

KCCK's Top 88 for 2021

1. Gerry Gibbs Thrasher Dream Trios "Songs From My Father" (Whaling City Sound)
2. Veronica Swift "This Bitter Earth" (Mack Avenue)
3. Helen Sung "Quartet+" (Sunnyside)
4. Roy Hargrove & Mulgrew Miller "In Harmony" (Resonance)
5. Till Bronner & Bob James "On Vacation" (Sony Masterworks)
6. Matthew Whitaker "Connections" (Resilience)
7. Diana Krall "This Dream of You" (Verve)
8. Ethan Iverson "Bud Powell in the 21st Century" (Sunnyside)
9. Jennifer Wharton's Bonegasm "Not a Novelty" (Sunnyside)
10. Marc Cary "Life Lessons" (Sessionheads)
11. Leo Sidran "The Art of Conversation" (Bonsai)
12. David Larsen "The Mulligan Chronicles" (David Larsen)
13. Quincy Davis "Q Vision" (Qore)
14. Dave McMurray "Grateful Deadication" (Blue Note)
15. Dave Stryker "Baker's Circle" (Strikezone)
16. Nnenna Freelon "Time Traveler" (Origin)
17. George Kahn "Dream Catcher" (Playing Records)
18. Julian Lage "Squint" (Blue Note)
19. Anibal Rojas "Cachai" (Anibal Rojas)
20. Dave Zinno Unisphere "Fetish" (Whaling City Sound)
21. Alexa Tarantino "Firefly" (Posi-Tone)
22. Behn Gillece "Still Doing Our Thing" (Posi-Tone)
23. Melody Gardot "Sunset in the Blue" (Decca)
24. Bob Mintzer & the WDR Big Band "Soundscapes" (MCG Jazz)
25. Charles Lloyd & the Marvels "Tone Poem" (Blue Note)
26. Victor Gould "In Our Time" (Blue Room)'

27. Band of Other Brothers "Look Up!" (Ear Up)
28. Julian Gerstin "Music for the Exploration of Elusive Phenomena" (Zabap)
29. Art Hirahara "Open Sky" (Posi-Tone)
30. Rebeca Kilgore Trio "Volume 1" (Heavywood)
31. Antonio Adolfo "Jobim Forever" (AAM)
32. Tom Kubis Big Band "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" (Ray Kat)
33. George Cables "Too Close for Comfort" (High Note)
34. Professor Cunningham & His Old School "The Lockdown Blues" (Arbors)
35. Mark Masters Ensemble "Masters & Baron Meet Blanton & Webster" (Capri)
36. Greg Murphy "Cool Water" (Whaling City Sound)
37. Samara Joy "Samara Joy" (Whirlwind)
38. Ulysses Owens, Jr. Big Band "Soul Conversation" (Outside In)
39. Renee Rosnes "Kinds of Love" (Smoke Sessions)
40. Mike LeDonne "It's All Your Fault" (Savant)
41. Diego Rivera "Indigenous" (Posi-Tone)
42. Dave Weckl Band "Live in St. Louis" (Autumn Hill)
43. Terence Blanchard "Absence" (Blue Note)
44. Norah Jones "...Til We Meet Again" (Blue Note)
45. Lisa Hilton "More Than Another Day" (Ruby Slippers)
46. Vincent Herring "Preaching to the Choir" (Smoke Sessions)
47. Keith Brown Trio "African Ripples" (Space Time)
48. Eric Lilley "Follow Up" (Twin Goat)
49. Ray Obiedo "Latin Jazz Project Vol. 2" (Rhythmus)
50. Ojoyo "Ojoyo Plays Safrojazz" (Sunnyside)
51. Patricia Barber "Clique" (Impex)
52. Michael Dease "Give It All You Got" (Posi-Tone)
53. Code Quartet "Genealogy" (Justin Time)

54. Santi Debriano "Flash of the Spirit" (Truth Revolution)
55. Joey De Francesco "More Music" (Mack Avenue)
56. Steven Feifke Big Band "Kinetic" (Outside In)
57. Harold Land "Westward Bound" (Reel to Real)
58. Stacey Kent "Songs from Other Places" (Candid)
59. Chad Lefkowitz-Brown & the Global Big Band "Open World" (LaReserve)
60. Smithsonian Masterworks Orchestra "Bernstein Reimagined" (MCG Jazz)
61. Out to Dinner "Play On" (Posi-Tone)
62. Jacques Schwarz-Bart "Sone Ka-La 2: Odyssey" (Enja)
63. Lunar Octet "Convergence" (Summit)
64. John Stein "Serendipity" (Whaling City Sound)
65. Mark Winkler and David Benoit "Old Friends" (Café Pacific)
66. New Faces "New Sounds" (Posi-Tone)
67. David Sills Double Guitar Quintet "Natural Lines" (Gut String)
68. Throttle Elevator Music "Final Floor" (Wide Hive)
69. Larry Carlton & Paul Brown "Soul Searchin'" (Shanachie)
70. Emmet Cohen "Future Stride" (Mack Avenue)
71. Eliane Elias "Mirror Mirror" (Candid)
72. Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra Septet "The Democracy Suite" (Blue Engine)
73. Arturo O'Farrill Afro Latin Jazz Ensemble "...dreaming in lions..." (Blue Note)
74. Eric Reed "For Such a Time as This" (Smoke Sessions)
75. Leon Lee Dorsey "Freedom Jazz Dance" (Jazz Avenue 1)
76. Judy Wexler "Back to the Garden" (Jewel City Jazz)
77. Kyle Asche Organ Trio "Five Down Blues" (Cellar)
78. Willie Jones III "Fallen Heroes" (WJ3)
79. Jihye Lee Orchestra "Daring Mind" (Motema)
80. Pat Metheny "Side-Eye NYC V1.VI (Modern)

81. Troy Roberts and Tim Jago "Best Buddies" (Toy Robot)
82. Anais Reno "Lovesome Thing" (Harbinger)
83. Jae Sinnett "Altered Egos" (Jae Sinnett)
84. Damani Phillips "No More Apologies" (Openmind)
85. Leni Stern "Dance" (Leni Stern)
86. Roseanna Vitro "Sing a Song of Bird" (Skyline)
87. Baylor Project "Generations" (Be a Light)
88. Rahsaan Barber "Mosaic" (Jazz Music City)