

Fall Course Syllabus

Jazz On This Day: Revisiting 1959

Some say jazz came of age in the '50's and 1959 proved to be a pivotal year across all avenues of jazz. We will look back at each corresponding date in 1959 and dig into what album was playing, who was making it and the larger social contexts of that music. Get ready to reminisce as we look back in time to find the links between the constant and yet ever-changing music we call jazz!

1 – September 2: Sara Vaughn, newly signed with Roulette company records with an orchestra in Los Angeles.

2 – September 9: Big Joe Turner meets Coleman Hawkins and Jim Hall on “Big Joe Rides Again”

3 – September 16: Kenny Burrell Trio records live at the Village Vanguard

4 – September 23: Modern Jazz Quartet, records the first ever “Third Stream” album in New York forever changing the landscape.

5 – September 30: Nina Simone sings I Loves You Porgy and hits on the Billboard Hot 100.

6 – October 7: Ramsey Lewis plays a small group show at the Village Vanguard.

7 – October 14: Blossom Dearie and her album “Sings Comden and Green” is released with great acclaim.

8 – October 21: Thelonious Monk plays a solo recording in what becomes Fugazi Hall.