

Jazz Tenth Edition Chapter 11

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Hard (more driving)

Bop (return to the elements of the bop style)

Funky (rollicking, rhythmic feeling)

Gospel Jazz (funky + elements of early Gospel music)

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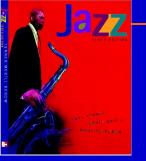


The Hard Bop style was more improvisational and emotionally based

The Funky Hard Bop era was a return to the Bop style (vitality)

The term *funky* was often used interchangeably with *soul* during this period

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The term soul was connected to church and speaks of the emotional content of the music

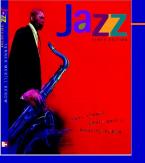
The term *funky* had a more *earthy* association

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- **Funky** music borrows musical characteristics from African American church music
 - Used scales that were used in early blues (blue notes)
 - Result is a gospel blues sound
- Highly rhythmical melodies
- Less complex harmonies

Happy sound

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Gospel Jazz

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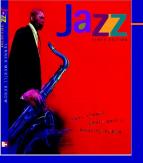
Originally called "soul jazz"

Extension of the funky style

Gospel jazz used more triadic harmonies (like which is found in church hymns)

Rhythm and emotional intensity

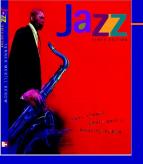
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The Performers

- The funky was 1st introduced by pianists
- Later adopted by all instrumentalists
- Brought to public notice by:
 - Pianist Horace Silver
 Drummer Art Blakey and his group called: *The Jazz Messengers*

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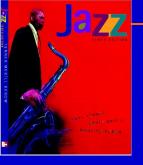


Horace Silver (1928-

Pianist, composer

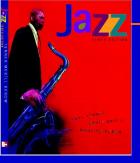
- An important pioneer of Hard bop
- His quintet served as a model for small jazz groups during the 1950s – 1960s
- Trained many young players
- Excellent composer and arranger

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Wild Bill Davis (1918-1995)

- "Godfather of the Jazz Organ"
- Performed on Hammond organ
- Also played piano, and guitar
- Led an organ trio group
- Worked with Ellington, Lionel Hampton, and Count Basie
- Worked not only in the USA but also worked extensively in Europe



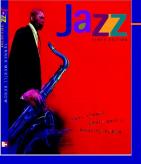
Art Blakey(1919-1990)

Drummer

- Formed a group called the "Jazz Messengers"
- Blakey's name became synonymous with hard drive and pulsating excitement

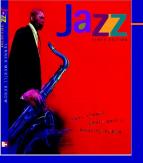


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Sonny Rollins (1930-

- Tenor saxophonist/composer
- Also studied piano, and alto sax
- Known for melodic style of improvisation
- Playing style shows the influence of cool and bop
- Has a quintet group/band
- Popular nightclub performer
- His recording of "Blue 7" is an example of the way Rollins is able to dissect a melody (humorously)



Charles Mingus (1922-1979)

- Bassist, pianist
- Composer/bandleader
- Influenced by Ellington, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk, Negro gospel music, Mexican folk music
- Had a strong approach to composition and performance



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Excellent bass soloist

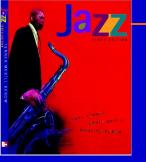
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Bill Evans (1929-1980)

- Pianist who fulfills the piano legacy begun in the early days of jazz
 - Placing the piano in the middle of the developing jazz tradition
 - Evans added a new improvisation authority to this legacy



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Bill Evans (1929-1980)

He laid the foundation for future generations of jazz piano players

Moved to the head of the jazz community when asked to join the Miles Davis group

Created a new sound for the piano that took the traditional chords and reshaped them with his own trademark "voicings"



Conclusion...

The era in jazz represents a time in the history of jazz as a developing art form

Offered a window to continuing the jazz tradition...the "mainstream"

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