



Top 10 Soul Jazz Releases of 2007 + One Reissue
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Friday nights from 11 pm to midnight (ET).

1) *The Godfathers of Groove* – Reuben Wilson, Bernard Purdie & Grant Green, Jr. (18th & Vine)

Traditional soul jazz merges with harder funk – with titles like “The Okiedoke” and “The Flipity Flop” how can you miss?!?!

2) *Party Hats* – Will Bernard (Palmetto)

There’s no pandering to the groove here: musical integrity + giving up the funk = Will Bernard.

3) *Live: The Authorized Bootleg* – Joey DeFrancesco (Concord)

Not since Terry Gibbs’ Dream Band have elderly standards been reimagined with such spirit and swing.

4) *Magic Tales* – Radam Schwartz (Arabesque)

The N.J. educator and organist returns to create a sweet, soulful sound paying homage to the Mighty Burner.

5) *Don’t Mess with Mister T: James Taylor Quarter Plays Motown* – James Taylor (Dome)

A dozen covers from Stevie to Marvin, inventively delivered in the pocket by the other James Taylor, the one from across the pond

6) *Security* – Antibalas (Anti)

Taking Fela further, Antibalas finds its own voice with longer jams.

7) *Mr. Patterson’s Hat* – Papa Grows Funk (Funky Krewe)

N’awlins blues, soul, funk and jazz, with just a touch of shredded guitar on top.

8) *Folk Music* – Deep Blue Organ Trio (Origin)

Bluesy Windy City jazz with mellow, simmering solos from guitarist Bobby Broom and Chris Foreman on the B3.

9) *Battery Milk* – Mike Dillon’s Go-Go Jungle (Hyena)

The first track sees Dillon’s vibes go go-go, and then it just gyrates wonderfully out of control from there.

10) *What Happened to Television?* – Greyboy All Stars (SciFidelity)

Funk that’s more diverse than relentless, and that’s a good thing – at least in this case.

Reissue of the Year

***Black Talk / Black Drops* – Charles Earland (BGP/import)**

Back-in-the-day, old-school goodness from Earland, Virgil Jones, Idris Muhammed, Houston Person and others – two true soul-jazz classics on one disc.