# Call and Response: Understanding Jazz in its Social Contexts Spring 2016 / JMUH 1804 / 3 credits

Professor: Evan Rapport Time: M/W 10-11:20, Room: 65 West 11<sup>th</sup> St., 5<sup>th</sup> fl (Eugene Lang building, Wollman Hall) Office: 64 West 11<sup>th</sup> St., Room 110 Office hours: W 11:30-12:30 and by appointment email: rapporte@newschool.edu

#### **Course Description**

This course addresses jazz and related African American musics as a continual process of "call and response" by musicians, audiences, writers, and other participants on the scene in relation to their broader social environment. Via the creative expressions of musicians, students will investigate topics such as the American civil rights movement, large-scale musical framings of the historical narratives of African American experiences, societal issues beyond the United States, and ideas of freedom, democracy, cosmopolitanism, revolution, and struggle. Historical examples will be placed in relation to the urgent "calls" to musicians in our contemporary society, and the many responses to these calls by today's artists; in this tradition, students will be encouraged to develop their own socially informed responses to the world around them.

#### Course Materials

All readings are available on Canvas as PDFs. *Please print and bring to class.* All listening assignments are also available on Canvas.

Expect to read one medium-length article or chapter (10-20 pages) per session or its equivalent, and to listen to approximately one hour of music. <u>Note:</u> Some sessions will require much longer time commitments for listening (4-5 hours).

#### Course Requirements

Active Engagement (30%) Class Attendance and Participation	30%
Written Work and Creative Responses (35%)	
Worksheets	10%
Written responses	15%
Book Report	10%
Retrieving Material (35%)	
	. =
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	20%

### More Information on Course Requirements

Active Engagement (30% of final grade)

- regular class attendance and participation
- participate on the Canvas discussion groups in response to my prompts or another student's post

Written Work (35% of final grade)

- occasional short worksheets on historical events
- written or creative responses (1-3 pages each): connecting a recording, performance, or other work (post-2000) to each theme in the class
  - history and narrative
  - the African diaspora
  - o human rights and civil rights
- book report (3-5 pages) on a book, selected from a list that will be provided

Retrieving Material (35% of final grade)

• Midterm exam and final exam, on all material (cumulative)

### Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will understand jazz and related musics as they relate to

- the African diaspora
- the histories, narratives and experiences of African Americans
- Civil Rights, human rights, and ideas of freedom
- concepts of cultural pluralism and cosmopolitanism (in the U.S. and globally)
- American identity
- the musical life of American cities, especially New York City

#### Grade descriptions

The following are baseline guidelines about what each letter grade represents.

**A: Consistently exceptional work**, mastery of course material and skills, positive contributions to the classroom experience, attentive and punctual, marked improvement.

**B:** Consistently very good work, above-average engagement with course materials, active involvement, attentive and punctual, good participation.

**C: Adequate performance,** meeting of course requirements, little improvement, minimal work.

**D: Course requirements completed but consistently inferior work,** poor attendance, negative contributions to classroom experience.

**F:** Failure to satisfy course requirements, little to no evidence of learning or progress, missed assignments, unsatisfactory attendance.

## Course Policies

The class ground rules apply to the whole learning community (you and me).

### Be On-Time and Present

- arrive on time and stay for the duration of the class
- turn assignments in when they are due; assignments will be returned in a timely fashion
- be present during the seminar (alert, in the room, undistracted)

#### Be Respectful and Professional

- active "whole body" listening
- choose words that encourage, rather than stifle or inhibit
- respect boundaries and roles in all communications

#### Be Responsible and Thorough

- turn work in according to specifications; assess work fairly and honestly
- take personal responsibility for missed work and classes
- file for any necessary accommodations; follow and adjust to accommodations
- demonstrate academic honesty and integrity

#### More Information on Policies

#### Participation and attendance

**Participation** is graded according to the level of engagement, knowledge, understanding, and preparation that you demonstrate in each class. **Active listening and careful thought are essential parts of good participation.** Students who stifle the participation of fellow students or disrupt the class will receive a poor participation grade, and serious class disruption is grounds for dismissal. Repeated entering and exiting, texting and internet surfing, or other activities unrelated to the class will be considered distracting and disruptive.

<u>The attendance and lateness policy is in effect as of the first day of classes for all registered</u> <u>students.</u> Any circumstances that might or will negatively affect your attendance should be discussed privately with me as soon as possible.

- Four absences mandate a reduction of one letter grade for the course.
- MORE THAN FOUR ABSENCES GENERALLY MANDATE A FAILING GRADE for the course, unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as the following:
  - an extended illness requiring hospitalization or visit to a physician (*with documentation*)
  - o a family emergency, e.g., a serious illness (with written explanation)
  - o observance of a religious holiday
- Lateness, repeatedly exiting and entering the classroom, and leaving early are disruptive and will count against your final grade. Significant lateness will count as an absence.

# Assignments

- All assignments, unless especially indicated, are to be **typed and turned in on hard copy**, in a standard font such as Times New Roman (12 point), and with 1" margins.
- Late assignments in the proper format will be accepted but given a late grade (one letter grade per day)
- There will be no opportunities for extra credit.
- You must go through the proper steps to formally drop or withdraw from the class. Students who stop attending class or handing in assignments will receive a failing grade. Note that a grade of Incomplete will only be granted under very rare circumstances.

# Communication

My preferred method of communication is face-to-face discussion. If you email me M-Th, 9-5, I will write back within 24 hours. Please do not expect an instant response, but feel free to send me a (polite) reminder if your email goes unanswered past 24 hours.

# **Resources**

### Disabilities

University Disabilities Service: www.newschool.edu/student-disability-services/ In keeping with the university's policy of providing equal access for students with disabilities, any student with a disability who needs academic accommodations is encouraged to meet with me privately. All conversations will be kept confidential. Students requesting any accommodations will also need to contact Student Disability Service (SDS). SDS will conduct an intake and, if appropriate, the Director will provide an academic accommodation notification letter for you to bring to me. At that point, I will review the letter with you and discuss these accommodations in relation to this course.

# Other University Resources

# Libraries: library.newschool.edu University Learning Center: www.newschool.edu/learning-center

# Academic Honesty and Integrity

Compromising your academic integrity may lead to serious consequences, including (but not limited to) one or more of the following: failure of the assignment, failure of the course, academic warning, disciplinary probation, suspension from the university, or dismissal from the university.

Students are responsible for understanding the University's policy on academic honesty and integrity and must make use of proper citations of sources for writing papers, creating, presenting, and performing their work, taking examinations, and doing research. It is the responsibility of students to learn the procedures specific to their discipline for correctly and appropriately differentiating their own work from that of others. The full text of the policy, including adjudication procedures, is found at

http://www.newschool.edu/leadership/provost/policies/

Resources regarding what plagiarism is and how to avoid it can be found on the Learning Center's website: http://www.newschool.edu/learning-center/virtual-handout-drawer/

The Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy and the Intellectual Property Rights Policy can be found at http://www.newschool.edu/leadership/provost/policies/

#### Student Ombuds

The Student Ombuds office provides students assistance in resolving conflicts, disputes or complaints on an informal basis. This office is independent, neutral, and confidential. For further details see: <u>http://www.newschool.edu/intercultural-support/ombuds/</u>

# CALENDAR

Readings and listening assignments are *due* on the day listed. Listening assignments follow the calendar.

What is at stake when discussing jazz history? Standard approaches and some alternatives. Jan 25: Introduction to the class, syllabus.

- Jan 27: Iver, "Being Home: Jazz Authority and the Politics of Place" (2002)
- Feb 1: Tucker, "'It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't in the History Books'" (2000)

1890–1915. American musical life at the turn of the 20th century; New Orleans.

- Feb 3: Handy, from Father of the Blues (1941), Gushee, Introduction to Pioneers of Jazz: The Story of the Creole Band (2005)
- Feb 8: Szwed and Marks, "The Afro-American Transformation of European Set Dances and Dance Suites" (1988), *Come and Trip It* liner notes ([1978] 1994)

1916–1931. Call-Response; New Orleans musical life; large-scale musical narratives of African American history; expressions of the African diaspora.

Feb 10: Floyd, "Ring Shout! Literary Studies, Historical Studies, and Black Music Inquiry" (1991)

Feb 15: no class

Sidebar: Randy Weston

- Feb 17:Kelley, "Prelude" and "The Sojourns of Randy Weston," from Africa Speaks,<br/>America Answers: Modern Jazz in Revolutionary Times (2012)
- Feb 18:Make-up class: Randy Weston with Moustapha N'Diaye, Birame N'Diaye, Mar<br/>Gueye, Mor Coumba Gueye, and Neil Clarke. 8–10 pm, Tishman Auditorium.
- Feb 22: **Response #1 due** (on history and narrative). Open session.
- 1920–33. New York and the Harlem Renaissance; classic female blues singers
- Feb 24: Davis, "Up in Harlem Every Saturday Night: Blues and the Black Aesthetic" (1998), Waters, from *His Eye is on the Sparrow* (1950)
- 1928–38. Dance; Jazz and racial integration; Jazz biographies.
- Feb 29: Spring, "Swing and the Lindy Hop: Dance, Venue, Media, and Tradition" (1997); Hampton, from *Hamp: An Autobiography* (1989)

1939-1946. Social consciousness and political change.

- Mar 2: Davis, "Strange Fruit': Music and Social Consciousnsess" (1998)
- Mar 7: Lott, "Double V, Double-Time: Bebop's Politics of Style" (1988), Ellison, "The Golden Age, Time Past" (1959)

1943. Narrative and history. Case study: Duke Ellington.

- Mar 9: Lock, "In the Jungles of America: History Without Saying It" (1999)
- Mar 14: Review

#### Mar 16: Midterm exam

Mar 21/23: - - - spring break - - -

1947–1965. African diaspora; narrative and history; cosmopolitanism.

- Mar 28: Monson, "Art Blakey's African Diaspora" (2003)
- Mar 30: **Response #2 due** (on the African diaspora). Open session.

1960–1969. Expressions of freedom and the Civil Rights movement.

- Apr 4: Monson, "Activism and Fund-Raising from *Freedom Now* to the Freedom Rides" (2007)
- Apr 6: Kernodle, "'I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free': Nina Simone and the Redefining of the Freedom Song of the 1960s" (2008)
- Apr 11: Book reports due (my mailbox). No class (Prof. Rapport at conference)
- Apr 13: **Response #3 due** (on human rights and civil rights). Wadada Leo Smith interviewed by Daniel Fischlin

1965–1970. Cultural pluralism and cosmopolitanism.

- Apr 18: Baraka, "The Changing Same (R&B and New Black Music" (1966)
- Apr 20: Lewis, "*Gittin' to Know Y'all*: Improvised Music, Interculturalism, and the Racial Imagination" (2004)

Call and Response: Contemporary musicians.

- Apr 25: Currie, "'The Revolution Never Ended': The Cultural Politics of a Creative-Music Collective in New York City" (2011)
- Apr 27: Open session.
- May 2: No class (Prof. Rapport at Queens College event)

Call and Response: Contemporary musicians

May 4: **Response #4 due.** Shatz, "Kamasi Washington's Giant Step" (2016)

- May 9: Review.
- May 11: Final exam.

# Listening Assignments

# For Feb. 1:

1. Jimmie Rodgers (with Louis Armstrong and Lillian Hardin), "Blue Yodel No. 9 (Standin' on the Corner)," rec. 1930

2. Andy Kirk and his Twelve Clouds of Joy, "Walking and Swinging" (with Mary Lou Williams, piano, comp. and arr.), 1936 [Mary Lou Williams 1910–1981]

Watch "The Girls in the Band," available on Canvas, Course Reserves

# For Feb. 3:

- 3. J. Bodewalte Lampe, "Creole Belle, a Ragtime March" c1900:
  a. Played by the Sousa Band, conducted by Arthur Pryor, 1912
  b. Mississippi John Hurt, 1965
- 4. Fate Marable's Society Syncopators, "Frankie and Johnny," 1924, New Orleans. First strain is Frankie (blues ballad), second strain is "Creole Belle"
- 5. Scott Joplin (1868-1917), "Maple Leaf Rag" c1899, final strain ("Creole Belle" scheme), piano roll "played by Scott Joplin," 1916
- 6. Jelly Roll Morton, "Maple Leaf Rag," 1938
- 7. Original Dixieland Jazz Band, "Livery Stable Blues," 1917

# For Feb. 8:

- 8. Charles Welch (harmonica), Hezekiah Brown (grater), Henry Simpson (wooden trumpet), Quadrille, rec. Maryland, St. Andrew's Parish, Jamaica, 1981(?)
- 9. St. Ann Quadrille Band (bamboo fife, two guitars, four-string banjo), Quadrille: Round Dance, 1<sup>st</sup> Figure, 3<sup>rd</sup> Figure, 4<sup>th</sup> Figure, rec. St. Ann, Jamaica, 1975(?)
- 10. String band (banjo, two guitars, fiddle, triangle, cuatro), first figure (lancer's dance), rec; Carriacou, 1970
- 11. Canute Caliste (fiddle), Jones Corion (bass), Alton Joseph (tambourine), Caune Caliste's son (steel), "Second Figure Waltz" (quadrille), rec. Carriacou, 1971
- 12. Francis Johnson (1792–1844), "La Sonnambula Quadrille Number Two," performed by members of the Federal Music Society, *Come and Trip It: Instrumental Dance Music 1780s–1920s.*
- 13. John Jackson, medley of country dance tunes, rec. Fairfax, Virginia, 1977.

- 14. Jelly Roll Morton, "The Original Quadrille -> Tiger Rag," rec. by Alan Lomax at Library of Congress in 1938
- 15. James P. Johnson, "Carolina Shout," 1921, OKeh
- 16. James P. Johnson, "Carolina Balmoral," 1943, Blue Note
- 17. Air (Henry Threadgill, Fred Hopkins, Steve McCall), "The Ragtime Dance" (Joplin), *Air Lore,* 1979

#### For Feb. 10:

- 18. Jelly Roll Morton's Red Hot Peppers, "Black Bottom Stomp," 1926, Victor
- 19. William Grant Still (1895–1978), Symphony no. 1 ("Afro-American," 1930), I. Moderato Assai Longing, *Our Musical Past,* perf. by Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, cond. Karl Kreuger
- 20. Still, Sym. no. 1 ("Afro-American"), II. Adagio Sorrow
- 21. Still, Sym. no. 1 ("Afro-American"), Ill. Animato Humor
- 22. Still, Sym. no. 1 ("Afro-American"), IV. Lento, Con Risoluzione Aspiration

#### For Feb. 17:

- Randy Weston, *Uhuru Afrika,* 1961 (Langston Hughes, lyrics; Melba Liston, arr.; rec. 1960) 23. Introduction: Uhuru Kwanza (Pt 1)
  - 24. 1<sup>st</sup> Movement: Uhuru Kwanza (Pt 2)
  - 25. 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement: Afrikan Lady
  - 26. 3<sup>rd</sup> Movement: Bantu
  - 27. 4<sup>th</sup> Movement: Kucheza Blues

#### For Feb. 24:

- 28. Mamie Smith's Jazz Hounds, "Crazy Blues," OKeh, 1920
- 29. Ethel Waters, "Down Home Blues," Black Swan, rec. 1921
- 30. Ethel Waters, "Oh Daddy," Black Swan, rec. 1921
- 31. Ma Rainey, " 'Ma' Rainey's Black Bottom," rec. 1927
- 32. Ma Rainey, "Sleep Talking Blues," with Tampa Red, guitar, and Georgia Tom Dorsey (father of modern gospel music), piano, rec. 1928
- 33. Bessie Smith, "Jail-House Blues," Columbia, rec. 1923, New York

- 34. Bessie Smith with James P. Johnson, piano, "Backwater Blues," Columbia, rec. 1927, New York
- 35. Bessie Smith with Buck and His Band (Frank Newton, tpt; Jack Teagarden, tbn; Buck Washington; pno, leader; Benny Goodman, cl; Chu Berry, tsx; Bobby Johnson, gtr; Billy Taylor, cb), "Gimme a Pigfoot and a Bottle of Beer," OKeh, rec. 1933, New York

For Feb. 29:

- 36. Jelly Roll Morton, "King Porter Stomp," 1923
- 37. Fletcher Henderson, "King Porter Stomp," with Fletcher Henderson, pno; Russell Smith, Joe Smith, Bobby Stark, tpts; Jimmy Harrison, Benny Morton tbns; Buster Bailey, cl; Jerome Pasquall, cl and asx; Coleman Hawkins, cl and tsx; Charlie Dixon, banjo; June Cole, brass bass; and Kaiser Marshall, drums, Columbia, 1928
- 38. Fletcher Henderson, "New King Porter Stomp," with Fletcher Henderson pno; Russell Smith, Rex Stewart, Bobby Stark tpts; J. C. Higginbotham, tbn; Russell Procope, cl and asx; Hilton Jefferson, asx; Coleman Hawkins, tsx; Freddy White, gtr; John Kirby, string bass; and Walter Johnson, dr, OKeh, 1932
- 39. Edgar Sampson, "Don't Be that Way," 1934, played by Chick Webb and his Orchestra
- 40. Edgar Sampson, "Blue Minor," 1934, played by Chick Webb and his Orchestra
- 41. Benny Goodman, "King Porter Stomp," 1935 (Fletcher Henderson arrangement)
- 42. Sun Ra, "King Porter Stomp," live from Willisau, 1980

Selections from Benny Goodman, The Famous 1938 Carnegie Hall Jazz Concert, [1950] 1999

- 43. "Honeysuckle Rose," jam session with Lester Young, Count Basie, Buck Clayton, Johnny Hodges, Freddie Green, Walter Page, Gene Krupa, Harry Carney, Harry James
- 44. "Body and Soul," with Teddy Wilson and Gene Krupa
- 45. "Avalon," with Lionel Hampton, Teddy Wilson, and Gene Krupa
- 46. "Blue Skies," full big band, with Ziggy Elman, Chris Griffin, Harry James, tpt; Red Ballard, Vernon Brown, tb; Hymie Schertzer, George Koenig, Art Rollini, Babe Russin, reeds; Jess Stacy, pno; Allan Reuss, gtr; Harry Goodman, bass; Gene Krupa, dr.
- 47. "Stompin at the Savoy," with Lionel Hampton, Teddy Wilson, and Gene Krupa

For Mar. 2:

- 48. Billie Holiday, "Strange Fruit," original recording from 1939 for Milt Gabler's Commodore Records, with Sonny White (pno.), Frankie Newton (tpt.), Tab Smith (asx.), Kenneth Hollon and Stan Payne (tsx.), Jimmy McLin (gtr.), John Williams (cb.), Eddie Dougherty (dr.), poem by Lewis Allen (Abel Meeropol), originally titled "Bitter Fruit" and published in *The New York Teacher* (1937). [Incidentally, the Meeropols ended up adopting the orphaned Rosenberg children.]
- 49. Josh White, "Strange Fruit," Strange Fruit, Keynote, 1942
- 50. Billie Holiday, "Strange Fruit," Lady in Autumn, rec. 1947 live at Carnegie Hall
- 51. Nina Simone, "Strange Fruit," Pastel Blues, Philips, 1964
- 52. Fred Ho and the Afro-Asian Music Ensemble, "Strange Fruit Revisited," *The Underground Railroad to My Heart*, 1993
- 53. Bill Orcutt, "Strange Fruit," 25 Songs, Palilalia, 2013
- 54. Kanye West, "Blood on the Leaves," Yeezus, Def Jam, 2013

# For Mar. 7:

- 55. Charlie Parker's Re-Boppers, with Dizzy Gillespie (tpt), Curly Russell (cb), Max Roach (dr), "Ko-Ko," Savoy, rec. 1945
- 56. Thelonious Monk, "Thelonious," Blue Note, rec. 1947
- 57. Thelonious Monk, "April in Paris," Blue Note, rec. 1947
- 58. Dizzy Gillespie's All Star Quintet, with Charlie Parker (asx), Al Haig (pno), Curly Russell (cb), Sidney Catlett (dr), "Shaw 'Nuff," Guild, rec. 1945
- 59. Charlie Parker, with Miles Davis (tpt), Sadik Hakim (pno), Curly Russell (cb), Max Roach (dr), "Thriving on a Riff," rec. 1945. Two solos (takes one and three)
- 60. Charlie Parker, with Duke Jordan (pno), Tommy Potter (cb), Max Roach (dr), "Embraceable You" (comp. Gershwin), rec. 1947. Two solos.

# For Mar. 9:

- 61. Duke Ellington, "Ko-ko," The Duke Ellington Carnegie Hall Concerts January 1943, Prestige
- 62. ---, "Black"
  - 1. Work songs ("different songs according to different kinds of work-driving spikes, piling cotton, simple housework")

- Spirituals ("the 'Church Window' mood—the Negroes looked in from outside, but the windows were pretty, anyway"), with "Come Sunday." [Work songs and spirituals] "are very closely related"
- 63. ———, "Brown"
  - "The purpose of marking the wars of the past here is to bring out the Negro heroes who have participated in each."
    - Revolutionary War "is suggested"
    - "The West Indian influence"
    - " 'Swanee River' and 'Yankee Doodle' are cited to establish the period of the Civil War"
    - "Emancipation was not an unmixed blessing, for it left the older Negroes with freedom but no security" (baritone and tenor sax duo = "old peoples attitude," trombone and trumpet duo = "the younger folk's happier side")
      Spanish-American war period and "emergence of the Negro into urban life" = Blues (Betty Roche, voc.)
- 64. ———, "Beige"

Harlem of the 1920s ("Sugar Hill Penthouse"), Jimmy Britton (voc.) "proclaims the theme of 'Black, Brown and Beige' but still 'Red, White and Blue.'"

65. Duke Ellington (pno.), Charles Mingus (cb.), Max Roach (dr.), "Money Jungle," *Money Jungle*, Blue Note, 1962

# For Mar. 28:

- 66. Dizzy Gillespie with Chano Pozo, "Manteca," Bluebird, 1947
- 67. Dizzy Gillespie with Chano Pozo, "Cubano Be, Cubano Bop," Bluebird, 1947
- 68. Horace Silver Trio with Art Blakey, "Message from Kenya," Blue Note, 1953
- 69. Art Blakey, "Toffi," Orgy in Rhythm, Blue Note, 1957
- 70. Art Blakey, "Dinga," Holiday for Skins, Blue Note, 1958
- 71. John Coltrane, "Africa," Africa/Brass, Impulse!, 1961
- 72. Miriam Makeba, "Back of the Moon," from *King Kong: All African Jazz Opera* (opened in 1959)
- 73. Sathima Bea Benjamin with Abdullah Ibrahim, "Africa," from *African Songbird*, rec. 1976 (reissued in 2013).
- 74. Abdullah Ibrahim, "Mannenberg Revisited," from Water from an Ancient Well, 1986

For Apr. 4:

- Max Roach (dr.), Abbey Lincoln (voc.), Booker Little (tpt.), Julian Priester (tbn.), Walter Benton (tsx.), Coleman Hawkins (tsx.), James Schenk (cb.), Olatunji (congas), Raymond Mantilla (perc.), Tomas du Vall (perc.), *We Insist! Freedom Now Suite,* Candid, 1960, words by Oscar Brown, Jr.
  - 75. Driva' Man
  - 76. Freedom Day
  - 77. Triptych: Prayer, Protest, Peace
  - 78. All Africa
  - 79. Tears for Johannesburg
- 80. Oscar Brown, Jr., "Bid 'Em In," Sin & Soul, 1960
- 81. Matana Roberts, "Libation for Mr. Brown: Bid Em In," *Coin Coin Chapter One: Gens de Couleur Libres,* Constellation, 2011
- 82. Sonny Rollins, with Oscar Pettiford and Max Roach, "The Freedom Suite," *Freedom Suite,* Riverside, 1958
- 83. Charles Mingus, "Original Faubus Fables," *Charles Mingues Presents Charles Mingus,* Candid, 1960
- 84. Charles Mingus, "Prayer for Passive Resistance," *Mingus at Antibes,* rec. 1960 (released 1976)
- 85. Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers, "The Freedom Rider," The Freedom Rider, rec. 1961

For Apr. 6:

- 86. Bob Dylan, "Oxford Town," The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan, 1963
- 87. Bob Dylan, "Only a Pawn in Their Game," The Times They Are A-Changin', 1964
- 88. Bob Dylan, "The Lonesome Death of Hattie Carroll," The Times They Are A-Changin', 1964
- 89. Curtis Mayfield and The Impressions, "Keep on Pushing," Keep on Pushing, ABC-Paramount, 1964
- 90. Nina Simone, "Old Jim Crow," *Nina Simone in Concert,* Phillips, rec. live at Carnegie Hall, 1964
- 91. Nina Simone, "Four Women," Wild is the Wind, Verve, 1965
- 92. Curtis Mayfield and The Impressions, "People Get Ready," *People Get Ready,* ABC-Paramount, 1966
- 93. Nina Simone, "I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to be Free," Silk & Soul, RCA, 1967

- 94. Nina Simone, "Mississippi Goddam," this version rec. April 7, 1968 at Westbury Music Fair, Westbury, NY (three days after MLK's assassination). Song originally recorded for *Nina Simone in Concert*, 1964, written after 16th Street Church Bombing and deaths of Denise McNair, Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley in Birmingham, Alabama, September 1963
- 95. Nina Simone, "Backlash Blues," *'Nuff Said!*, RCA, 1968, rec. live at same April 7, 1968 concert. Lyric by Langston Hughes.
- 96. Nina Simone, "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black," RCA (single), rec. 1969
- 97. The Isley Brothers, "Fight the Power (Part 1)," The Heat Is On, T-Neck, 1975
- 98. John Coltrane, "Alabama," Live at Birdland, rec. 1963
- 99. Archie Shepp, "Attica Blues," Attica Blues, 1972

#### For Apr. 13:

- Excerpts from Wadada Leo Smith, Ten Freedom Summers, 2012
- 100. Wadada Leo Smith, "Dred Scott, 1857"
- 101. ---, "Thurgood Marshall and Brown vs. Board of Education"
- 102. ---, "The Freedom Riders Ride"

#### For Apr. 18:

- 103. Ornette Coleman, "Free Jazz," Free Jazz, 1960
- 104. Albert Ayler Trio, "Ghosts (First Version), Spiritual Unity, ESP-Disk, 1965
- 105. Sun Ra, "Outer Nothingness," *The Heliocentric Worlds of Sun Ra, Volume One,* ESP-Disk, 1965
- 106. Cecil Taylor, "Unit Structure/As Of A Now/Section," Unit Structures, Blue Note, 1966
- 107. James Brown, "There Was a Time (Live)," included on Star Time, Polydor, 1991
- 108. James Brown, "Super Bad, Parts 1 & 2," King, 1970
- 109. Rahsaan Roland Kirk, "Blacknuss," *Blacknuss,* Atlantic, 1971

For Apr. 20:

- 110. Roscoe Mitchell Sextet, "The Little Suite," Sound, Delmark, 1966
- 111. Muhal Richard Abrams, "Levels and Degrees of Light," *Levels and Degrees of Light,* Delmark, 1968
- 112. Peter Brotzmann, "Machine Gun," Machine Gun, FMP, 1968
- 113. Music Improvisation Company (Derek Bailey, Evan Parker, Hugh Davies, Jamie Muir), "Pointing," rec. 1970 in London
- 114. Baden-Baden Free Jazz Orchestra (Lester Bowie, cond, tpt.; Claude Delcloo, Tony Oxley, dr.; Dave Burrell, Leo Cuypers, pno.; Roscoe Mitchell, John Surman, Joseph Jarman, Alan Skidmore, Bernt Rosengren, Gerd Dudek, Heinz Sauer, saxes; Albert Mangelsdorff, Eje Thelin, tbn.; Hugh Steinmetz, Kenny Wheeler, tpt.), "Gittin' to Know Y'all," rec. 1969 in Baden-Baden
- 115. Art Ensemble of Chicago, "Nonaah," Fanfare for the Warriors, Atlantic, 1973

# For May 4:

Kamasi Washington, The Epic, Brainfeeder, 2015 [buy or find on your own]