

Abstracts und Biografien

Growing Up: Jazz in Europa 1960-1980

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Tony Whyton: Moving to Higher Ground: The Changing Discourse of European Jazz 1960–1980

The 2014 conference ‘Growing Up: Jazz between 1960 and 1980’ in Lucerne provided a stimulating environment for the examination of European identity in jazz, and offered several fascinating insights into the musical landscape and changing cultural discourses of jazz during this period in history. This article builds on the overarching theme of the Conference by examining what the concept of ‘growing up’ means for jazz within this time period. I explore ways in which the concept itself can contain certain assumptions about the maturing of an art form and the progress of history, and encourage a way of thinking about jazz’s place in Europe that is problematic. Whilst it is important to consider the historical development of music and its changing reception through time, the concept of growing up reinforces a number of assumptions about art music and its place in European culture; it has the ability to shape how we view the movement of music and culture, what social and cultural changes might have occurred during the period we’re looking at, and promotes a particular view of European jazz and its relationship both to the American jazz tradition and popular culture more broadly.

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Thomas Gartmann: Vom Amateur zum Professional: Einige Beobachtungen zum Aufbau der Jazzschulen Bern und Luzern

Die 1967 gegründete Jazzschule Bern richtete sich stark am Vorbild Berklee aus. Gleichzeitig war sie anfangs Teil einer Musikschule, des Coop-Freizeitwerks Bern. 1972 erfolgte ihre Unabhängigkeitserklärung vom Freizeitwerk und damit vom Status der Liebhaberei: Sie erhielt den Titel Swiss Jazz School und nennt sich seither stolz „erste autonome Jazzschule Europas mit dem Angebot eines kontinuierlichen Jazzunterrichtes“. Autonom bedeutet dabei insbesondere eine institutionelle Emanzipation von der Musikschule wie von der klassischen Konservatoriumausbildung. Trotzdem wird gerade auch die curriculare Nähe zu einer solchen betont, ebenso, dass als Lehrer „geschulte Musikpädagogen“ tätig seien. Dank ihrer soliden Berufsausbildung grenzte sie sich gleichzeitig von bereits bestehenden Schulen in Basel und Zürich ab: Diese richteten sich an Amateure, boten Selbsthilfe an, vermittelten Tanz-Orchester und Musikinstrumente.

Auch die 1972 gegründete Luzerner Jazzschule begann in einem Coop-Freizeitcenter. Stilistisch gab sie sich aber weit offen, auch gegenüber Rock, Pop, freier Improvisation und elektronischer Musik, und markierte so eine Gegenbewegung zur Berner Schule.

Der Aufsatz stützt sich auf Archivmaterialien und Gespräche mit Zeitzeugen und untersucht, wie der institutionalisierte Unterricht die Entwicklung vom autodidaktischen Amateur zum professionellen Musiker ermöglichte, diese zugleich aber auch standardisierte und so deren eigenständige Entwicklung bremste, was heftige Gegenbewegungen auslöste.

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Michael Kahr: The Jazz Institutes in Graz: Pioneers in Academic Jazz and their Impact on Local Identity

In 1965, the Institute for Jazz at the University of Music and Performing Arts (then the Academy of Music) in Graz started to build a reputation as a pioneer in jazz education in Europe. Upon the establishment of a separate Institute for Jazz Research in 1971, the institution was able to position itself as an academic centre with a focus on both artistic practice and the academic study of jazz; as such, it also inspired other jazz programmes across Central Europe. This article discusses the determining factors and socio-cultural conditions for the development of the Jazz Institutes in Graz and analyses aspects of professionalisation, internationalisation and outreach activities both local and international. The leading personalities in the institution's history are introduced, and their activities from 1965 to 1980 are described. After an overview of the Institute's current state, the article discusses internal and external conflicts and criticism of the Institute's activities, artistic orientation and status. Research for this article was compiled

as part of the FWF research project 'Jazz & the City: Identity of a Capital of Jazz', conducted at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Graz from 2011 to 2013 under Prof. Dr Franz Kerschbaumer (www.jazzandthecity.org).

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Monika Piecek und Angelika Güsewell: Jazz education in Western Switzerland in the 1970s and 1980s: Formal, Non-Formal or Informal Learning Settings?

This article aims to complement the understanding of the implementation, expansion, and formalisation of jazz education as well as of how jazz was learnt and taught in the 1970s and 1980s in the Western, French-speaking, part of Switzerland. Focussing on this specific geographical context, it takes a close look at the transition from traditional, informal learning to what are considered as more formal realms of learning in jazz education. Drawing both on documentary analysis and in-depth, semi-structured interviews conducted with former students, directors, and teachers of the first jazz schools and jazz departments, it provides a description of the Swiss jazz educational landscape at its beginnings. Two educational models that emerged are compared in the light of the formal-informal spectrum. Finally, the music training trajectories of nine students who attended the newly created settings for jazz learning are analysed. Special attention is given to learning practices, skills transfer and the processes of access to and appropriation of music learning environments. These analyses provide evidence of the flexibility and shifting character of organisational boundaries and educational practices during the implementation of new patterns of music learning.

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Katharina Schmidt: Money and a Room of One's Own?! A Feminist Deconstruction of the Situation of Female Jazz Musicians 1960–1980

‘What does it take for a woman to be able to write a novel?’ asks Virginia Woolf in *A Room of One's Own*. The answer is surprisingly mundane: She needs money and a room of her own. Although Woolf writes at length about passion and talent, she concludes that material preconditions are actually more crucial. Similarly, the present article argues that there has been no lack of interest in jazz among female musicians, but a lack of socially accepted possibilities for professionalisation. This article endeavours to deconstruct some of the socio-cultural contexts and frameworks of music-making in a feminist way. To this end, the most crucial findings from semi-structured interviews with Norma Winstone, Sidsel Endresen, Aki Takase and Uschi Brüning are presented and discussed. To contextualise the interviews, Bourdieu's analyses of the academic and literary fields will be referred to with relation to the institutionalisation of jazz, while questions of canonicity and historiography will be discussed, as well as questions surrounding performativity and corporeality. Linking up with research surrounding these issues in other musical styles, this article attempts to map and contextualise the debate about gender and the arts in its complex, sometimes controversial and even paradoxical dynamic.

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Immanuel Brockhaus: Organizing Emotions in Time: Klangästhetik und Studioteknologie im ECM-Sound der frühen Jahre, 1970–1980

Der Beitrag setzt sich mit der Frage auseinander, wie sich der Sound des Plattenlabels ECM während der ersten Entwicklungsjahre (1970–1980) im Spannungsfeld zwischen den ästhetischen Vorstellungen des deutschen Produzenten Manfred Eicher und den studioteknologischen Möglichkeiten der Zeit konstituiert hat. Wie setzte Manfred Eicher die damalige Studioteknik ein und was verbirgt sich hinter dem häufig mystifizierten ECM-Sound? Hierzu werden die involvierten Akteure befragt und zwei repräsentative Titel bezüglich Sound und verwendeter Technologie analysiert. Ziel ist es, die verschiedenen künstlerischen Positionen der beteiligten Musiker, Tontechniker und des künstlerischen Leiters und Produzenten Manfred Eicher zu

beleuchten. Die Entwicklung des Plattenlabels ECM wird dazu im historischen Kontext erläutert. Außerdem werden zum Vergleich Produktionstechniken amerikanischer und europäischer Labels beigezogen.

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Bruno Spoerri: Jazz der 1960er-Jahre in der Schweiz: Vorboten eines Aufbruchs

Geradlinigkeit in der Entwicklung des Jazz finden wir nur in populären Übersichtsdarstellungen – die Wirklichkeit ist komplizierter, viel weniger zielgerichtet und meist auch widersprüchlich. Das trifft ganz besonders auf die 50er- und 60er-Jahre des 20. Jahrhunderts zu. Wir können diese Zeit nur verstehen, wenn wir zunächst genau hinschauen und erst dann verallgemeinern. Mit vier Momentaufnahmen versuche ich, erste Ansätze zu einer kritischen Betrachtung zu liefern.

Bruno Spoerri (geb. 1935) wechselte nach einem Psychologiestudium zur Berufsmusik und komponierte Musik zu Werbe, Dokumentar- und Spielfilmen, Hörspielen sowie Fernsehjingles. Er spielt seit den 1950er-Jahren als Saxofonist in diversen Jazzensembles, ist ein Pionier der elektronischen Musik und Mitgründer des Schweizerischen Zentrums für Computermusik. 2005 erschien sein Buch *Jazz in der Schweiz*, 2010 folgte *Musik aus dem Nichts. Die Geschichte der elektroakustischen Musik in der Schweiz*.

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Christian Steulet: Der Wandel der schweizerischen Jazzszene im Spiegel von JazzNyon

Der Verein JazzNyon war in den Bereichen Jazz und populäre Musik von 1974 bis 1984 aktiv. Mit viel Engagement wurde an neuen Schnittstellen zwischen amerikanischen, europäischen und schweizerischen Musikszenen gearbeitet. Der Nachlass von William Patry (1946–2009), dem Gründer und Leiter des Vereins, enthüllt Motivation, Erfolge und Scheitern einer Organisation, die am Anfang eng mit dem Jazzfestival Willisau zusammengearbeitet hat. Wie und warum hat dies (nur) zehn Jahre lang funktioniert und was erfolgte daraus für die Emanzipation der Schweizer Jazzszene? Auf der Basis von neuen schriftlichen und audiovisuellen Quellen schlägt diese Studie einige Antworten und auch Brücken zu den anderen Beiträgen vor.

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Christa Bruckner-Haring: The Development of the Austrian Jazz Scene and Its Identity 1960–1980

In Austria, a country steeped in music history and famous for composers such as Mozart, Haydn, and Bruckner, jazz was quick to earn a place in the cultural landscape. After World War II, important jazz scenes rapidly evolved in Vienna and Graz and, particularly from the 1960s onwards, grew into a strong and independent national jazz scene. Its musicians and ensembles focussed on developing their own characteristics and styles.

This article examines primary aspects of the jazz scene during these formative years, such as the series of amateur jazz festivals held in the 1960s, Friedrich Gulda's commitment to jazz, Graz as a jazz centre and the institutionalisation of jazz at the Academy of Music in Graz in 1965, the role of the Austrian broadcasting network (ORF), and the impact of the Vienna Art Orchestra. In addition to archival records and musicological and journalistic texts, interviews conducted with members of different parts of the jazz scene offer important insights into the development of jazz during this period (with musicians, ensembles, educators and researchers, festival and venue organisers, agencies and policy makers, members of the media). This article offers an overview of pertinent aspects of the Austrian jazz scene between 1960 and 1980, revealing opinions about the influence of these aspects on the formation of Austrian jazz identity.

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Francesco Martinelli: Establishing Italian Jazz on the International Scene 1960–1980: Four Case Studies: Nunzio Rotondo, Giorgio Gaslini, Enrico Rava, Perigeo

This paper sheds new light on the developments in Italian jazz in the two decades 1960–1980. It opens by touching on context and antecedents: the relationships with Italian musical traditions in early American jazz, the acceptance and refusal of jazz by Italian cultural institutions and movements before 1960, and the late '50s key developments both in jazz and arts/media.

In the early '60s, Italian jazz was characterized by two small scenes with marked differences in Rome and Milan and with a few further relevant events. An active and well rooted specialist magazine (*Musica Jazz*) provides relatively good documentation on these beginnings, quite detached from other general movements in music. By the end of the decade several ideological, cultural, political ruptures will have changed this panorama, and while Italian jazz was active in these changes, its exponents also had to deal with the complex situation they created from the point of view of artistic challenges, working conditions, and relationships with the recording industry.

In order to discuss these changes and the different strategies adopted by musicians, four case studies will be examined to gain a better understanding of the process. *Nunzio Rotondo*, while almost unknown outside of Italy, was one of the first Italian musicians to successfully perform internationally after the war. He subsequently worked within the Rome jazz scene, with limited exposure both live and on record. *Giorgio Gaslini's* ground-breaking work of the late 50s, his training in 'classical' music, and his unflagging commitment to exploration made him a personality similar to Portal and Gulda. However, his artistic successes did not close the chasm between 'serious' music and jazz in Italy. *Enrico Rava* took the opposite road to Rotondo, widely performing abroad and paying dues in Buenos Aires, New York, and Paris before gaining acceptance worldwide and in his own country. He has been instrumental in the creation of an international image of Italian jazz and even of an Italian sound, opening the doors to many others. *Perigeo* was a 'jazz-rock' group of the early 70s. Their recordings are still extremely popular. The reaction to their music by the jazz establishment and then their curt dismissal by the industry led to their disbanding, after which the single members—Franco D'Andrea, Claudio Fasoli, Giovanni Tommaso—produced and still produce some of the most exciting Italian jazz.

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Tom Sykes: Music Outside? Innovation and ‘Britishness’ in British Jazz 1960–1980

The 1960s and 1970s are regarded by some historians as being particularly creative decades for jazz in Britain, when British jazz developed its own sound that was distinct from that of American jazz. While not denying that this was a creatively fruitful period in British jazz, in this paper I argue that a ‘British sound’ in jazz is difficult, perhaps impossible, to define, even though some authors have referred to a sense of ‘Britishness’, particularly in the work of certain musicians discussed by Ian Carr in his book *Music Outside: Contemporary Jazz in Britain*. Some British jazz, performed largely by white (and mostly male) musicians at this time, was influenced during the 1960s by the contribution of immigrant black musicians from South Africa and the Caribbean; at the same time, musicians such as Michael Garrick and John Surman were drawing to some extent on British folk music for inspiration. Referring to examples from the period, I suggest that although much British jazz from 1960 to 1980 was innovative and became less ‘American’, development of its styles was affected by many musical, cultural and political factors. To what extent this music sounds ‘British’ is debatable, but its influence has led to the pluralism of jazz styles in Britain that continues today.

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Mario Dunkel: “It Should Always Be a Give-and-Take”: The Transformation of West German Music Diplomacy in the 1960s

This article outlines significant changes in West German music diplomacy in the 1960s. Music, especially jazz, was at the forefront of these changes. I argue that in the mid-1960s, the transformation of West German cultural diplomacy included changes in scale, diversity, mode, mediation, and politics. West German cultural programs became generically more inclusive, including cabaret, various subgenres of jazz, and, by the early 1970s, also progressive rock. They also became geographically more far-reaching as the Goethe Institute developed into a globally operating cultural institute with more than 100 branch offices. Besides these changes in scope,

the modes of music diplomacy changed significantly during this time period as the term culture went through a sea change. On the one hand, the Goethe Institute seemed to embrace the notion that music diplomacy should be a contribution to educational aid, despite the fact that powerful voices within the Goethe Institute and the Foreign Office considered the practice of cultural exchange the export of a 'gracious fiction' rather than a genuine goal. On the other hand, the Goethe Institute embraced cultural diplomacy as a practice that was based on spectacular events in order to increase its visibility on an increasingly competitive market of cultures.

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Katharina Weißenbacher: Die DDR und der Jazz in den 1960er-Jahren: Aufbau von Jazzclubs und Konzertreihen hinter der Berliner Mauer

„Dann war es mal wieder erlaubt, dann war es verboten.“ – Jazz war in der DDR anfangs verpönt, wurde als „Affenmusik“ oder „amerikanische imperialistische Musik“ gebrandmarkt, und im Jahre 1961 sprach sich das Ministerium für Kultur explizit gegen eine Jazzbewegung aus. Als das politische System seinen Fokus im Laufe der 1960er-Jahre auf die immer stärker werdende Beatmusik-Bewegung richtete und die Qualitäten der Jazzmusiker der DDR erkannte, gelang auch dem Jazz in der DDR ein Aufschwung. Kultur wurde in der DDR vom Staat finanziert und davon profitierten auch die Jazzmusiker. Trotz Rahmenbedingungen – Musiker benötigten eine Spielerlaubnis, man durfte bei Konzerten nur 40% Musik aus dem Westen spielen, um mit Westmusikern gemeinsam auftreten zu dürfen, musste ein „Alibi-Ausländer“ in die Band geholt werden – spielten sich die Jazzmusiker in der DDR frei und auch heute stehen noch viele der „DDR-Jazz“-Veteranen wie Uli Gumpert, Friedhelm Schönfeld, Conny Bauer, Günter Sommer und Ernst-Ludwig Petrowsky auf der Bühne.

Die Publikation stützt sich auf Recherchen, die im Rahmen des Doktoratsprojekts von Katharina Weißenbacher an der Kunstuniversität in Graz getätigt wurden. Sie führte Interviews mit repräsentativen Jazzmusikern aus der DDR, nahm Einsicht in die Stasi-Akten zum Thema „Jazz in der DDR“, recherchierte bei der bereits vorhandenen Literatur zu ihrem Dissertationsthema und zur Kulturpolitik in der DDR und beschäftigte sich mit Aufnahmen, u. a. aus dem Rundfunkarchiv Potsdam-Babelsberg.

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Ádám Ignác: Ein Fenster zur klassischen Musik: Die Rolle des Jazz in der Jugendpolitik Ungarns (1961–1972)

Die Studie untersucht, wie die Verantwortlichen der ungarischen kommunistischen Kultur- und Jugendpolitik den Jazz ab 1961 von einem „schädlichen und gefährlichen Ton des westlichen Imperialismus“ stufenweise zur Kunstmusik aufwerteten, die auch zur geistigen und ästhetischen Erziehung der Jugend taugte. In den Untersuchungen, denen vor allem Dokumente (Anordnungen, Stellungnahmen, usw.) der Ungarischen Sozialistischen Arbeitspartei und des Kommunistischen Jugendverbands, beziehungsweise Artikel über den Jazz in der zeitgenössischen Musik- und Jugendpresse zugrunde liegen, beschäftige ich mich erstmals mit der Jazz-Rezeption der frühen sechziger Jahre, in denen der Jazz auf ideologischer Ebene nicht strikt von der kommerziellen Tanzmusik unterschieden wurde.

Als die Beatmusik 1962/63 nach dem Welterfolg der Beatles hinter dem „Eisernen Vorhang“ an Einfluss gewann, versuchten die Partei und der Kommunistische Jugendverband, den Jazz als attraktive und wertvolle Alternative zur populären Musik zu propagieren. Die verschiedenen obrigkeitlichen Anordnungen zur Institutionalisierung des Jazz (z. B. Gründung eines jugendlichen Jazzclubs oder Presseartikel zu Geschichte und Ästhetik des Jazz) kamen jedoch zu spät: Als das Genre in Ungarn legalisiert und staatlich unterstützt wurde, hatte die Jugend längst ihr Interesse daran verloren und sich einer neuen „verbotenen Frucht“ zugewandt: der Popmusik.

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