

# Critics' Poll 2009

## Top 10 new issues

Chuck Berghofer The Film Music Of Ralph Rainger (Fresh Sound FSR 5048)	50
Tomasz Stanko Dark Eyes (ECM 271 1266)	50
Tommy Whittle The Tenor Connection (Spotlite SPJ579-CD)	45
Sonny Rollins Road Shows Vol 1 (Emarcy 0602517815612)	35
Eddie Thompson The Unforgettable 1982 Concert (Hep CD2094)	35
Graham Collier Directing 14 Jackson Pollocks (Jazz Continuum GCM 2009)	30
Johnny Varro/Ken Peplowski Two Legends Of Jazz (Arbors ARCD 19363)	30
Gerald Wilson Orchestra Detroit (Mack Avenue MAC1049)	30
Bob Florence Eternal Licks & Grooves (MAA 1030)	25
Jim Hart Words And Music (Woodville WVCD124)	25

## Top 10 reissues

Louis Armstrong Complete Decca Sessions 1935-46 (Mosaic MD7-243)	50
Miles Davis Kind Of Blue 50th Anniversary Edition (Columbia Legacy 88697-33552)	45
Woody Herman The Phillips Recordings (Mosaic MS-031)	45
Django Reinhardt/Stéphane Grappelli Nuages (Retrospective RTS 4140)	35
Count Basie The Atomic Mr Basie (Jazztrack 955)	30
Sonny Criss Great Quartets (Jazz Lips JL 762)	30
Stan Getz Dynasty (Verve V6 8802-2)	30
Dizzy Gillespie Four Classic Albums (Avid AMSC 968)	30
Jackie McLean Bluesnik (Blue Note RVG 50999 2 65145 2 9)	30
Eberhard Weber Colours (ECM 271 9638)	30

## Simon Adams

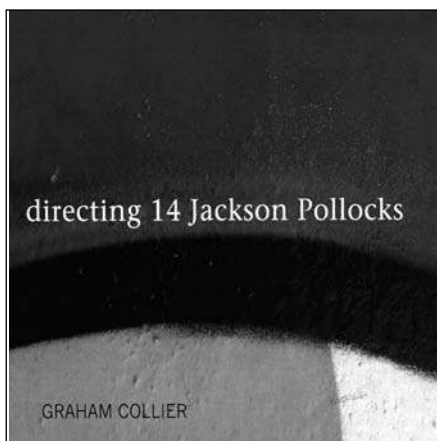
### NEW ISSUES

Big Air Big Air (Babel BDV2280)	15
Sonny Rollins Road Shows Vol 1 (Emarcy 0602517815612)	10
Graham Collier Directing 14 Jackson Pollocks (Jazz Continuum GCM 2009)	10
Jan Garbarek Group Dresden (ECM 270 9572)	10
Julie Tippetts & Martin Archer Ghosts Of Gold (Discus 7CD)	5

### REISSUES

Walt Dickerson Tell Us Only The Beautiful Things (Why Not WNCD 79401)	15
Stan Getz Dynasty (Verve V6 8802-2)	10
Jimmy Giuffre/Jim Hall Trio Complete Studio Recordings (Gambit 69300)	10
Jimmy Smith The Complete Sermon Sessions (Groove Hut GH 66712)	10
Paul Bley Complete Savoy Sessions 1962-1963 (Gambit 69305)	5

A year notable for the much welcome relaunch of this very magazine was also notable for its fine British jazz. "Big Air" is my outstanding record of the year, its largely British personnel completed by master American pianist Myra Melford. Graham Collier is still going great guns, while I could also have included piano sets from Brian Kellock and John Taylor, a duo set from Keith and Julie Tippetts as well as a fine funk set from Larry Stabbins' Stonephase. For the first time ever, I have taken immediately to a Jan Garbarek set. Wonders will never cease.



## John Adcock

### NEW ISSUES

Nik Bärtsch's Ronin Holon (ECM 174 8672)	15
Marcin Wasilewski January (ECM 173 7345)	10
Stefano Bollani Stone In The Water (ECM 179 4161)	10
Tito Puente and His Orchestra Live At The Monterey Jazz Festival 1977 (Concord 72307001)	10
Madeleine Peyroux Bare Bones (Rounder 6132732)	5

### REISSUES

Count Basie The Atomic Mr Basie (Jazztrack 955)	10
Stan Getz Dynasty (Verve V6-8802-2)	10
Louis Armstrong Meets Oscar Peterson (Essential Jazz Albums EJA 040)	10
Duke Ellington Black, Brown And Beige (Essential Jazz Classics EJC55430)	10
Stan Getz Live In Stockholm 1978 (Gambit 69312)	10

A couple of anniversaries stand out in 2009 - ECM celebrating 40 years' of beautifully produced albums, and Ronnie Scott's reaching the big 50. Both represent all that's good about continuity and change in music when both elements are well-managed. Jazz is all about change; technology continues to change the way I listen to, buy and enjoy the music. Downloads and online CD purchases have replaced my local record store as first ports of call. Basically, no digital = no choice. Proving the point, BBC Four deserves mention for keeping jazz programmes alive on Freeview. As *Star Trek's* Dr McCoy could have said: "It's jazz, Jim, but not as we know it."

## Derek Ansell

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Chuck Berghofer The Film Music Of Ralph Rainger (Fresh Sound FSR 5048)	10
Joshua Breakstone No One New (Capri 74095)	10
Scottish National Jazz Orchestra Rhapsody In Blue (Spartacus STS 013)	10
Francesco Cafiso Angelica (CamJazz CAMJ 7820-2)	10
Roy Hargrove Big Band Emergence (Emarcy 0602527079240)	10

### REISSUES

Miles Davis Kind Of Blue 50th Anniversary Edition (Columbia Legacy 88697-33552)	10
Phil Seamen The Late Great (Sharp Wood SWP 037)	10
Barry Harris Trio Breakin' It Up (Jazz Beat 507)	10
Jackie McLean Bluesnik (Blue Note RVG 50999 2 65145 2 9)	10