

THE ESSENTIALS - (NOS. 1-25)

- All of Me
- All the Things You Are
- Autumn Leaves
- Body and Soul
- Bye Bye Blackbird
- Foggy Day, A
- Georgia On My Mind
- Have You Met Miss Jones
- Honeysuckle Rose
- How High the Moon
- I Got Rhythm
- I'll Remember April
- It Could Happen to You
- Just Friends
- Misty
- Night and Day
- On Green Dolphin Street
- Out of Nowhere
- Softly as in a Morning Sunrise
- Stella By Starlight
- Summertime
- Sweet Georgia Brown
- There is No Greater Love
- There Will Never Be Another You
- What is This Thing Called Love?

WHAT YOU NEED TO LEARN NEXT (NOS. 26-50)

- But Not for Me
- Days of Wine and Roses
- Fly Me To The Moon
- I Can't Get Started
- I Love You
- Indiana
- Invitation
- It's You or No One
- Laura
- My Funny Valentine
- My Romance
- Nearness of You, The
- Oh, Lady be Good
- On the Sunny Side of the Street
- Our Love is Here to Stay
- Pennies From Heaven
- Polka Dots and Moonbeams
- Someday My Prince Will Come
- Song is You, The
- Star Dust
- Star Eyes
- Way You Look Tonight, The
- Willow Weep For Me
- Yesterdays
- You Stepped Out of a Dream

IT'S STILL IMPORTANT TO KNOW THESE (NOS. 51-75)

- Ain't Misbehavin'
- Angel Eyes
- But Beautiful
- Come Rain or Come Shine
- Darn That Dream
- Embraceable You
- Here's That Rainy Day
- I Hear a Rhapsody
- I Remember You
- I Should Care
- I Thought About You
- Like Someone in Love
- Love for Sale
- Lover Come Back to me
- Lover Man
- Mack the Knife
- My Foolish Heart
- My One and Only Love
- Once I Loved
- Over the Rainbow
- Someone to Watch Over Me
- Speak Low
- Stormy Weather
- Tenderly
- What's New?

GREAT TUNES THAT ARE GOOD TO KNOW (NOS. 76-100)

- Almost Like Being In Love
- Autumn in New York
- Beautiful Love
- Blue Moon
- East of the Sun (and West of the Moon)
- Easy Living
- How Deep is the Ocean
- I Could Write a Book
- I Didn't Know What Time it Was
- If I Were a Bell
- It Had to be You
- It Might as Well Be Spring
- Mean to Me
- Moonlight in Vermont
- My Favorite Things
- My Old Flame
- My Shining Hour
- Night Has a Thousand Eyes
- Shadow of Your Smile, The
- Skylark
- Tangerine
- These Foolish Things
- When I Fall In Love
- You Don't Know What Love is
- You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To

Lagniappe: Top Ten New Orleans Essentials

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After You've Gone Basin Street Blues Bourbon Street Parade Do You Know What it Means To Miss New Orleans? Down By the Riverside | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lazy River St. James Infirmary St. Louis Blues Struttin' With Some BBQ When the Saints Go Marching In |
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Note: This list is a composite of numerous "essential" lists created by various educators and performers, plus a small bit of personal opinion. Please check out my list of "100 Essential Jazz Standards" for more tunes that you should learn.

100 Essential Jazz Standards

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20 Essential Blues to Learn

All Blues
Au Privave
Billie's Bounce
Blue Monk
Blues for Alice
C Jam Blues
Equinox
Footprints
Freddie the Freeloader
Jody Grind, The
Mr. PC
Night Train
Now's the Time
Sandu
Sonnymoon for Two
Stolen Moments
Straight, No Chaiser
Tenor Madness
Things Ain't What They Used to Be
Watermelon Man

Top 20 Jazz Standards

Blue Bossa
Caravan
Cherokee
Don't Get Around Much Anymore
Donna Lee
Girl from Ipanema
In a Mellow Tone
Joy Spring
Lester Leaps In
Maiden Voyage
Oleo
Recorda Me
Round Midnight
Satin Doll
So What
Song for My Father
St. Thomas
Sugar
Take the "A" Train
Yardbird Suite

60 more Jazz Standards You'll Need to Know to be a Pro

Airegin	Killer Joe
Anthropology	Lady Bird
Beatrice	Lazy Bird
Black Orpheus (Manha de Carnival)	Little Sunflower
Bluesette	Lullaby of Birdland
Cantaloupe Island	Meditation
Confirmation	Mercy, Mercy, Mercy
Corcovado/Quiet Nights	Milestones (new)
Cotton Tail	Moment's Notice
Desafinado	Naima
Do Nothing 'Till You Hear From Me	Nica's Dream
Dolphin Dance	Night in Tunisia, A
Doxy	One Note Samba
Four	Ornithology
Freedom Jazz Dance	Perdido
Giant Steps	Prelude to a Kiss
God Bless the Child	Scrapple from the Apple
Good Bait	Seven Steps to Heaven
Groovin' High	Solar
Half Nelson	Sophisticated Lady
Hot House	Spain
How Insensitive	Stablemates
I Got it Bad (and That Ain't Good)	Stompin' at the Savoy
I Remember Clifford	Take Five
If You Could See Me Know	Triste
Impressions	Tune Up
In a Sentimental Mood	Wave
In Your Own Sweet Way	Well You Needn't
It Don't Mean a Thing	Whisper Not
Jitterbug Waltz	Work Song

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