

## 2007 TOP 10 CDs

Gee, hardly anyone responded last year, but I'll try one last time here. Tell us what you were listening to this past year! Hit that "reply to all" and let's have it!

Again, these are the top 10 albums that I was listening to, not necessarily released in 2007, just what was the most influential, most-listened-to things in 2007 (disqualifying my own release that took up an inordinate amount of time again):

Michael Brecker Terence Blanchard	Pilgrimage A Tale of God's Will (A Requiem for Katrina)
Tom Waits Charles Mingus Sextet w/ Eric Dolphy	Orphans: Brawlers, Bawlers, and Bastards Cornell 1964
McLaughlin, John Davis, Miles Gerry Mulligan	Industrial Zen The Complete On the Corner Sessions The Complete Verve Gerry Mulligan Concert Band Sessions
Prince Trio of Doom Weather Report	Planet Earth Trio of Doom (McLaughlin, Williams, Jaco) Forecast: Tomorrow

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### Dave Jackson

Hi Dave, Well, I'll try to help you out, but I'm not sure I can list ten albums. Here goes:

Amy Winehouse, BACK TO BLACK

soundtrack: HAIRSPRAY

Don Grolnick MEDIANOCHE

Miles Davis WORKIN'

John Scofield: WHAT'D I SAY

Dyke and the Blazers: BEAT GOES PUBLIC

James Taylor: LIVE

Gloria Estefan: MI TIERRA

Joni Mitchell: SHINE

Youssou N'Dour: ROKKU MI ROKKA

These are the things I've been digging and playing along to in 2007. David Jackson

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## Steve Carl

Hey Dave,

Once again, most of my listening was broadcasts from KMFA in Austin, TX. About 10 hours worth of classical music mp3s every week.

Some CDs I did enjoy were:

John Williams & John Etheridge Live in Dublin: Places Between - Classical & Jazz guitar duos

John Williams Bach, Handel & Marcello Concertos - classical guitar

Eduardo Fernandez Between Two Worlds - Latin American and Beatles on classical guitar

Paul Galbraith French Impressions - Debussy & Ravel on 8-string guitar

eighth blackbird strange imaginary animals - great modern music

Horowitz At The Met - what can you say?

The Beatles Love - remixed and sounds as good as new

I also enjoyed Industrial Zen, which you mentioned.

This year is off to a good start with Herbie Hancock's River: The Joni Letters, Janine Jansen's Bach Album (2 and 3 part inventions on violins), John Lennon's Imagine, Miles Davis' Tribute to Jack Johnson (\$1.99 on iTunes!!!), Miroslav Vitous' Univeral Syncopations II, and (of course) Lab Work all enjoying the rotation on my new iPod. The Red Gaijin cd is on there also (interestingly, the album cover for Gaijin appears on iTunes, but not Lab Work yet.)

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## Kaz Yoshihara

Here are my top 10 CDs from 2007:

- 1) Tom Jobim - inedito
- 2) Stanley Cowell - Musa
- 3) David Sylvian - The Only Daughter ( the blemish remixes )
- 4) Nine Horses - Snow Borne' Sorrow
- 5) McCoy Tyner Trio - infinity
- 6) Ry Cooder - My Name Is Buddy
- 7) Quruli - Tanz Walzer
- 8) Steve Gorssman - Some Shapes To Come
- 9) Steve Grossman - Terra Firma
- 10) Azimuth - 1st album

Lots of them are reissued in Japan. 7) is a Japanese rock group. I have been collecting Michael Brecker-related CDs these days, and 5) is one of these my recent findings. This one is pretty amazing. Especially Brecker version of "Impressions".

Kaz

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Rick Zayas

Hi Dave,

I'm basically listening to lots and lots of TOWER OF POWER. They're better than Prozac.

Love,

Rick

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Chico Huff

Here's my list:

Tom Waits- Orphans, Brawlers, Bawlers and Bastards  
Joni Mitchell- Travelogue  
Herbie Hancock- River; The Joni Letters  
Bjork- Volta  
Radiohead- In Rainbows

Crooked Still- Shaken By A Low Sound  
Chris Potter Tentet- Songs for Anyone  
M;eshell Ndegeocello- The World Has Made Me the Man of My Dreams  
Sufjan Stevens- Illinois  
Dino Saluzzi- Ojos Negros  
Adam Rogers- Allegory  
Michael Brecker- Pilgrimage  
(more than ten but there you go There's more but these off the top of my head)

Rediscovered:

Miles Davis- Water babies  
Steely Dan- Gaucho  
Cannonball and Coltrane

New bands worth a listen:

Metric, Deerhoof, Of Montreal, Band of Horses

Happy New Year!

Chico Huff

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## Don Knabb

Ok Hartl, here is my top 10 list. Let me know if you heard of any of them.....

Steve Roach	Immersion 1, 2 and 3 (6 disks in total)
Steve Roach	Kairos: The Meeting of Time and Destiny
Robert Rich	Electric Ladder
Sam Rosenthal	As Lonely as Dave Bowman: POD
David Helping/Jon Jenkins	Treasure
Jeff Pearce	Lingering Light
John Serrie	The Stargazer's Journey
James Johnson	Entering Twilight

Richard Bone  
Moya Brennan  
Deva Premal

Etherdome  
Two Horizons  
Moola Mantra

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## Brian Groder

Here be mine 2007 favs  
No ranking, just the sampling:

-Jerry Bergonzi: "Tenorist" with John Abercrombie; Dave Santoro; Adam Nussbaum

He's an under rated improviser and composer working through some interesting scapes.

-Tom Harrell: "Light On" with Wayne Escoffery; Danny Grissett; Ugonna Okegwo; Johnathan Blake

The man writes beautiful music. His improvisation is right on.

-Chris Potter: "Follow the Red Line- Live at Vanguard" with Craig Taborn; Adam Rodgers; Nate Smith

Interesting live set of musicians stretching out

-Paul Motian: "Trio Live at Village Vanguard" with Chris Potter; Greg Osby; Larry Grenadier; Masabumi Kikuchi

Great hearing Potter and Osby bend these simple heads.

-Bennie Maupin: "Penumbra" with Darek Oleszkiewicz; Michael Stephens; Daryl Jackson

Bennie, Bennie, where have you been? Beautiful under stated compositions and performances.

-Nguyen Le: "Purple" with Terri Lyne Carrington; Meshell Ndegeocello; Michel Alibo; Aida Khann

Outstanding French-Vietnamese guitarist works out Hendrix tunes, his very own way.

-Nguyen Le Duos: "Homescape" with Paolo Fresu; Dhafer Youssef  
Him again in duo form and electronics.

-Carla Bley: "Meets the Lost Chords" with Swallow; Paolo Fresu; Andy Sheperd

Great compositions/playing. Sheperd sounds great as usual.

I probably missed a few here and there, but these jumped out.

Hope to read some other stuff I missed...  
Best To All  
Have a Creative '08.

peace,  
b.

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## Jack Loughhead

Draggin' my feets again. I made a list last year, lost it, and then rediscovered it somewhere about May. After debating about whether it was too late to send it out, I lost it again. Well, New Years resolution no. 1: try harder to follow through (even if it's late). 2007 was a year in which I listened to an awful lot of music - too much time on trains and planes with an iPod - many thanks to Chico for flooding me with a lot of great music. However, reading over Mad Dog's picks, quite a number were the same (sort of scary, huh?): Brecker's Pilgrimage, Tom Waits, and McLaughlin's Industrial Zen would all be there. I happened to get Terence Blanchard's CD a few days before Dave's email, and like it a lot. Here's a few others, in no particular order:

- Will Bernard                      Party Hat
- Brian Bromberg                  Downtown Upright
- Kate Bush                          Aerial
- Victor Kraus                        II
- Herbie Hancock                  Joni Letters
- John Scofield                      This Meets That
- Kenny Werner                      Lawn Chair Society
- Scott Kinsey                        Kinesthetics

Best wishes to all for a great new year!

-Jackson

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Dave Hartl:

One last addendum:

I can't take any off my top 10, I like them all, but I got to add an 11<sup>th</sup>:

McCoy Tyner Quartet

This is one of the best albums this guy's made, and that's really saying something! He may look frail and older than you remember, but his music is stronger than ever. Add Joe Lovano, Christian McBride, and Jeff "Tain" Watts to the mix playing some classic McCoy tunes and there's no way this could be wrong.

Thanks to everybody who participated in this! I got some great new ideas of what to listen to.