



Listen to This!

Listening is essential to music performance. The process is: internalize - externalize. You must also know who's shoulders you are standing on so, it is a must to learn and experience the rich music history and culture of the entire planet. This is a list of musicians and groups who have shaped and pioneered the music that is today. You need to know these performers and their styles in order to become a musician practitioner. Here's the short list. See if you can find more by surfing Youtube and the "similar reference" videos and audios in each queue.

Guitarists:

Lonnie Mack
Jimmy Page
Jeff Beck
Eric Clapton
BB King
Freddie King
Albert King
Buddy Guy
Jimmy Hendrix
Christopher Parkening
Andres' Segovia
Carlos Montoya
Laurindo Almedia
Pat Martino
Eric Johnson
Joe Satriani
John Pisano
Howard Roberts
Jay Roberts
Charlie Byrd
Earl Klugh

Pat Matheny
Chet Atkins
Jerry Reed
George Van Eps
Merle Travis
Mundel Lowe
Joe Pass
Buddy Fite
Barney Kessel
Lenny Breau
Wes Montgomery
Grant Green
Jaun Serrano
Kenny Burrell
Joe Maphis
Tony Rice
Ricky Scaggs
Steve Vai
Stevie Ray Vaughan
Tommy Vaughan
Cornell Dupree
Tommy Tedesco

Jim Hall

Pianists:

Peter Nero
Bill Evans
Bud Powell
Vladimir Horowitz
Floyd Cramer
Oscar Peterson
Nat King Cole
Mose Allison
Joe Fingers Carr
Fred Finn
Art Tatum
Georg Gershwin
Joe Zawinal
Ray Charles
Herbie Hancock
Chic Corea
Keith Jarrett
Winton Kelly
Duke Ellington

George Duke
Kenny Barron
Brad Meldeau
Tete Montelou
Dave Brubeck
Dave Grusin
Bob James
Carlos Jobim
Sergio Mendez

Organists:

Jimmy McGriff
Jimmy Smith
Joey De Francesco
Erroll Grant
Brother Jack McDuff
Sly Stone

Singing Groups:

Four Freshman
Hi Lo's
Singers Unlimited
Ella Fitzgerald
Peggy Lee
Sara Vaughn

***Horns/Groups/Bands/
The Really Short List:***

Weather Report
Charlie Parker
Miles Davis
Dizzy Gillespie
Clark Terry
Clifford Brown
Al Hirt
Doc Severnson

Maynurd Ferguson
Arturo Sandoval
Pete Fountain
Hubert Lawes
Chet Baker
Stan Kenton
Thad Jones-Mel Lewis
Edgar Winter
Sly & The Family Stone
James Brown
Tower of Power
Songs of Champlin
Bill Champlin
Gloria Estefan
Bill Chase
Blood Sweat & Tears
Earth Wind & Fire
Chicago
Joseph Cotton
Taj Mahal
Xavier Cougat
Woody Herman
Glenn Miller
Les and Larry Elgart
The Dorsey Brothers
Jack Sheldon
LA Four
Bud Shank
Ray Brown
Ron Carter
Shelly Mann
Buddy Rich
Gene Krupa
Dave Weckl
Four Play
Lee Ritenour

Boney James
Rick Braun
The Rippingtons
Stan Getz
Cannonball Adderly
John Coltrane
Sonny Rollins
David Sandborn
Coleman Hawkins
Rolland Kirk
Yellow Jackets
Led Zeppelin
Aerosmith
Rolling Stones
Beatles
Red Hot Chili Peppers