



AMERICAN COMMEMORATIVES

JAZZ MUSICIANS



On the streets of New Orleans, jazz developed from a blend of African, Caribbean, Latin and European rhythms. This distinctively American art form spread across the country in the early 20th century through riverboat performances and the advent of recorded music. These 10 musicians composed and performed their tunes as jazz grew from an informal movement into a widely accepted musical genre.

Saxophonists **Coleman Hawkins**, **Charlie Parker**, and **John Coltrane** brought their instruments out of the orchestra and into the jazz band, while pianists **James P. Johnson**, **"Eubie" Blake**, **Jelly Roll Morton**, **Thelonious Monk**, and **Erroll Garner** explored new patterns on the keyboard. **Charles Mingus**, best known as a bassist, wove intricate harmonies into his music. Perhaps the best-known figure in the jazz movement, trumpeter **Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong** recorded hits such as "Struttin' With Some Barbecue" and "Potato Head Blues."

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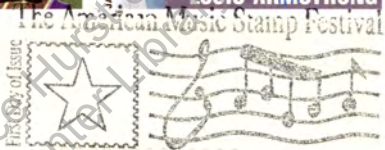
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