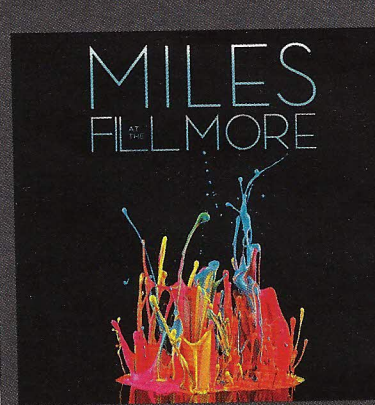


# ALBUMS OF THE YEAR 2014

Piano trios, don't cha just love 'em! Reports that the past decade's deep infatuation with the format was beginning to fade would appear to be somewhat premature given the results of the *Jazzwise Albums of the Year Critics Poll 2014*, where three, count 'em, piano trios are placed firmly in the top five positions! Chick Corea's astonishing *Trilogy* has been acclaimed as, "probably his finest work since he left ECM in the late 1980s" and has left a big impression on all who've heard it. At number two, Phronesis' highly kinetic live album of new material, *Life To Everything*, cements them as today's preeminent Scandi-Brit piano trio as they continue to expand their horizons in Europe, America and beyond. But it was the Michael Wollny Trio's dark, subconscious journey through dreamworlds, *Weltentraum*, that took pianist and composer Wollny's increasingly inspired vision to a new level of performance and imagination, and grabbed a well deserved Album of the Year accolade in our annual poll, where 10 points are awarded to first place down to one point for 10th place. In his native land Wollny became the first German jazz pianist to make it into the national Top 50 chart with *Weltentraum*, while the trio's galvanic, seat-edge performance at May's Cheltenham Jazz Festival is still being talked about. Congratulations also to Christine Tobin and her superb interpretations of Leonard Cohen's songs, *A Thousand Kisses Deep*, which nailed the number three spot, and trumpeter Ambrose Akinmusire's sparkling, *The Imagined Saviour Is Far Easier to Paint*, which made number four and proves that the Blue Note label is still coming up with key works in its 75th anniversary year. And for the second year running, Miles Davis tops the Reissues/Archive chart – but when Columbia turn out archive projects as magnificent as this Fillmore set, who's to argue? **Jon Newey**



## TOP 20 NEW RELEASES 2014

- 1 **Michael Wollny Trio** *Weltentraum* ACT
- 2 **Phronesis** *Life to Everything* Edition Records
- 3 **Christine Tobin** *A Thousand Kisses Deep* Trail Belle
- 4 **Ambrose Akinmusire** *The Imagined Saviour is Far Easier to Paint* Blue Note
- 5 **Chick Corea Trio** *Trilogy* Concord Jazz
- 6 **Keith Jarrett/Charlie Haden** *Last Dance* ECM
- 7 **Partisans** *Swamp* Whirlwind Recordings
- 8 **Sonny Rollins** *Road Shows Vol.3 O'keh/Doxy*
- 9 **Mehliana** *Taming the Dragon* Nonesuch
- 10 **Dylan Howe** *Subterranean: New Designs on Bowie's Berlin* Motorik
- 11 **Nat Birchall Quintet** *Live in Larissa* Sound Soul And Spirit
- 12 **Polar Bear** *In Each And Every One* The Leaf Label
- 13 **The Cookers** *Time and Time Again* Motéma
- 14 = **Jason Moran** *All Rise: A Joyful Elegy for Fats Waller* Blue Note
- 14 = **Black Top #** *One Babel*
- 16 **Chick Corea** *Solo Piano: Portraits* Concord Jazz
- 17 **Emilia Mårtensson** *Ana Babel*
- 18 **David Binney** *Anacapa* Criss Cross Jazz
- 19 = **Mike Westbrook** *Glad Day Live* Meantime Records
- 19 = **Alexander Hawkins Ensemble** *Step Wide, Step Deep* Babel

## TOP 20 REISSUES AND ARCHIVE 2014

- 1 **Miles Davis** *Miles at the Fillmore – Miles Davis 1970: The Bootleg Series Vol 3* Columbia Legacy
- 2 **Herbie Hancock** *The Warner Bros Years 1969-72* Warner Rhino
- 3 **Sun Ra and His Arkestra** *In the Orbit of Ra* Strut
- 4 **John Coltrane** *Offering: Live at Temple University* Resonance/Impulse!
- 5 **Tubby Hayes** *Without a Song – Rare Live Recordings 1954-73* Acrobat
- 6 **Albert Ayler** *Spiritual Unity – 50th Anniversary Edition* ESP
- 7 = **Zoot Sims** *At Ronnie Scott's 1961* Acrobat
- 7 = **Charles Lloyd** *Manhattan Stories* Resonance
- 7 = **Jimmy Deuchar** *The Complete Tempo Recordings 1955-58* Acrobat
- 10 **Billie Holiday** *Complete 1952-57 Small Group Sessions* Sony Masterworks
- 11 **Stan Getz** *England 1958/Chicago 1957* Solar
- 12 = **Joe Harriott** *Southern Horizons/Free Form/Abstract* Fresh Sound
- 12 = **John Coltrane & Friends** *Sideman: Trane's Blue Note Sessions* Blue Note
- 12 = **Jon Hassell** *City: Works of Fiction* All Saints
- 12 = **John Coltrane** *Out of This World* Properbox
- 16 = **Wayne Shorter** *North Sea Legendary Concerts* North Sea Jazz
- 16 = **Charlie Haden/Jim Hall** *Charlie Haden/Jim Hall* Impulse!
- 16 = **Chick Webb & Ella Fitzgerald** *Complete Decca Sessions 1934-41* Mosaic
- 16 = **Charles Mingus** *The Jazz Workshop Concerts 1964-65* Mosaic
- 16 = **Thelonious Monk/Sonny Rollins** *Complete Recordings* Essential Jazz Classics

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 = 7. ZOOT SIMS  
 = 7. JIMMY DEUCHAR