

# MASTER JAZZ SAXOPHONISTS

Highly influential saxophonists in **Bold**

## Alto

Greg Abate (b.1947)

**Julian "Cannonball" Adderley (1928–75)**

**Albert Ayler (1936–70) also tenor, soprano**

Charlie Barnet (1913–91) also tenor, soprano

Arthur Blythe (b.1940) also soprano

Earl Bostic (1913–1965)

**Anthony Braxton (b.1944) all saxes**

Pete Brown (1906–63) also tenor

Marion Brown (b.1935)

**Benny Carter (1907–2003)**

James Carter (b.1969) all saxes

Richie Cole (b.1948)

**Ornette Coleman (1930–2015)**

**Steve Coleman (b.1956) also soprano**

Hank Crawford (1934–2009)

Sonny Criss (1927–77) also soprano

John Dankworth (1927–2010)

**Paul Desmond (1924–77)**

**Eric Dolphy (1928–64)**

**Lou Donaldson (b.1926)**

**Jimmy Dorsey (1904–57)**

**Paquito D'Rivera (b.1948)**

Sonny Fortune (b.1939)

Gary Foster (b.1936) all saxes

Al Gallodoro (1913–2008)

**Kenny Garrett (b.1960) also soprano**

Herb Geller (1928–2013) also soprano

Bunky Green (b.1935)

Gigi Gryce (1927–83)

John Handy (b.1933)

Donald Harrison (b.1960)

Antonio Hart (b.1968)

Ernie Henry (1926–57)

Julius Hemphill (1938–95) all saxes

Woody Herman (1913–87)

Vincent Herring (b.1964)

**Johnny Hodges (1907–70)**

Paul Horn (b.1930)

Derek Humble (1932–71)

Joseph Jarman (b.1937)

Carter Jefferson (1946–93)

Hilton Jefferson (1903–68)

John Jenkins (1931–93)

Louis Jordan (1908–75)

Gary Keller (b.1944) all saxes

Robin Kenyatta (b.1942)

Eric Kloss (b.1949)

**Lee Konitz (b.1927)**

Oliver Lake (b.1942)

Fred Lipsius (b.1945)

Rudresh Mahanthappa (b.1971)

Charlie Mariano (1923–2009)

Eric Marienthal (b.1957)

Hal McKusick (b.1924)

**Jackie McLean (1931–2006)**

Charles McPherson (b.1939)

Roscoe Mitchell (b.1940) all saxes

Frank Morgan (1933–2007)

Lanny Morgan (b.1934)

Ted Nash (b.1960)

**Oliver Nelson (1932–75) also tenor**

David "Fathead" Newman (1933–2009)

Lennie Niehaus (b.1929)

Dick Oatts (b.1953)

**Greg Osby (b.1960) also soprano**

**Charlie Parker (1920–55)**

Evan Parker (born 44) also soprano

Leo Parker (1925–62) also baritone

Maceo Parker (b.1943)

**Art Pepper (1925–1982)**

Pony Poindexter (1926–88)

Russell Procope (1908–81)

Sonny Red (1932–81)

Vi Redd (b.1928)

Don Redman (1900–64)

Jerome Richardson (1920–2000)

Marshal Royal (1912–95)

**David Sanborn (b.1945) also soprano**

Bud Shank (1926–2009) all saxes

Sonny Simmons (b.1933)

Steve Slagle (b.1951) also soprano

Buster Smith (1904–1991)

Jim Snidero (b.1958)

James Spaulding (b.1937)

**Sonny Stitt (1924–82) also tenor**

Frank Strozier (b.1937)

John Tchicai (b.1936)

**Frankie Trumbauer (1901–1956) also C Melody**

Eddie "Cleanhead" Vinson (1917–88)

Sadao Watanabe (b.1933)

Bobby Watson (b.1953)

**Steve Wilson (b.1961) also soprano**

**Phil Woods (1931–2015)**

Leo Wright (1933–91)

Pete Yellin (b.1941)

**Miguel Zenón (b.1976)**

John Zorn (b.1953)

# Tenor

**Eric Alexander (b.1968)**

**Gene Ammons (1925–74)**

Georgie Auld (1919–90)

Gato Barbieri (1934–2016)

Bob Berg (1951–2002) also soprano

Jerry Bergonzi (b.1947)

Chu Berry (1910–1941)

Barney Bigard (1906–1980)

Ralph Bowen (b.1961) also soprano

Don Braden (b.1964)

**Michael Brecker (1949–2007) also soprano, EWI**

Gordon Brisker (1937–2004)

Tina Brooks (1932–74)

**Don Byas (1912–72)**

Pete Christlieb (b.1945)

**Arnett Cobb (1918–1989)**

Jeff Coffin (b.1965) all saxes

Anat Cohen (b.1975) also soprano

Al Cohn (1925–88)

**George Coleman (b.1935)**

**Buddy Collette (1921–2010) also alto**

**John Coltrane (1926–67) also soprano**

Ravi Coltrane (b.1965) also soprano

**Junior Cook (1934–92)**

Bob Cooper (1925–93)

**King Curtis (1934–71) also soprano**

Eddie Daniels (b.1941)

Kenny Davern (1935–2006)

**Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis (1921–86)**

Nathan Davis (b.1937)

Klaus Doldinger (b.1936) also soprano

Allen Eager (1927–2003) also alto

Teddy Edwards (1924–2003)

Booker Ervin (1930–70)

Bill Evans (born 1958) also soprano

Herschel Evans (1909–39) also alto

Joe Farrell (1937–86) also soprano

Wilton Felder (1940–2015)

Ricky Ford (b.1954)

**Jimmy Forrest (1920–1980)**

Frank Foster (1928–2011)

Bud Freeman (1906–91)

Chico Freeman (b.1949) also soprano

Von Freeman (1923–2012)

**Jan Garbarek (b.1947) also soprano**

**Stan Getz (1927–91)**

John Gilmore (1931–95)

**Jimmy Giuffre (1921–2008)**

Victor Goines (b.1961)

**Benny Golson (b.1929)**

Paul Gonsalves (1920–74)

**Dexter Gordon (1923–90)**

**Wardell Gray (1921–55)**

**Johnny Griffin (1928–2008)**

**Steve Grossman (b.1951) also soprano**

**Scott Hamilton (b.1954)**

Billy Harper (b.1943)

Eddie Harris (1934–96)

**Tubby Hayes (1935–73)**

**Coleman Hawkins (1901–69)**

**Jimmy Heath (b.1926)**

**Joe Henderson (1937–2001)**

**Illinois Jacquet (1922–2004)**

Budd Johnson (1910–84)

Richie Kamuca (1930–77)

**Rahsaan Roland Kirk (1936–77) also soprano, manzello, stritch**

John Klemmer (b.1946)

Pat LaBarbera (b.1944) also soprano

Harold Land (1928–2001)

Yusef Lateef (1920–2013)

Azar Lawrence (b.1952) also soprano

Ronnie Laws (b.1950) also alto

**Charles Lloyd (b.1938)**

**Joe Lovano (b.1952)**

Steve Marcus (1939–2005) also soprano

Lou Marini (born 1945) also soprano, alto

**Branford Marsalis (b.1960) also soprano**

Bennie Maupin (b.1940)

**Bob Mintzer (b.1953)**

**Hank Mobley (1930–1986)**

J. R. Monterose (1927–93)

**James Moody (1925–2010)**

David Murray (b.1955)

Vido Musso (1913–1982)

Sal Nistico (1938–91)

Bill Perkins (1924–2003)

Rich Perry (b.1955)

**Houston Person (b.1934)**

Flip Phillips (1915–2001)

Courtney Pine (b.1964)

Odean Pope (b.1938)

**Chris Potter (b.1970) also alto, soprano**

**Ike Quebec (1918–63)**

Boots Randolph (1927–2007)

Dewey Redman (1931–2006) also alto

**Joshua Redman (b.1969) also soprano, alto**

Sam Rivers (1923–2011) also soprano

Scott Robinson (b.1959) all saxes

**Sonny Rollins (b.1930)**

David Sanchez (born 1969) also soprano

**Pharoah Sanders (b.1940)**

David Schnitter (b.1948)

Ronnie Scott (1927–97)

Tom Scott (b.1948)

**Archie Shepp (b.1937)**

Andy Sheppard (b.1957)

**Wayne Shorter (b.1933) also soprano**

**Zoot Sims (1925–1985) all saxes**

Tommy Smith (b.1967)

Hal Stein (1928–2008)

John Stubblefield (1945–2005)

Buddy Tate (1913–2001)

Lucky Thompson (1924–2005)

Mark Turner (b.1965)

**Stanley Turrentine (1934–2000)**

Harold Vick (1936-87)  
**Grover Washington, Jr. (1943–99) all saxes**  
Ernie Watts (b.1945)  
**Ben Webster (1909–73)**  
Frank Wess (1922-2013)

Kirk Whalum (b.1958)  
Andrew White (b.1942)  
**Lester Young (1909–59)**

## Soprano

**Sidney Bechet (1897–59)**  
Jane Ira Bloom (b.1955)  
Jane Bunnett (b.1955)  
**Kenny G (Kenny Gorelick, born 1956)**

**Steve Lacy (1934–2004)**  
**Dave Liebman (b.1946) also tenor**

## Baritone

**Pepper Adams (1930–86)**  
Hamiet Bluiett (b.1940)  
Nick Brignola (1936–2002)  
Harry Carney (1910–74)  
Serge Chaloff (1923–57)  
Gerry Mulligan (1927–96)  
Cecil Payne (1922–2007)

**Adrian Rollini (1904–56) also bass sax**  
**Sahib Shihab (1925-89)**  
**Gary Smulyan (b.1956)**  
**John Surman (b.1944)**  
**Joe Temperley (1929-2016)**

## List of significant saxophonists