



## Jazz Critics Poll: 2010

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### 2010 Totals: New Albums

1. **Jason Moran: *Ten*** (Blue Note) **376.5 (50)**
2. **Rudresh Mahanthappa & Bunky Green: *Apex*** (Pi) **259 (34)**
3. **Mary Halvorson: *Saturn Sings*** (Firehouse 12) **175.5 (27)**
4. **Charles Lloyd: *Mirror*** (ECM) **150 (23)**
5. **Henry Threadgill: *This Brings Us To Volume II*** (Pi) **131 (22)**
6. **Keith Jarrett & Charlie Haden: *Jasmine*** (ECM) **122 (21)**
7. **Steve Coleman: *Harvesting Semblances and Affinities*** (Pi) **112.5 (21)**
8. **Vijay Iyer: *Solo*** (ACT) **109 (17)**
9. **Geri Allen: *Flying Toward the Sound*** (Motema) **105 (17)**
10. **Paul Motian: *Lost in a Dream*** (ECM) **90.5 (14)**
  
11. **Dave Holland: *Pathways*** (Dare2) **85 (13)**
12. **Chris Lightcap: *Bigmouth Deluxe*** (Clean Feed) **83.5 (13)**
13. **Brad Mehldau: *Highway Rider*** (Nonesuch) **78 (13)**
14. **Myra Melford: *The Whole Tree Gone*** (Firehouse 12) **77 (12)**
15. **James Moody: *4B*** (IPO) **77 (11)**
16. **Randy Weston: *The Storyteller*** (Motema) **76 (11)**
17. **Mostly Other People Do the Killing: *Forty Fort*** (Hot Cup) **70 (9)**
18. **Marc Ribot: *Silent Movies*** (Pi) **69.5 (11)**
19. **Fred Hersch: *Whirl*** (Palmetto) **65 (15)**
20. **Regina Carter: *Reverse Thread*** (E1) **61 (10)**
  
21. **The Claudia Quintet: *Royal Toast*** (Cuneiform) **57 (11)**
22. **Danilo Perez: *Providencia*** (Mack Avenue) **56 (9)**
23. **Christian Scott: *Yesterday You Said Tomorrow*** (Concord) **53 (9)**
24. **Nels Cline Singers: *Initiate*** (Cryptogramophone) **52 (9)**
25. **Microscopic Septet: *Friday the Thirteenth: The Micros Play Monk*** (Cuneiform) **46.5 (9)**
26. **Tomasz Stanko: *Dark Eyes*** (ECM) **46 (7\*)**
27. **Michael Formanek: *The Rub and Spare Change*** (ECM) **45.5 (9)**
28. **Rudresh Mahanthappa & Steve Lehman: *Dual Identity*** (Clean Feed) **42 (8)**
29. **Mike Reed: *Stories and Negotiations*** (482 Music) **41.5 (10)**

30. **Tom Harrell: *Roman Nights*** (High Note) **40 (7)**
31. **Irene Kral: *Second Chance*** (Jazzed Media) **39 (5)**
32. **Bill Charlap & Renee Rosnes: *Double Portrait*** (Blue Note) **38.5 (7)**
33. **Steve Lacy: *November*** (Intakt) **38 (6)**
34. **William Parker: *Uncle Joe's Spirit House*** (Centering) **37.5 (5)**
35. **Ideal Bread: *Transmit: Music of Steve Lacy*** (Cuneiform) **36 (8)**
36. **Billy Bang: *Prayer for Peace*** (TUM) **35 (8)**
37. **John Escreet: *Don't Fight the Inevitable*** (Mythology) **35 (6)**
38. **Evan Parker-Barry Guy-Paul Lytton-Peter Evans: *Scenes in the House of Music*** (Clean Feed) **34.5 (4)**
39. **Jason Adasiewicz: *Sun Rooms*** (Delmark) **34 (6)**  
**Kris Davis-Ingrid Laubrock-Tyshawn Sorey: *Paradoxical Frog*** (Clean Feed) **34 (6)**
41. **William Parker: *I Plan to Stay a Believer: The Inside Songs of Curtis Mayfield*** (AUM Fidelity) **33 (5)**
42. **Guillermo Klein: *Domador de Huellas: Music of "Cuchi" Leguizamon*** (Sunnyside) **32 (8)**
43. **Lee Konitz: *Live at the Village Vanguard*** (Enja) **31.5 (5)**
44. **Nels Cline: *Dirty Baby*** (Cryptogramophone) **31.5 (4)**
45. **Wadada Leo Smith & Ed Blackwell: *The Blue Mountain's Sun Drummer*** (Kabell) **30 (7)**
46. **Esperanza Spalding: *Chamber Music Society*** (Heads Up) **29 (5)**
47. **Either/Orchestra: *Mood Music for Time Travellers*** (Accurate) **27.5 (6)**
48. **The Bad Plus: *Never Stop*** (E1) **27 (9)**
49. **Chucho Valdes: *Chucho's Steps*** (Four Quarters) **27 (5)**
50. **Pat Metheny: *Orchestrion*** (Nonesuch) **27 (4)**
51. **Clayton Brothers: *The New Song and Dance*** (ArtistShare) **26 (4)**
52. **Mike Mainieri: *Crescent*** (NYC) **25 (4)**
53. **Chet Baker: *The Sesjun Radio Shows*** (Out of the Blue/T2) **25 (3)**
54. **Dave Douglas: *Spark of Being: Burst*** (Greenleaf) **24.5 (5)**
55. **Steve Colson: *The Untarnished Dream*** (Silver Sphinx) **24 (5)**  
**Tarbaby: *The End of Fear*** (Posi-Tone) **24 (5)**
57. **Amir ElSaffar & Hafez Modirzadeh: *Radif Suite*** (Pi) **24 (4)**
58. **Matthew Shipp: *4D*** (Thirsty Ear) **23 (6)**
59. **Anat Cohen: *Clarinetwork: Live at the Village Vanguard*** (Anzic) **23 (5)**
60. **Ted Nash & Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra: *Portrait in Seven Shades*** (JLCO) **23 (4)**  
**Odean Pope: *Odean's List*** (In + Out) **23 (4)**
62. **Dominic Duval & Cecil Taylor: *The Last Dance*** (Cadence) **23 (3)**  
**Bobby McFerrin: *VOCABuLaries*** (Emarcy) **23 (3)**  
**Denny Zeitlin: *Precipice*** (Sunnyside) **23 (3)**
65. **John Ellis: *Puppet Mischief*** (ObliqSound) **22 (4)**  
**Roscoe Mitchell: *Far Side*** (ECM) **22 (4)**

67. **Ches Smith & These Arches: *Finally Out of My Hands*** (Skirl) **22 (3)**  
 68. **Decoy & Joe McPhee: *Oto*** (Bo'Weavil) **21 (3)**  
**Kenny Dorham: *The Flamboyant, Queens, NY, 1963*** (Uptown) **21 (3)**  
**Ryan Keberle: *Heavy Dreaming*** (Alternate Side) **21 (3)**
71. **ROVA & Nels Cline Singers: *The Celestial Septet*** (New World) **20.5 (3)**  
 72. **Rez Abbasi: *Natural Selection*** (Sunnyside) **20 (4)**  
**Lucian Ban & John Hébert: *Enescu Re-Imagined*** (Sunnyside) **20 (4)**  
**Anat Fort: *And If*** (ECM) **20 (4)**  
**Catherine Russell: *Inside This Heart of Mine*** (World Village) **20 (4)**
76. **Steve Turre: *Delicious and Delightful*** (HighNote) **19 (3)**  
 77. **Cecil Taylor & Tony Oxley: *Ailanthus/Altissima (Bilateral Dimensions of Two Root Songs)*** (Triple Point) **19 (2)**  
 78. **Jon Irabagon: *Foxy*** (Hot Cup) **18.5 (6)**  
 79. **Cassandra Wilson: *Silver Pony*** (Blue Note) **18 (5)**  
 80. **Conrad Herwig: *The Latin Side of Herbie Hancock*** (Half Note) **18 (3)**
- Ingrid Laubrock: *Anti-House*** (Intakt) **18 (3)**
82. **Fred Anderson: *Black Horn Long Gone*** (Southport) **18 (2)**  
**Dee Dee Bridgewater: *Eleanora Fagan (1915-1959): To Billie With Love From Dee Dee*** (Emarcy) **18 (2)**
84. **Fight the Big Bull: *All Is Gladness in the Kingdom*** (Clean Feed) **17 (4)**  
 85. **Dave Liebman: *As Always*** (MAMA) **17 (3)**  
 86. **Anthony Braxton & Gerry Hemingway: *Old Dogs (2007)*** (Mode) **17 (2)**  
**Brad Goode: *Tight Like This*** (Delmark) **17 (2)**  
**Joel Harrison: *The Music of Paul Motian*** (Sunnyside) **17 (2)**
89. **Cookers: *Warriors*** (Jazz Legacy) **16 (4)**  
**Bill Frisell: *Beautiful Dreamers*** (Savoy Jazz) **16 (4)**
- Omar Sosa & NDR Bigband: *Ceremony*** (Otá) **16 (4)**  
**Howard Wiley: *12 Gates to the City*** (HNIC Music) **16 (4)**
93. **Rufus Reid: *Out Front*** (Motema) **16 (3)**  
 94. **AMM & John Butcher: *Sounding Music*** (Matchless) **16 (2)**  
**Jeff Chan: *Horns of Plenty*** (Asian Improv) **16 (2)**
96. **Geri Allen and Timeline: *Live*** (Motema) **15 (3)**  
**Ray Anderson & Marty Ehrlich: *Hear You Say: Live in Willisau*** (Intuition) **15 (3)**  
**John Hébert: *Spiritual Lover*** (Clean Feed) **15 (3)**  
**Adam Lane: *Ashcan Rantings*** (Clean Feed) **15 (3)**  
**Ullmann/Swell 4: *News? No News!*** (Jazzwerkstatt) **15 (3)**
101. **Benoît Delbecq: *The Sixth Jump*** (Songlines) **15 (2)**  
**Paquito D'Rivera: *Tango Jazz: Live at Lincoln Center*** (Sunnyside) **15 (2)**  
**David S. Ware: *Saturnian*** (AUM Fidelity) **15 (2)**

104. **Frank Kimbrough: *Rumors*** (Palmetto) **14 (3)**  
**Azar Lawrence: *Mystic Journey*** (Furthermore) **14 (3)**  
**Lionel Loueke: *Mwaliko*** (Blue Note) **14 (3)**  
**Ralph Towner & Paolo Fresu: *Chiaroscuro*** (ECM) **14 (3)**  
**Jessica Williams: *Touch*** (Origin) **14 (3)**
109. **Little Women: *Throat*** (AUM Fidelity) **14 (2)**  
**Mark Lomax: *The State of Black America*** (Inarhyme) **14 (2)**
- Rebecca Martin: *When I Was Long Ago*** (Sunnyside) **14 (2)**
112. **Barry Harris: *Live in Rennes*** (Plus Loin) **13.5 (3)**  
**Sam Newsome: *Blue Soliloquy (Solo Works for Soprano Saxophone)*** (self-released) **13.5 (3)**
114. **Greg Lewis: *Organ Monk*** (self-released) **13 (3)**
115. **Scott Amendola: *Lift*** (Sazi) **13 (2)**  
**Ross Bolleter: *Night Kitchen (2002-2009)*** (Emanem) **13 (2)**  
**Maurice Brown: *The Cycle of Love*** (Brown) **13 (2)**  
**Bill Carrothers: *Joy Spring*** (Pirouet) **13 (2)**  
**Circulazione Totale Orchestra: *Bandwidth*** (Rune Grammofon) **13 (2)**  
**Billy Childs: *Autumn: In Moving Pictures*** (ArtistShare) **13 (2)**
- Jazz Passengers: *Reunited*** (Justin Time) **13 (2)**  
**Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis: *Vitoria Suite*** (Emarcy) **13 (2)**  
**David Weiss: *Snuck In*** (Sunnyside) **13 (2)**  
**John Zorn: *Ipsissimus*** (Tzadik) **13 (2)**
125. **Jacky Terrasson: *Push*** (Concord) **12 (4)**
126. **Evan Christopher: *The Remembering Song*** (Arbors) **12 (3)**
127. **Bruce Barth & Steve Wilson: *Home*** (WASJS) **12 (2)**  
**Michael Dease: *Grace*** (Jazz Legacy) **12 (2)**  
**John McNeil & Bill McHenry: *Chill Morn He Climb Jenny*** (Sunnyside) **12 (2)**  
**Liam Sillery: *Phenomenology*** (OA2) **12 (2)**
- Dan Weiss: *Timshel*** (Sunnyside) **12 (2)**
132. **Cyrus Chestnut: *Journeys*** (Jazz Legacy) **11.5 (2)**  
**Dave Liebman-Evan Parker-Tony Bianco: *Relevance*** (Red Toucan) **11.5 (2)**  
**Erica Lindsay & Sumi Tonooka: *Initiation*** (ARC) **11.5 (2)**
135. **Geof Bradfield: *African Flowers*** (Origin) **11 (4)**
136. **Dmitry Baevsky: *Down With It*** (Sharp Nine) **11 (3)**  
**Richie Beirach & Dave Liebman: *Quest for Freedom*** (Sunnyside) **11 (3)**  
**Keefe Jackson: *Seeing You See*** (Clean Feed) **11 (3)**  
**Art Pepper: *Unreleased Art, Vol. V*** (Widow's Taste) **11 (3)**  
**Kurt Rosenwinkel: *Our Secret World*** (Word of Mouth) **11 (3)**

141. **Joshua Abrams: *Natural Information*** (Eremite) 11 (2)  
**Dan Block: *From His World to Mine*** (Miles High) 11 (2)  
**Lorraine Feather: *Ages*** (Jazzed Media) 11 (2)  
**Benjamin Herman: *Hypochristmastreefuzz: More Mengelberg*** (Dox) 11 (2)  
**Tony Malaby: *Tamarindo Live*** (Clean Feed) 11 (2)  
**New York Art Quartet: *Old Stuff*** (Cuneiform) 11 (2)  
**Evan Parker: *Set*** (Eminem) 11 (2)  
**John Pizzarelli: *Rockin' in Rhythm*** (Telarc) 11 (2)
149. **Stephan Crump: *Reclamation*** (Sunnyside) 10.5 (2)
150. **Nik Bärtsch: *Llyria*** (ECM) 10 (2)
- Avishai Cohen: *Introducing Triveni*** (Anzic) 10 (2)  
**Eli Degibri: *Israeli Song*** (Anzic) 10 (2)  
**Dave Liebman: *Turnaround: The Music of Ornette Coleman*** (Jazzwerkstatt) 10 (2)  
**Warren Vache & John Allred: *Top Shelf*** (Arbors) 10 (2)
155. **Muhal Richard Abrams & Roscoe Mitchell: *Spectrum*** (Mutable) 10 (1)  
**Afrocubism: *Afrocubism*** (Nonesuch) 10 (1)  
**Peter Brötzmann: *3 Nights in Oslo*** (Smalltown Superjazz) 10 (1)  
**Mike Clark: *Carnival of Soul*** (Owl Studios) 10 (1)  
**Jay Clayton: *In and Out of Love*** (Sunnyside) 10 (1)  
**Andrew Cyrille & Greg Osby: *Low Blue Flame*** (TUM) 10 (1)
- Bill Dixon-Aaron Siegel-Ben Hall: *Weight/Counterweight*** (Brokenresearch) 10 (1)  
**Tigran Hamasyan: *Red Hail*** (Plus Loin) 10 (1)  
**Hiromi: *Place to Be*** (Telarc) 10 (1)  
**ICP Orchestra: *ICP Orchestra*** (ICP) 10 (1)  
**Sum Invenio: *Ergo*** (Matchless) 10 (1)  
**Junko Onishi: *Baroque*** (Verve) 10 (1)  
**Scott Robinson-Marshall Allen-Pat O'Leary-Kevin Norton: *Live at Space Farms*** (ScienSonic) 10 (1)  
**Thomas Savy: *French Suite*** (Plus Loin) 10 (1)  
**Chris Schlarb: *Psychic Temple*** (Asthmatic Kitty) 10 (1)  
**Walter Smith III: *III*** (Criss Cross) 10 (1)
- Lew Soloff, Steve Richman and Harmonie Ensemble New York: *Sketches of Spain*** (Sheffield Lab) 10 (1)  
**Christian Wallumrød: *Fabula Suite Lugano*** (ECM) 10 (1)
173. **Joost Buis & Astronotes: *Zoomin*** (Data) 9.5 (2)  
**Curtis Fuller: *I Will Tell Her*** (Capri) 9.5 (2)
175. **Angles: *Epileptical West*** (Clean Feed) 9 (2)  
**Jeb Bishop: *2009*** (Better Animal) 9 (2)  
**Nils Petter Molvaer: *Hamada*** (Thirsty Ear) 9 (2)

- Mike Pride: *Betweenwhile*** (AUM Fidelity) 9 (2)  
**Michael Jefry Stevens-Tim Siegel-Jeff Ferguson: *Six*** (Konnex) 9 (2)  
**Schlippenbach Trio: *Bauhaus Dessau*** (Intakt) 9 (2)
- Vyacheslav Guyvoronsky: *In Search of a Standard*** (Leo) 9 (2)
182. **Duke Ellington: *The Great Concerts London & New York 1963-1964*** (Nimbus) 9 (1)  
**Mark Feldman & Sylvie Courvoisier: *Oblivia*** (Tzadik) 9 (1)  
**Dana Hall: *Into the Light*** (Origin) 9 (1)  
**Hilary Kole: *You Are There*** (Justin Time) 9 (1)  
**Lee Konitz-Chris Cheek-Stéphane Furic Leibovici: *Jugendstil II*** (ESP-Disk) 9 (1)  
**Warne Marsh: *New York City Live*** (Riverworks) 9 (1)  
**Sei Miguel: *Esfíngico: Suite for a Jazz Combo*** (Clean Feed) 9 (1)  
**Oregon: *In Stride*** (CAM Jazz) 9 (1)  
**Gail Pettis: *Here in the Moment*** (OA2) 9 (1)
- Supersilent: *10*** (Rune Grammofon) 9 (1)  
**Trio X: *Live on Tour 2008*** (CIMP) 9 (1)  
**Ken Vandermark & Paal Nilssen-Love: *Milwaukee Volume*** (Smalltown Superjazz) 9 (1)
194. **Bob Wilber: *Is Here*** (Arbors) 8.5 (2)
195. **Houston Person: *Moment to Moment*** (HighNote) 8 (3)
196. **Marilyn Crispell & David Rothenberg: *One Dark Night I Left My Silent House*** (ECM) 8 (2)  
**Tamir Hendelman: *Destinations*** (Resonance) 8 (2)  
**Jean-Michel Pilc: *True Story*** (Dreyfus) 8 (2)  
**Ellen Rowe: *Wishing Well*** (PKO) 8 (2)  
**Yusef Lateef & Adam Rudolph: *Towards the Unknown*** (Meta) 8 (2)
- Antonio Sanchez: *Live in New York at the Jazz Standard*** (CAM Jazz) 8 (2)  
**Trombone Shorty: *Backatown*** (Verve Forecast) 8 (2)
203. **Lina Allemano: *Jargon*** (Independent) 8 (1)  
**Bobby Carcasses: *De la Habana a Nueva York*** (Vero) 8 (1)  
**Jacques Coursil: *Trails of Tears*** (Sunnyside) 8 (1)  
**Harris Eisenstadt: *Woodblock Prints*** (NoBusiness) 8 (1)  
**Alan Ferber: *Chamber Songs: Music for Nonet and Strings*** (Sunnyside) 8 (1)  
**Herbie Hancock: *The Imagine Project*** (Herbie Hancock) 8 (1)  
**Eddie Henderson: *For All We Know*** (Furthermore) 8 (1)  
**Daniel Humair: *Pas de Dense*** (Zig Zag) 8 (1)
- Eli Keszler: *Oxtirn*** (ESP-Disk) 8 (1)  
**Jon Lundbom: *Accomplish Jazz*** (Hot Cup) 8 (1)  
**Marsalis Family: *Music Redeemed*** (Marsalis Music) 8 (1)  
**John McLaughlin: *For the One*** (Mediastarz/Abstract Logix) 8 (1)

- Lisa Mezzacappa: *What Is Known*** (Clean Feed) **8 (1)**  
**Rivière Composers' Pool: *Summer Works 2009*** (Emanem) **8 (1)**  
**Terje Rypdal: *Crime Scene*** (ECM) **8 (1)**  
**Eri Yamamoto: *In Each Day, Something Good*** (AUM Fidelity) **8 (1)**  
 219. **Scott Colley: *Empire*** (CAM Jazz) **7.5 (3)**  
 220. **Cindy Blackman: *Another Lifetime*** (Four Quarters) **7.5 (2)**  
  
 221. **Exploding Star Orchestra: *Stars Have Shapes*** (Delmark) **7 (2)**  
**Mingus Big Band: *Live at Jazz Standard*** (Jazz Workshop/Jazz Standard) **7 (2)**  
**Jason Robinson: *The Two Faces of Janus*** (Cuneiform) **7 (2)**  
 224. **Absolute Ensemble: *Absolute Zawinul*** (Sunnyside) **7 (1)**  
**Mose Allison: *The Way of the World*** (Anti-) **7 (1)**  
**Derek Bailey: *More 74*** (Incus) **7 (1)**  
**Marc Cary: *Focus Trio Live 2009*** (Motema) **7 (1)**  
**Bill Easley: *Love Stories*** (American Showplace) **7 (1)**  
**Robin Holcomb & Wayne Horvitz: *The Point of It All*** (Songlines) **7 (1)**  
**Abdullah Ibrahim: *Bombella*** (Sunnyside) **7 (1)**  
  
**Frank Macchia: *Folk Songs for Jazzers*** (Cacophony) **7 (1)**  
**Pat Mallinger: *Dragon Fish*** (Chicago Sessions) **7 (1)**  
**Charnett Moffett: *Treasure*** (Motema) **7 (1)**  
**Evan Parker: *Whitstable Solo*** (Psi) **7 (1)**  
**Ivo Perelman-Daniel Levin-Torbjorn Zetterberg: *Soulstorm*** (Clean Feed) **7 (1)**  
**Louis Sclavis-Craig Taborn-Tom Rainey: *Eldorado Trio*** (Clean Feed) **7 (1)**  
**Shining: *Black Jazz*** (The End) **7 (1)**  
**Mary Stallings: *Dream*** (High Note) **7 (1)**  
**Milton Suggs: *Things to Come*** (Skiptone) **7 (1)**  
**Vox Arcana: *Aerial Age*** (Allos Documents) **7 (1)**  
  
**Rachel Z & Omar Hakim: *Trio of Oz*** (Ozmosis) **7 (1)**  
**Various Artists: *Treme: Music From the HBO Series, Season 1*** (Geffen) **7 (1)**  
 243. **Russell Malone: *Triple Play*** (MaxJazz) **6.5 (2)**  
**Joe McPhee & Ingebrigt Håker Flaten: *Blue Chicago Blues*** (Not Two) **6.5 (2)**  
 245. **Dave Douglas: *Spark of Being: Expand*** (Greenleaf) **6 (2)**  
**Hamid Drake: *Reggaeology*** (RogueArt) **6 (2)**  
**Ken Thomson & Slow/Fast: *It Would Be Easier If*** (Intuition) **6 (2)**  
**Sarah Wilson: *Trapeze Project*** (Brass Tonic) **6 (2)**  
 249. **Juhani Aaltonen: *Conclusions*** (TUM) **6 (1)**  
**Alaturka: *Tamam Abi*** (Tzigane) **6 (1)**  
  
**Architeuthis Walks on Land: *Natura Naturans*** (Carrier) **6 (1)**

- Atomic: *Theater Tilters Vol. 1*** (Jazzland) **6 (1)**  
**David Boykin: *Ultra Sheen*** (Sonic Healing Ministries) **6 (1)**  
**Peter Evans: *Live in Lisbon*** (Clean Feed) **6 (1)**  
**Food: *Quiet Inlet*** (ECM) **6 (1)**  
**Erik Friedlander: *Fifty*** (Skipstone) **6 (1)**  
**Jan Garbarek & the Hilliard Ensemble: *Officium Novum*** (ECM) **6 (1)**  
**Sameer Gupta: *Namaskar*** (Motema) **6 (1)**  
**José James: *BlackMagic*** (Brownswood) **6 (1)**  
**Thomson Kneeland: *Mazurka for a Modern Man*** (Innova) **6 (1)**
- Lage Lund: *Unlikely Stories*** (Criss Cross) **6 (1)**  
**Joe Magnarelli: *My Old Flame*** (GIVE@GO) **6 (1)**  
**Wynton Marsalis & Richard Galliano: *From Billie Holiday to Edith Piaf*** (Wynton Marsalis Enterprises) **6 (1)**  
**Dan Pratt: *Toe the Line*** (Posi-Tone) **6 (1)**  
**Dave Rempis & Frank Rosaly: *Cyrillic*** (482 Music) **6 (1)**  
**G9 Gipfel: *Berlin*** (Jazzwerkstatt) **6 (1)**  
**Wee Trio: *Capitol Diner, Vol. 2*** (Bionic) **6 (1)**
268. **Marshall Allen-Matthew Shipp-Joe Morris: *Night Logic*** (RogueArt) **5.5 (1)**  
**Bizingas: *Bizingas*** (NCM East) **5.5 (1)**  
**Michael Blake: *Hellbent*** (Label of Love) **5.5 (1)**
- Dennis González: *Cape of Storms*** (Ayler) **5.5 (1)**  
**Owen Howard: *Drum Lore*** (BJU) **5.5 (1)**  
**Joe Morris & Nate Wooley: *Tooth and Nail*** (Clean Feed) **5.5 (1)**  
**Harold O'Neal: *Whirling Mantis*** (Smalls) **5.5 (1)**  
**Aki Takase: *A Week Went By*** (Psi) **5.5 (1)**  
**Fred Van Hove-Paul Dunmall-Paul Rogers-Paul Lytton: *Asynchronous*** (Slam) **5.5 (1)**
277. **Anthony Brown's Asian American Orchestra: *India & Africa*** (Water Baby) **5 (2)**  
**Orrin Evans: *Faith in Action*** (Posi-Tone) **5 (2)**  
**Ahmad Jamal: *A Quiet Time*** (Dreyfus) **5 (2)**  
**Torben Waldorf: *American Rock Beauty*** (ArtistShare) **5 (2)**
281. **Abraham Inc.: *Tweet Tweet*** (Table Pounding) **5 (1)**  
**Howard Alden: *I Remember Django*** (Arbors) **5 (1)**  
**Artvark Saxophone Quartet: *Truffles*** (Challenge) **5 (1)**  
**Atomic: *Theater Tilters Vol. 2*** (Jazzland) **5 (1)**  
**Anthony Braxton: *GTM (Outpost) 2003*** (Leo) **5 (1)**  
**Evan Christopher: *Finesse*** (Fremaux) **5 (1)**  
**Nat King Cole: *The Forgotten 1949 Carnegie Hall Concert*** (Hep) **5 (1)**  
**Jamie Cullum: *The Pursuit*** (Verve) **5 (1)**



**Benoit Delbecq: *Circles and Calligrams*** (Songlines) 5 (1)  
**Daniele D'Agaro-Alexander von Schlippenbach-Han Bennink: *Fingerprints*** (Artesuono) 5 (1)

**Marc Edwards & Weasel Walter: *Blood of the Earth*** (UgExplode) 5 (1)  
**Garrison Fewell: *Sound Particle 47*** (Creative Nation) 5 (1)  
**Tia Fuller: *Decisive Steps*** (Mack Avenue) 5 (1)  
**Bill Gagliardi: *Mr. Fubar, I Presume*** (CIMP) 5 (1)  
**Hal Galper: *E Pluribus Unum*** (Origin) 5 (1)  
**Dave Holland & Pepe Habichuela: *Hands*** (Dare2) 5 (1)  
**Sherman Irby: *Live at the Otto Club*** (Black Warrior) 5 (1)  
**Jonas Knutsson: *Blåslåtar*** (Country & Eastern) 5 (1)  
**Manolito y su Trabuco: *Beat Cubano*** (BIS) 5 (1)  
**Joe McPhee-Dominic Duval-Jay Rosen-Mikolaj Trzaska: *Magic*** (Not Two) 5 (1)

**Jeremy Pelt: *Men of Honor*** (HighNote) 5 (1)  
**Rangda: *False Flag*** (Drag City) 5 (1)  
**Claudio Roditi: *Simpatico*** (Resonance) 5 (1)  
**Paul Rutherford: *Tetralogy*** (Emanem) 5 (1)  
**Gil Scott-Heron: *I'm New Here*** (XL) 5 (1)  
**Karl E.H. Seigfried: *Portrait of Jack Johnson*** (Imaginary Chicago) 5 (1)  
**Aram Shelton: *Two Cities*** (Delmark) 5 (1)  
**Soft Machine: *NDR Jazz Workshop, Germany, May 17, 1973*** (Cuneiform) 5 (1)  
**Dan Tepfer: *Five Pedals Deep*** (Sunnyside) 5 (1)  
**Richard Thompson: *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*** (Arabesque) 5 (1)

**Baptiste Trotignon: *Suite . . .*** (Naive) 5 (1)  
**Matt Wilson: *Christmas Tree-O*** (Palmetto) 5 (1)  
313. **Gregory Porter: *Water*** (Motema) 4 (3)  
314. **David S. Ware: *Onecept*** (AUM Fidelity) 4 (2)  
315. **Eivind Aarset: *Live Extracts*** (Jazzland) 4 (1)  
**Leny Andrade: *Alma Mia*** (Microchoice Brazil) 4 (1)  
**Michael Attias: *Twines of Colesion*** (Clean Feed) 4 (1)  
**Carlos Bica & Materia-Prima: *Carlos Bica & Materia-Prima*** (Clean Feed) 4 (1)  
**Federico Britos: *Voyage*** (Sunnyside) 4 (1)  
**Taylor Ho Bynum & Tomas Fujiwara: *Stepwise*** (Not Two) 4 (1)

**Frank Carlberg: *Tivoli Trio*** (Red Piano) 4 (1)  
**Antonio Ciacca: *Lagos Blues*** (Motema) 4 (1)  
**Freddy Cole: *Sings Mr. B*** (HighNote) 4 (1)  
**Correction: *Two Nights in April*** (Ayler) 4 (1)  
**Scott DuBois: *Black Hawk Dance*** (Sunnyside) 4 (1)

**The Engines: *Wire and Brass*** (Okka Disk) 4 (1)  
**Satoko Fujii: *Zakopane*** (Libra) 4 (1)  
**Cochemea Gastelum: *The Electric Sound of Johnny Arrow*** (Mowo/Hyena) 4 (1)  
**Eric Hofbauer: *American Fear!*** (Creative Nation) 4 (1)  
**José James & Jef Neve: *For All We Know*** (Impulse) 4 (1)

**Michael Janisch: *Purpose Built*** (Whirlwind) 4 (1)  
**Christine Jensen: *Treelines*** (Justin Time) 4 (1)  
**Olivier Manchon: *And Miniature Chamber Orchestra*** (ObliqSound) 4 (1)  
**Nellie McKay: *Home Sweet Mobile Home*** (Verve) 4 (1)  
**Evan Parker & Sten Sandell: *Psalms*** (Psi) 4 (1)  
**Edward Ratliff: *Those Moments Before*** (Strudelmedia) 4 (1)  
**Aldo Romano: *Origine*** (Dreyfus) 4 (1)  
**Trondheim Jazz Orchestra: *Stems and Cages*** (MNR) 4 (1)  
**The Vandermark 5: *The Horse Jumps and the Ship Is Gone*** (Not Two) 4 (1)  
**Weasel Walter: *Invasion*** (ugExplode) 4 (1)

341. **Nicole Mitchell: *Emerald Hills*** (RogueArt) 3 (3)  
**SFJazz Collective: *Live 2010: The Works of Horace Silver*** (SFJazz) 3 (3)  
343. **Allison Miller: *Boom Tic Boom*** (Foxhaven) 3 (2)  
344. **Jason Ajemian & the High Life: *Let Me Get That*** (Digital Sundmagi) 3 (1)  
**Ralph Alessi: *Cognitive Dissonance*** (CAM Jazz) 3 (1)  
**Dave Bass: *Gone*** (Dave Bass Music) 3 (1)  
**Big Band Mamborama: *Big Band Mamborama*** (Russi) 3 (1)  
**Ketil Bjørnstad: *Remembrance*** (ECM) 3 (1)  
**Ran Blake & Christine Correa: *Out of the Shadows*** (Red Piano) 3 (1)  
**Stefano Bollani: *Stone in the Water*** (ECM) 3 (1)

**Alan Broadbent: *Live at Giannelli Square, Volume 1*** (Chilly Bin) 3 (1)  
**Joe Chambers: *Horace to the Max*** (Savant) 3 (1)  
**Denise Donatelli: *When Lights Are Low*** (Savant) 3 (1)  
**James Falzone: *Lamentations*** (Allos) 3 (1)  
**First Meeting: *Cut the Rope*** (Libra) 3 (1)  
**Mac Gollehon: *Mac Straight Ahead*** (American Showplace) 3 (1)  
**David Hazeltine: *Inversions*** (Criss Cross) 3 (1)  
**Holly Hofmann & Bill Cunliffe: *Three's Company*** (Capri) 3 (1)  
**Michael Musillami: *Old Tea*** (Playscape) 3 (1)  
**No Mor Musik: *No Mor Musik*** (ugExplode) 3 (1)

**Ken Peplowski: *Noir*** (Blue Capri) 3 (1)  
**Tom Rainey: *Pool School*** (Clean Feed) 3 (1)

- Pete Robbins: *siLENT Z Live*** (Hate Laugh Music) **3 (1)**  
**Jason Robinson & Anthony Davis: *Cerulean Landscape*** (Clean Feed) **3 (1)**  
**Kurt Rosenwinkel: *Reflections*** (Wommusic) **3 (1)**  
**Scoolptures: *Materiale Umano*** (Leo) **3 (1)**  
**Tierney Sutton: *Desire*** (Telarc) **3 (1)**  
**Julian F. Thayer-Jarmo Savolainen-Scott Robinson-Klaus Suonsaari: *Norwegian Invention*** (KS Jazz) **3 (1)**  
**Toots Thielemans: *The Live Takes*** (In+Out) **3 (1)**  
 370. **John Scofield-Vince Mendoza-Metropole Orkest: *54*** (Emarcy) **2 (2)**  
  
**Nate Wooley: *Trumpet/Amplifier*** (Smeraldina-Rima) **2 (2)**  
 372. **Harry Allen: *New York State of Mind*** (Challenge) **2 (1)**  
**Ken Berman: *Looking Forward*** (MMG) **2 (1)**  
**Steve Cardenas: *West of Middle*** (Sunnyside) **2 (1)**  
**Alexis Cole: *Someday My Prince Will Come*** (Venus) **2 (1)**  
**Contact: *Five on One*** (Pirouet) **2 (1)**  
**Rich Corporongo: *Get Happy*** (Delmark) **2 (1)**  
 378. **Betty Davis: *Is It Love or Desire*** (Light in the Attic) **1 (1)**  
 379. **Tomas Fujiwara: *Actionspeak*** (482 Music) **2 (1)**  
**Dan Gailey: *What Did You Dream?*** (OA2) **2 (1)**  
  
**Ben Goldberg: *Go Home*** (Bag) **2 (1)**  
**Larry Goldings & Harry Allen: *When Larry Met Harry*** (Café Society) **2 (1)**  
**Benito Gonzalez: *Circles*** (Furthermore) **2 (1)**  
**Carolyn Leonhart: *Tides of Yesterday*** (Savant) **2 (1)**  
**Manuel Mengis: *Dulcet Crush*** (Hatology) **2 (1)**  
**One for All: *One for All*** (Jazz Legacy) **2 (1)**  
**Jason Palmer: *Nothing to Hide*** (SteepleChase) **2 (1)**  
**Janet Planet: *Sings the Bob Dylan Songbook Volume 1*** (Stellar) **2 (1)**  
**Mike Reed: *Empathetic Parts*** (482 Music) **2 (1)**  
**John Russell: *Hyste*** (Psi) **2 (1)**  
  
**Sam Sadigursky: *The Words Project III: Miniatures*** (New Amsterdam) **2 (1)**  
**Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra & Jimmy Heath: *The Endless Search*** (Origin) **2 (1)**  
**Lizz Wright: *Fellowship*** (Verve) **2 (1)**  
**Stephen Haynes: *Parrhesia*** (Engine Studios) **2 (1)**  
 395. **Gabriel Alegria: *Pucusana*** (Alegria) **1 (1)**  
**Julian Argüelles: *Ground Rush*** (Clean Feed) **1 (1)**  
**Jeff Berlin: *High Standards*** (M.A.J.) **1 (1)**  
**Blue Cranes: *Observatories*** (Blue Cranes) **1 (1)**  
**Bryan and the Haggards: *Pretend It's the End of the World*** (Hot Cup) **1 (1)**

**John Bunch: *Do Not Disturb*** (Arbors) **1 (1)**  
**Chicago Underground Duo: *Boca Negra*** (Thrill Jockey) **1 (1)**  
**Terry Clarke: *It's About Time*** (Blue Music Group) **1 (1)**  
**Taylor Eigsti: *Daylight at Midnight*** (Concord) **1 (1)**  
**Henry Grimes & Rashied Ali: *Spirits Aloft*** (Porter) **1 (1)**  
**Stacey Kent: *Raconte-moi . . .*** (Blue Note) **1 (1)**  
**Kirk Knuffke: *Amnesia Brown*** (Clean Feed) **1 (1)**  
**Kneebody: *You Can Have Your Moment*** (Winter and Winter) **1 (1)**  
**Masada String Trio: *Haborym: The Book of Angels, Vol. 16*** (Tzadik) **1 (1)**  
**Necks: *Stillwater*** (ReR) **1 (1)**  
**Meg Okura: *Naima*** (self-released) **1 (1)**  
  
**Organissimo: *Alive & Kickin'*** (Big O) **1 (1)**  
**Mario Pavone: *Arc Suite T/Pi T/Po*** (Playscape) **1 (1)**  
**Marian Petrescu: *Thrivin': Live at Jazz Standard*** (Resonance) **1 (1)**  
**Julian Waterfall Pollack: *Infinite Playground*** (Junebeat) **1 (1)**  
**Florian Ross: *Mechanism*** (Pirouet) **1 (1)**  
**Matt Slocum: *Portraits*** (Chandra) **1 (1)**  
**Erik Telford: *Kinetic*** (EJT) **1 (1)**  
**Steve Tibbetts: *Natural Causes*** (ECM) **1 (1)**  
**Trio Braam DeJoode Vatcher: *Quartet*** (BBB) **1 (1)**  
**Tim Warfield: *A Sentimental Journey*** (Criss Cross) **1 (1)**  
  
**Walt Weiskopf: *See the Pyramid*** (Criss Cross) **1 (1)**

\* Includes 10 (1) from 2009.

*Critics were asked to list 10 albums in descending order, with 10 points awarded for their #1, 9 for #2, etc. (On ballots where choices were listed alphabetically, each received 5.5 points.) The first bold number indicates total points; the number in parentheses is the tally of ballots on which a CD appeared, which was used as a tiebreaker.*