 BUSHMAN'S REVENGE—*Jazz, Fritt Etter Hukommelsen* (Rune Grammofon)
 FANFARE CIOCĂRLIA—*Onwards to Mars!* (Asphalt Tango)
 CHRISTY DORAN'S SOUND FOUNTAIN—*Belle Epoque* (Between the Lines)
 SILKE EBERHARD/CHRISTIAN MARIEN/NIKOLAUS NEUSER—*I Am Three: Mingus, Mingus, Mingus* (Leo)
 ERGO—*As Subtle as Tomorrow* (Cuneiform)
 FIRE!—*She Sleeps, She Sleeps* (Rune Grammofon)
 CHARLIE HADEN LIBERATION MUSIC ORCHESTRA—*Time/Life* (Song For The Whales and Other Beings) (Impulse!)
 ARUAN ORTIZ TRIO—*Hidden Voices* (Intakt)
 STEVE SWELL—*Soul Travelers* (Rogue Art)
 JORMA TAPIO & KASKIA—*Ghatika* (Karkia Mistika)
 -Laurence Donohue-Greene
 DARCY JAMES ARGUE'S SECRET SOCIETY—*Real Enemies* (New Amsterdam)
 STEPHAN CRUMP—*Rhombal* (Papillon)
 PETER EVANS—*Lifeblood* (Moreismore)
 BARRY GUY/MARILYN CRISPELL/PAUL LYTTON—*Deep Memory* (Intakt)
 MARY HALVORSON OCTET—*Away With You* (Firehouse 12)
 BRIGGAN KRAUSS—*Art of the Saxophone, Vol. 1: The Tunnel Recordings* (s/r)
 STARLITE MOTEL—*Awosting Falls* (Clean Feed)
 CRAIG TABORN/CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE/TYSHAWN SOREY—*John Zorn: Flaga* (Tzadik)
 THUMBSCREW—*Convallaria* (Cuneiform)
 ZAKS—*Live at 5e* (ILK Music)
 -Andrey Henkin

UNEARTHED GEMS

- DON CHERRY/JOHN TCHICAI/IRÈNE SCHWEIZER/LÉON FRANCIOLI/PIERRE FAVRE—*Musical Monsters* (Willisau Concert) (Intakt)
 THAD JONES/MEL LEWIS ORCHESTRA—*All My Yesterdays: The Debut 1966 Recordings at the Village Vanguard* (Resonance)
 YUSEF LATEEF—*Live at Ronnie Scott's* (Gearbox)
 LUCKY THOMPSON—*Bop & Ballads* (Sonorama)
 FINN VON EYBEN—*Plays Finn von Eyben/Finn von Eyben Workshop & Radiojazzgruppen* (1966-1967) (Storyville)

LATIN RELEASES

- ORBERT DAVIS CHICAGO JAZZ PHILHARMONIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE—*Havana Blue* (Orbark Productions)
 ANDY GONZALEZ—*Entre Colegas* (Truth Revolution)
 BRIAN LYNCH—*Madera Latino: A Latin Jazz Perspective On The Music of Woody Shaw* (Hollistic MusicWorks)
 LITTLE JOHNNY RIVERO—*Music in Me* (Truth Revolution)
 EDWARD SIMON—*Latin American Songbook* (Sunnyside)

VOCAL RELEASES

- CYRILLE AIMÉE—*Let's Get Lost* (Mack Avenue)
 RÉNE MARIE—*Sound of Red* (Motéma Music)
 AMINA CLAUDINE MYERS—*Sama Rou* (Songs From My Soul) (Amina C.)
 CATHERINE RUSSELL—*Harlem On My Mind* (Jazz Village)
 BRIA SKONBERG—*Bria* (OKeh)

TRIBUTES

- SILKE EBERHARD/CHRISTIAN MARIEN/NIKOLAUS NEUSER—*I Am Three: Mingus, Mingus, Mingus* (Leo)
 MICHAEL MUSILLAMI/RICH SYRACUSE—*Of The Night* (Playscape)
 SLAVIC SOUL PARTY!—*Plays Duke Ellington's Far East Suite* (Ropeadope)
 MIROSLAV VITOUS—*Music Of Weather Report* (ECM)
 DENNY ZEITLIN—*Early Wayne* (Solo Wayne) (Sunnyside)

DEBUTS

- ALYSSA ALLGOOD—*Out of the Blue* (Jeru Jazz)
 BEN COHEN—*Viriditas* (Eschatology)
 JEROME JENNINGS—*The Beast* (Iola)
 JULIE KJÆR 3—*Dobbeltgænger* (Clean Feed)
 RAY McMORRIN—*Ray/Mack* (Truth Revolution)

REISSUES

- PETER BRÖTZMANN/FRED HOPKINS/RASHIED ALI—*Songlines* (FMP-Trost)
 JAKI BYARD TRIO—*Live at the Jazz'Inn* (Futura)
 DIZZY GILLESPIE & FRIENDS—*Concert of the Century* (A Tribute to Charlie Parker) (Justin Time)
 BARRY HARRIS—*Live in Tokyo* (Xanadu-Elemental Music)
 JOE HENDERSON—*Mirror Mirror* (MPS-Edel)

BOXED SETS

- SVEND ASMUSSEN—*The Incomparable Fiddler - 100 Years* (Storyville)
 COUNT BASIE AND LESTER YOUNG—*Classic 1936-1947 Studio Sessions* (Mosaic)
 JOËLLE LÉANDRE—*A Woman's Work...* (Not Two)
 HOWARD RILEY—*Constant Change 1976-2016* (NoBusiness)
 VARIOUS ARTISTS—*The Boston Creative Jazz Scene 1970-1983* (Cultures of Soul)

LARGE ENSEMBLE RELEASES

- DARCY JAMES ARGUE'S SECRET SOCIETY—*Real Enemies* (New Amsterdam)
 AUDIO ONE—*What Thomas Bernhard Saw* (Audiographic)
 PIERRE DØRGE NEW JUNGLE ORCHESTRA—*Ubi Zaa* (SteepleChase)
 CHARLIE HADEN LIBERATION MUSIC ORCHESTRA—*Time/Life* (Song For The Whales and Other Beings) (Impulse!)
 SLAVIC SOUL PARTY!—*Plays Duke Ellington's Far East Suite* (Ropeadope)

ORIGINAL ALBUM ARTWORK

- RYAN CARRAHER—*Vocturnal* (s/r)
 DANIEL ERDMANN'S VELVET REVOLUTION—*A Short Moment of Zero G* (BMC Records)
 STAN GETZ—*Moments in Time* (Resonance)
 VICTOR GOULD—*Clockwork* (Fresh Sound-New Talent)
 MICK ROSSI—*160* (Innova)

HONORABLE MENTIONS—NEW RELEASES

Idris Ackamoor & The Pyramids—*We Be All Africans* (Strut) • Harry Allen's All Star New York Saxophone Band—*The Candy Men* (Arbors) • Arild Andersen—*The Rose Window* (Live at Theater Gütersloh) (Intuition) • Richard Andersson—*UDU/Itu* (Hobby Horse)
 Ehud Asherie—*Shuffle Along* (Blue Heron) • The Bad Plus—*It's Hard* (OKeh) • Mike Baggetta—*Spectre* (Fresh Sound-New Talent) • Cyro Baptista—*Bluefly* (Tzadik) • Nik Bärtsch's Mobile—*Continuum* (ECM) • BassDrumBone—*The Long Road* (Auricle) • Battle Trance—*Blade of Love* (New Amsterdam)
 Michel Benita & Éthiops—*River Silver* (ECM) • Michael Bisio/Kirk Knuffke—*Row for William O.* (Relative Pitch) • Full Blast—*Risc* (Trost) • Jane Ira Bloom—*Early Americans* (Outline) • Michiel Braam—*Gloomy Sunday* (BMC Records) • Per Aage Brandt/Karsten Vogel—*Cry!* (Storyville)
 Peter Brendler—*Message in Motion* (Posi-Tone) • Kenny Burrell/Los Angeles Jazz Orchestra Unlimited—*Unlimited 1* (Live at Catalina's) (HighNote) • Joe Chambers—*Landscapes* (HighNote) • Albert Cirera/Hernani Faustino/Gabriel Ferrandini/Agusti Fernández—*Before the Silence* (NoBusiness)
 The Cookers—*The Call of the Wild and Peaceful Heart* (Smoke Sessions) • Cosmic Brujo Mutafuka—*Rhapsody of the Oppressed* (Dimensional) • Andrew Cyrille—*The Declaration Of Musical Independence* (ECM) • Tomasz Dabrowski—*S-O-L-O: 30th Birthday/30 Concerts/30 Cities* (Barefoot)
 Carsten Dahl Experience—*Caleidoscopia* (Storyville) • Tim Daisy's Celebration Sextet—*The Halfway There Suite* (Relay) • Joseph Daley/Warren Smith/Scott Robinson—*The Tuba Trio Chronicles* (JoDa Locust Street Music) • DE3—*Live At Maxwell's* (Sunnyside) • Deep Whole Trio—*Paradise Walk* (Multikulti Project)
 Jack DeJohnette/Ravi Coltrane/Matthew Garrison—*In Movement* (ECM) • Der verkaterer Stiefel—*Luftschlösser* (JazzHausMusik) • Robert Dick/Ursel Schlicht—*The Galilean Moons* (Nemu) • The Dixieland Stumblers—*Eponymous* (Artesuono) • John Escreet—*The Unknown* (Sunnyside)
 Peter Evans Quintet—*Genesis* (Moreismore) • Garrison Fewell/Gianni Mimmo—*Flawless Dust* (Long Song) • Jonathan Finlayson & Sicilian Defense—*Moving Still* (Pi) • Free Nelson MandomJazz—*The Organ Grinder* (RareNoise) • Fresh Cut Orchestra—*Mind Behind Closed Eyes* (Ropeadope)
 Erik Friedlander—*Rings* (Skipstone) • Don Friedman—*Strength and Sanity* (Newvelle) • Generations Quartet—*Flow* (Not Two) • Muriel Grossmann—*Natural Time* (Dreamland) • Giovanni Guidi/Gianluca Petrella/Louis Slavis/Gerald Cleaver—*Ida Lupino* (ECM)
 Alexander Hawkins/Evan Parker—*Leaps in Leicester* (Clean Feed) • Honey Ear Trio—*Swivel* (Little (i) Music) • The Hot Club of San Francisco—*John Paul George & Django* (Hot Club) • I.P.A.—*I Just Did Say Something* (Cuneiform) • JASS—*Mix of Sun and Clouds* (YOLK Music)
 Dawda Jobarteh/Stefan Pasborg—*DUO* (ILK Music) • Jungle: Mat Walerian/Matthew Shipp/Hamid Drake—*Live at Okuden* (ESP-Disk') • Stacey Kent—*Tenderly* (OKeh) • Franklin Kiermyer—*Closer to the Sun* (Mobility Music) • Masabumi Kikuchi—*Black Orpheus* (ECM)
 Frank Kimbrough—*Solstice* (Pirouet) • Martin Küchen/Mark Tokar/Arkadijus Gotesmanas—*Live at Vilnius Jazz Festival* (NoBusiness) • Dave Liebman Group—*Expansions Live* (Whaling City Sound) • Living Things—*Upwind Circles* (Barefoot) • LOK 03 #1—*Signals* (Trost) • Lume—*Xabregas 10* (Clean Feed)
 Rafal Mazur/Keir Neuringer—*Diacronic Paths* (Relative Pitch) • Thollem McDonas—*Meeting At The Parting Place* (Odradek) • Allison Miller's Boom Tic Boom—*Otis Was A Polar Bear* (Royal Potato Family) • Jemeel Moondoc/Hilliard Greene—*Cosmic Nickelodeon* (Relative Pitch)
 Nacka Forum—*We are the world* (Moserobie Music) • Nikolaus Neuser 5tet—*Pink Elephant* (Jazzwerkstatt) • New Old Luten Quintet—*Tumult!* (Euphorium) • Csaba Palotai—*The Deserter* (BMC Records) • Papanosh—*Oh Yeah Ho!* (Enja Yellowbird)
 Emile Parisien Quartet—*Spezial Snack* (ACT Music) • Evan Parker—*As the Wind* (Emanem) • Adam Pieronczyk/Miroslav Vitous—*Wings* (ForTune) • Michel Pilz/Jean-Noël Cognard—*Ressuage* (JazzHausMusik) • Alberto Pintono Noi Siamo—*Resiliency* (Moserobie Music)
 Michel Portal—*Radar* (Live at Theater Gütersloh) (Intuition) • Raya Brass Band—*RAYA* (s/r) • Red Trio/John Butcher—*Summer Skyshift* (Clean Feed) • Dave Rempis/Joshua Abrams/Avreeayl Ra + Jim Baker—*Perihelion* (Aerophonic) • Renku—*Live in Greenwich Village* (Clean Feed)
 Eric Revis Trio—*Crowded Solitudes* (Clean Feed) • Yves Robert Trio—*Inspired* (BMC Records) • Roswell Rudd/Jamie Saft/Trevor Dunn/Balázs Pandi—*Strength & Power* (RareNoise) • Ken Schaphorst Big Band—*How To Say Goodbye* (JCA) • Friedhelm Schönfeld Quartett—*What Happened?* (Jazzwerkstatt)
 Santos Silva/Wodrascka/Meaas Svendsen/Berre—*Rasengan!* (Barefoot) • Wadada Leo Smith/Vijay Iyer—*A cosmic rhythm with each stroke* (ECM) • Jim Snidero—*MD66* (Savant) • Lew Tabackin Trio—*Soundscapes* (s/r) • Henry Threadgill Ensemble Double Up—*Old Locks and Irregular Verbs* (Pi)
 Tiziano Tononi/Daniele Cavallanti—*The Brooklyn Express: No Time Left!* (Long Song) • Laura Toxvaerd—*Compositions Part 1* (ILK Music) • Ken Vandermark—*Site Specific* (Audiographic) • Alexander von Schlippenbach Trio—*Warsaw Concert* (Intakt) • Alexander von Schlippenbach—*Jazz Now!* (Intuition)
 Cuong Vu Trio—*Meets Pat Metheny* (Nonesuch) • Kenny Washington—*Moanin* (Storyville) • West Coast Chamber Trio—*L.A. Strictly Confidential* (Ictus) • Nate Wooley—*Argonautica* (Firehouse 12) • Nate Wooley/Ken Vandermark—*All Directions Home* (Pleasure of the Text/Audiographic)

CONCERTS OF THE YEAR

- ROVA
 Bruce Ackley, Steve Adams, Larry Ochs, Jon Raskin and guests Tom Rainey, Michael Sarin
 The Stone, January 22nd
 JULIAN LAGE TRIO
 Scott Colley, Kenny Wollesen
 Rockwood Music Hall Stage 2, March 10th
 PHILIP CATHERINE
 Martin Wind, Matt Wilson
 Jazz at Kitano, March 12th
 ARCHIE SHEPP
 Amina Claudine Myers, Tom McClung, Joe Fonda
 White Box Gallery, March 29th
 SANGAM
 Charles Lloyd, Zakir Hussain, Eric Harland
 Town Hall, June 11th
 ARILD ANDERSEN TRIO
 Tommy Smith, Paolo Vinaccia
 Le Poisson Rouge, July 2nd
 PETER EVANS QUARTET
 Jon Irabagon, John Hébert, Tyshawn Sorey
 Village Vanguard, August 12th
 PETER EVANS/JOE MCPHEE
 Issue Project Room, August 13th
 THE ANDREW HILL LEGACY PROJECT
 Vijay Iyer, John Hébert, Mark Helias, Eric McPherson
 Jazz Standard, September 20th
 CHICK COREA/JOHN McLAUGHLIN
 Blue Note, December 7th
 -Andrey Henkin
- HUBERT LAWS
 David Budway, Chris Smith
 Baruch Performing Arts Center, January 10th
 OGJB QUARTET
 Oliver Lake, Graham Haynes, Joe Fonda, Barry Altschul
 Winter Jazzfest, New School 12th Street Auditorium, January 16th
 MR. JOY: A CELEBRATION OF PAUL BLEY
 Lucian Ban, Jacob Sacks, Aaron Parks, Matt Mitchell, Rob Schweimmer, Frank Kimbrough, Ethan Iverson, Lee Konitz
 Greenwich House Music School, February 11th
 PHILIP CATHERINE
 Martin Wind, Matt Wilson
 Jazz at Kitano, March 11th
 STEVE SWELL KENDE DREAMS
 Connie Crothers, Rob Brown, Larry Roland, Chad Taylor
 Vision Festival, Judson Hall, June 9th
 SANGAM
 Charles Lloyd, Zakir Hussain, Eric Harland
 Town Hall, June 11th
 STEVE LACY FESTIVAL
 Sam Newsome, Dave Liebman, Andrew Raffo Dewar, Mark Helias, Andrew Cyrille
 Jazz Museum in Harlem, July 23rd
 MULATU ASTATKE
 Adam O'Farrill, James Arben, Jason Lindner, Tal Meshiah, Daniel Freedman
 Metropolitan Museum of Art, September 9th
 MARY STALLINGS
 Mike LeDonne, Ed Cherry, Justin Brown
 Smoke, September 23rd
 MICHAEL LEONHART ORCHESTRA
 BRIC Jazzfest, BRIC House Ballroom, October 13th
 -Laurence Donohue-Greene

MUSICIANS OF THE YEAR

- DARCY JAMES ARGUE (composer)
 ANDREW CYRILLE (drums)
 PETER EVANS (trumpet)
 BRIA SKONBERG (trumpet/vocals)
 ALEXANDER VON SCHLIPPENBACH (piano)

LABELS OF THE YEAR

- ECM (ecmrecords.com)
 INTAKT (intaktrec.com)
 RELATIVE PITCH (relativepitchrecords.com)
 RESONANCE (resonancerecords.org)
 STORYVILLE (storyvillerecords.com)

VENUES OF THE YEAR

- JAZZ AT KITANO (Murray Hill)
 JAZZ STANDARD (Kip's Bay)
 ROULETTE (Boerum Hill)
 THE STONE (Alphabet City)
 VILLAGE VANGUARD (West Village)