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# The 2015 NPR Music Jazz Critics Poll

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The Top 10 Jazz Albums Of The Year



Maria Schneider and Rudresh Mahanthappa share top honors in the 2015 NPR Music Jazz Critics Poll.

*Briene Lermite/Jimmy Katz/Courtesy of the artists*

*NPR Music is pleased to present the results of a poll where 147 jazz critics selected their favorite recordings of 2015.*

## DEBUT

- 1. Kamasi Washington, *The Epic* (Brainfeeder). 43 votes**
  - 2. Mette Henriette, *Trio and Ensemble* (ECM). 7**
  - 3. Tomeka Reid, *Quartet* (Thirsty Ear). 6**
  - 4. Joey Alexander, *My Favorite Things* (Motéma). 4**
  - 5. Katie Thiroux, *Introducing* (Bass Kat). 4**
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## LATIN

- 1. Arturo O'Farrill & The Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra, *Cuba: The Conversation Continues* (Motema). 41 votes**
  - 2. Gabriel Alegria Afro-Peruvian Sextet, *10* (Zoho). 7**
  - 3. Dafnis Prieto Sextet, *Triangles and Circles* (Dafnison Music). 5**
  - 4. Samuel Torres Group, *Forced Displacement* (Zoho). 4**
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## Criteria

*Voters were asked to rank their top 10 albums released in 2015. A No. 1 ranking earned 10 points, a No. 2 earned 9 points, and so on. Listings on unranked ballots received 5.5 points each. In the Reissue/Rara Avis category, voters ranked three releases of either previously-published material or unreleased recordings from over 10 years ago. Voters also picked their single favorite Vocal, Latin jazz and Debut recordings of the year.*