

Fifty Jazz and Blues Greats, 1912-2017: An Audio Timeline for *History Now* 48
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- 1912 • W. C. Handy, “Memphis Blues”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWfMKFQjonY>
- 1920 • Mamie Smith, “Crazy Blues”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjJrBgbwsJw>
- 1923 • Ma Rainey, “Bo-Weavil Blues”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UV2PtQRcBjs>
- 1927 • Bix Beiderbecke, “Clarinet Marmalade”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMk4DC6BV8k>
- Blind Lemon Jefferson, “Black Snake Moan”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3yd-c91ww8>
- Jelly Roll Morton, “Wolverine Blues”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1XtZntLFxs>
- 1929 • Louis Armstrong, “Ain’t Misbehavin’”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOqzBlosXDw>
- Bessie Smith, “Nobody Knows You When You’re Down and Out”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MzU8xM99Uo>
- 1932 • Duke Ellington, “It Don’t Mean a Thing (If It Ain’t Got That Swing)”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOEwGyePgWU>
- 1936 • Robert Johnson, “Cross Road Blues”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gsb_cGdgPTo
- 1938 • Count Basie, “Jumpin’ At the Woodside”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEOraFGXJZo>

- 1939
- Sidney Bechet, “Summertime”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1JySi4ugyc>
 - Coleman Hawkins, “Body and Soul”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sul_9BcgOOI
 - Billie Holiday, “Strange Fruit”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHGAMjwr_j8
- 1941
- Big Bill Broonzy, “Key to the Highway”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KN_f0WVsHuw
- 1942
- Lionel Hampton, “Flying Home”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMrvtkfUKaM>
- 1944
- Lead Belly, “Where Did You Sleep Last Night”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6yCEsDsGx4>
- 1945
- Ella Fitzgerald, “Flying Home”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdxVZxXXIYg>
 - Dizzy Gillespie, “A Night in Tunisia”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pswQRFDYMI>
- 1946
- Eddie Condon, “Farewell Blues”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeIjEOan4N8>
 - Charlie Parker, “Confirmation”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXK0pZx92MU>
 - Sarah Vaughan, “If You Could See Me Now”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCghJSQ73IU>
- 1947
- Thelonious Monk, “Round Midnight”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zre0u5XyNfY>
 - Sonny Terry, “Whoopin’ the Blues”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxXOepNmpac>
- 1952
- Lester Young, “There Will Never Be Another You”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2wr9FR-m70>

- 1953 • Muddy Waters, “Baby Please Don’t Go”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOwNItKOyo>
- 1956 • Bo Diddley, “Who Do You Love?”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iimWe37jE0>
- Sonny Rollins, “St. Thomas”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rymmf4Z1aIQ>
- Howlin’ Wolf, “Smokestack Lightning”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZS5OoKFdME>
- 1958 • Cannonball Adderley, “Autumn Leaves”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u37RF5xKNq8>
- 1959 • Miles Davis, “So What”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIXk1LBvIqU>
- Charles Mingus, “Moanin”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3smUEzIqiI>
- 1960 • Ornette Coleman, “Ramblin”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqwdRBWvPs0>
- Max Roach, “Freedom Day”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcUJYCpzKls>
- Dinah Washington, “This Bitter Earth”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmEhO1OiEkY>
- 1961 • Buddy Guy, “Stone Crazy”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_0WNprb8D8
- 1964 • Art Blakey, “Free for All”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QjL3LTosz4>
- 1965 • Albert Ayler, “Spirits Rejoice”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-0b5Rodwsg>

- John Coltrane, “Acknowledgment”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fth9UUa1Mfw>
- Dexter Gordon, “I’m a Fool to Want You”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ytl9kcMvaYs>
- Nina Simone, “Sinnerman”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vDZsABHUbQ>
- 1967 • Son House, “Death Letter Blues”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJnxxtM8YzQ>
- 1969 • B. B. King, “The Thrill is Gone”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oica5jG7EpU>
- Gregg Allman [with the Allman Brothers Band], “Whipping Post”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wqg4taiLRRE>
- 1970 • Alice Coltrane, “Turiya and Ramakrishna”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUMuDWdVd20>
- 1972 • Johnny Shines, “Sitting On Top of the World”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okDPnzeLuk0>
- 1976 • Johnny Taylor, “Still Called the Blues”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NEoa0LzyBw>
- 1983 • Wynton Marsalis, “Think of One”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_kmp1ABelQ
- 1998 • David S. Ware, “Logistic”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XH76S6bvizI>
- 2017 • Vijay Iyer, “Autoscopy”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xArn7YQKu1s>