



The Harlem Renaissance

MUSIC IN HARLEM



Musicians of the Harlem Renaissance

- ▶ Louis Armstrong
- ▶ Ella Fitzgerald
- ▶ Duke Ellington
- ▶ Billie Holiday
- ▶ Charlie Parker
- ▶ Chick Webb
- ▶ Cab Calloway

Louis Armstrong



Louis Armstrong

- ▶ **Louis Satchmo Armstrong** (August 4, 1901 – July 6, 1971), nicknamed **Satchmo** or **Pops**, was an American trumpeter, composer, singer and occasional actor who was one of the most influential figures in jazz. His career spanned five decades, from the 1920s to the 1960s, and different eras in jazz.

Famous Songs



- ▶ What a Wonderful World
- ▶ When The Saints Go Marching In
- ▶ Dream a Little Dream of Me
- ▶ Ain't Misbehavin
- ▶ Stompin' at the Savoy

Ella Fitzgerald



Ella

- ▶ **Ella Jane Fitzgerald** (April 25, 1917 – June 15, 1996) was an American jazz singer often referred to as the First Lady of Song, Queen of Jazz and Lady Ella. She was noted for her purity of tone, impeccable diction, phrasing and intonation, and a "horn-like" improvisational ability, particularly in her scat singing.

Ella's Famous Songs

- ▶ A-Tisket, A-Tasket
- ▶ Dream a Little Dream of Me
- ▶ It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)



Ella and Louis Armstrong
Summertime

Billie Holiday



Billie Holiday


- ▶ **Eleanora Fagan** (April 7, 1915 – July 17, 1959), professionally known as **Billie Holiday**, was an American jazz musician and singer-songwriter with a career spanning nearly thirty years. Nicknamed "**Lady Day**", Her vocal style, strongly inspired by jazz instrumentalists, pioneered a new way of manipulating phrasing and tempo. There were other jazz singers with equal talent, but Holiday had a voice that captured the attention of her audience.

Billie Holiday Songs

- ▶ All Of Me
- ▶ God Bless the Child
- ▶ I'll Be Seeing You
- ▶ Strange Fruit

Duke Ellington





Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington (April 29, 1899 – May 24, 1974) was an American composer, pianist, and bandleader of a jazz orchestra, which he led from 1923 until his death in 1974 (a career spanning over fifty years.)

Duke Ellington Songs



- ▶ Take the “A” Train
- ▶ It Don't Mean A Thing (If it ain't got that swing)
- ▶ Don't Get Around Much Anymore

Charley Parker



Charley Parker

Charles "Charlie" Parker, Jr. (August 29, 1920 – March 12, 1955), also known as **Yardbird** and **Bird**, was an American jazz saxophonist and composer. Parker was a highly influential jazz soloist and a leading figure in the development of bebop; a form of jazz characterized by fast tempos, virtuosic technique and advanced harmonies.

Charley Parker Songs

- ▶ Night in Tunisia
- ▶ Bird of Paradise
- ▶ Hot House

Chick Webb



Chick Webb

- ▶ **William Henry "Chick" Webb** (February 10, 1905 – June 16, 1939) was an American jazz and swing music drummer as well as a band leader. From an early age, he suffered from tuberculosis of the spine , leaving him with short stature and a badly deformed spine which caused him to appear hunchbacked. The idea of playing an instrument was suggested by his doctor to "loosen up" his bones. He supported himself as a newspaper boy to save enough money to buy drums, he first played professionally at age 11. At the age of 17 he moved to New York City and by 1926 (age 21) was leading his own band in Harlem. He alternated between band tours and residencies at New York City clubs through the late 1920s. In 1931, his band became the house band at the Savoy Ballroom. He became one of the best-regarded bandleaders and drummers of the new "swing" style.

Chick Webb Known For

- ▶ Stompin' at The Savoy
- ▶ Midnight in a Madhouse

Cab Calloway



Cab Calloway

- ▶ **Cabell Calloway III** (December 25, 1907 – November 18, 1994) was an American jazz singer, dancer and bandleader. He was strongly associated with the Cotton Club in Harlem, New York City, where he was a regular performer. Calloway was a master of energetic scat singing and led one of the United States' most popular big bands from the start of the 1930s to the late 1940s. He danced in movies, in one movie, he can be seen performing a gliding back step dance move, which some observers have described as the precursor to Michael Jackson's "moonwalk".

Cab Calloway Songs

- ▶ Minnie The Mooch
- ▶ Jumpin' Jive

The End

More Musicians

- ▶ Dizzy Gillespie-Trumpet player
- ▶ Count Basie-Piano and Band Leader
- ▶ Thelonious Monk-Singer and Pianist
- ▶ Fats Waller-Pianist and Singer

Dizzy Gillespie



Count Basie



Thelonius Monk



Fats Waller

