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{ READERS' POLL }

VOTING CONDUCTED VIA AN ONLINE SURVEY POSTED AT JAZZTIMES.COM

Readers were asked to focus on artists' achievements that occurred between November 2015 and November 2016. Winners are bolded; runners-up are listed below in order of number of votes. An asterisk* denotes a tie.



► Artist of the Year, Best New Release, Best Acoustic Group:
Joey Alexander

BEST OF ALL

New Artist

- **Jacob Collier**
- Cory Henry
- Bria Skonberg
- Tigran Hamasyan

Artist of the Year

- **Joey Alexander**
- Chick Corea
- Donny McCaslin
- Christian McBride

New Release

- **Joey Alexander** *Countdown* (Motéma)
- Donny McCaslin *Beyond Now* (Motéma)
- Jack DeJohnette/Ravi Coltrane/Matthew Garrison *In Movement* (ECM)*
- John Scofield *Country for Old Men* (Impulse!)*

Historical/Vault/Reissue Release

- **John Coltrane** *A Love Supreme: The Complete Masters* (Impulse!/Verve)
- Miles Davis Quintet *Freedom Jazz Dance*:

The Bootleg Series Vol. 5
(Columbia/Legacy)

- Bill Evans *Some Other Time: The Lost Session From the Black Forest* (Resonance)*
- Weather Report *The Legendary Live Tapes 1978-1981* (Legacy)*

Vocal Release

- **Gregory Porter** *Take Me to the Alley* (Blue Note)
- Norah Jones *Day Breaks* (Blue Note)

- Branford Marsalis Quartet, Special Guest Kurt Elling *Upward Spiral* (OKeh)
- Cyrille Aimée *Let's Get Lost* (Mack Avenue)

BEST GROUPS

Acoustic Small Group/Artist

- **Joey Alexander Trio**
- Kenny Barron Trio
- Chick Corea
- Christian McBride Trio*
- Wayne Shorter Quartet*

Electric/Jazz-Rock/Contemporary Group/Artist

- **Snarky Puppy**
- Pat Metheny
- Jack DeJohnette/Ravi Coltrane/Matthew Garrison
- Kamasi Washington

Big Band/Large Ensemble

- **Maria Schneider Orchestra**
- Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra
- Darcy James Argue's Secret Society
- Charlie Haden Liberation Music Orchestra

BEST OF THE JAZZ INDUSTRY

Record Label

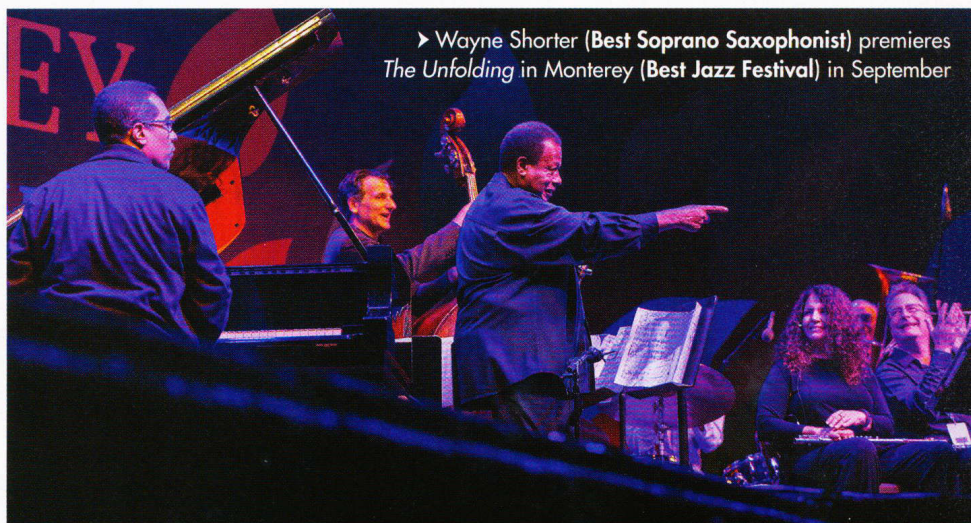
- **Blue Note**
- ECM
- Mack Avenue
- Concord Music Group

Jazz Book of the Year

- *How to Listen to Jazz* by Ted Gioia (Basic)
- *Whisper Not: The Autobiography of Benny Golson* by Benny Golson and Jim Merod (Temple University)
- *Conversations in Jazz: The Ralph J. Gleason Interviews* edited by Toby Gleason (Yale University)
- *The Miles Davis Lost Quintet and Other Revolutionary Ensembles* by Bob Gluck (University of Chicago)

Syndicated Radio Program

- *Jazz Night in America* (NPR/WBGO/JALC)
- *Radio Deluxe* With John Pizzarelli (Independent)
- *Jazz After Hours* With Jeff Hanley (PRI)
- Judy Carmichael's *Jazz Inspired* (SiriusXM NPR)



► Wayne Shorter (Best Soprano Saxophonist) premieres *The Unfolding* in Monterey (Best Jazz Festival) in September



► **Best Pianist,
Keyboardist,
Composer:**
Chick Corea

Podcast

- *Straight No Chaser*
- *The Checkout* (WBGO)
- *JazzTimes Spins & Riffs*
- *Jazz Bastard**
- *We Insist! Jazz Speaks Out* (WBGO)*

Jazz Festival

- **Monterey Jazz Festival**
- Newport Jazz Festival
- North Sea Jazz Festival
- Montreal International Jazz Festival

Jazz Club

- **Village Vanguard**
- Smalls
- Yoshi's
- Blue Note (NYC)

DVD/Blu-ray

- *JACO: The Film* (Iron Horse)
- *What Happened, Miss Simone?* (Eagle Rock)
- *Time Remembered: The Life and Music of Bill Evans*
- *Rahsaan Roland Kirk: The Case of the Three Sided Dream* (Arthaus Musik)

BEST MUSICIANS

Trumpeter/Cornetist/ Flugelhornist

- **Ambrose Akinmusire**
- Wynton Marsalis
- Tom Harrell
- Roy Hargrove

Trombonist

- **Trombone Shorty**
- Steve Turre
- Wycliffe Gordon
- Robin Eubanks

Clarinetist

- **Anat Cohen**
- Paquito D'Rivera
- Ken Peplowski
- Don Byron

Tenor Saxophonist

- **Chris Potter**
- Wayne Shorter
- Donny McCaslin*
- Joshua Redman*

Alto Saxophonist

- **Kenny Garrett**
- Rudresh Mahanthappa
- Gary Bartz*
- David Sanborn*

Soprano Saxophonist

- **Wayne Shorter**
- Branford Marsalis
- Chris Potter
- Dave Liebman

Baritone Saxophonist

- **Gary Smulyan**
- James Carter
- Hamiet Bluiett
- Ronnie Cuber

Flutist

- **Hubert Laws**
- Charles Lloyd
- Lew Tabackin
- Nicole Mitchell

Violinist

- **Regina Carter**
- Jean-Luc Ponty
- Mark Feldman
- Jenny Scheinman

Pianist

- **Chick Corea**
- Brad Mehldau
- Kenny Barron
- Herbie Hancock

Keyboardist (Electric Piano, Synth)

- **Chick Corea**
- Herbie Hancock
- Scott Kinsey
- Robert Glasper

Organist

- **Joey DeFrancesco**
- Dr. Lonnie Smith
- Larry Goldings
- Cory Henry*
- Gary Versace*

Guitarist

- **Pat Metheny**
- Bill Frisell
- John Scofield
- Peter Bernstein

Double Bassist

- **Christian McBride**
- Ron Carter
- Dave Holland
- Esperanza Spalding

Electric Bassist

- **Esperanza Spalding**
- Stanley Clarke*
- Marcus Miller*
- Steve Swallow

Vibraphonist

- **Gary Burton**
- Warren Wolf
- Stefon Harris
- Joe Locke

Percussionist

- **Poncho Sanchez**
- Zakir Hussain
- Pedrito Martinez
- Airto Moreira

Drummer

- **Brian Blade**
- Jack DeJohnette
- Antonio Sanchez
- Terri Lyne Carrington

Male Vocalist

- **Tony Bennett**
- Gregory Porter
- Kurt Elling
- Bobby McFerrin *

Female Vocalist

- **Cécile McLorin Salvant**
- Dianne Reeves*
- Esperanza Spalding*
- Dee Dee Bridgewater

Composer

- **Chick Corea***
- **Maria Schneider***
- Wayne Shorter
- Pat Metheny

Arranger

- **Maria Schneider**
- Wynton Marsalis
- Carla Bley
- Chick Corea

Miscellaneous Instrumentalist (4 winners)

- **Béla Fleck** (banjo)
- Grégoire Maret (harmonica)
- Edmar Castañeda (harp)
- Richard Galliano (accordion)

Vocal Group

- **Take 6**
- The Manhattan Transfer
- New York Voices
- Duchess



► **Best Electric Bassist:** Esperanza Spalding