

# Facts ON wax

by bob morello

reviewing the best... forgetting the rest

## ART TATUM - JEWELS IN THE TREASURE BOX: THE 1963 CHICAGO BLUE NOTE JAZZ CLUB RECORDINGS (3CD) Resonance Records

Resonance Records has released *Jewels in the Treasure Box: The 1963 Chicago Blue Note Jazz Club Recordings* from jazz icon and virtuosic pianist Art Tatum. This previously unissued 3-LP collection of recordings was captured live at the Blue Note jazz club in Chicago in March of 1953 with guitarist Everett Barksdale and bassist Slam Stewart, and will be released in a 3-CD set. Containing nearly 3 hours of never-before-heard Art Tatum captured in an intimate setting at the height of his powers with his longtime trio, set includes rare photos and memorabilia from Herman Leonard, Bob Parent and the Holzfeind family archives (owners of the Blue Note jazz club in Chicago); plus liner notes from Columbia University professor and author, Brent Hayes Edwards; as well as statements from Ahmad Jamal, Sonny Rollins, Monty Alexander, ELEW, Spike Wilner, Johnny O'Neal, Michael Weiss and Terry Gibbs. Jazz historian Brent Hayes Edwards said of the music: "The 39 songs captured here, performed over six sets at the Blue Note in downtown Chicago - represent by far the largest sampling of the work of the second Tatum trio, and thus an opportunity to revisit the ensemble's legacy. As such, these sessions are a revelatory addition to the archive of Tatum's final years." Mark Lehmked has authored *God Is in the House*, a new Art Tatum biography. The interesting reading contains a wealth of previously unnoticed material, stories of many contemporaries and countless reports in the daily press and jazz journals, Lehmked unfolds a fascinating portrait of a unique artist and the pulsating world of jazz of his time.

## THE GREATEST HITS - ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK (2LP) Hollywood Records + Searchlight Pictures

Hollywood Records and Searchlight Pictures announce the release of *The Greatest Hits (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)* 2-LP color vinyl album. Featured are the original song, "Never Lost," by Nelly Furtado, and music from Roxy Music, Beach House, Tune-Yards, Neil Frances, Peggy Lee, and more. Score composed by Ryan Lott. In the film, Harriet (Lucy Boynton) finds art-imitating life when she discovers certain songs can transport her back in time - literally. While she relives the past through romantic memories of her former boyfriend (David Corenswet), her time traveling collides with a burgeoning new love interest in the present (Justin H. Min). As she takes her journey through the hypnotic connection between music and memory, she wonders - even if she could change the past, should she? Track listing includes: **SIDE A - Harriet + Max:** Block It Out - Ryan Lott,

Loud Places - Jamie xx, Gap in The Clouds - Yellow Days, Music Sounds Better with You - Neil Frances, Heybb! - binki, Powa - Tune-Yards, and New Goodbye - Ryan Lott. **SIDE B - Harriet + David:** Feel Again - Ryan Lott, To Turn You On - Roxy Music, Running - Helado Negro, New Romance - Beach House, I'm Like A Bird - Nelly Furtado, and Setting The Night On Fire - Ryan Lott. **SIDE C - Morris' Mix:** Don't Push It Don't Force It - Leon Haywood, Make Me Believe in You - Patti Jo, Ohh I Love It (Love Break) - The Salsoul Orchestra, Feel The Music - Hifi Sean, and Next To You - Heidi Lawden. **SIDE D - Harriet:** Never Lost - Nelly Furtado, Ryan Lott, Play It On My Radio - Niki & The Dove, Me and My Shadow - Peggy Lee, Alternate World (Alternate Life) - Kishi Bashi, Son Lux, Too Easy To Return - Ryan Lott, Memories Of Max - Ryan Lott, Silent Disco - Ryan Lott, Thank You So Much For This - Ryan Lott, and New Hello - Ryan Lott

## THE U.K. SUBS - THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT (CD & DVD Combo) Hollywood Records + Searchlight Pictures

*The U.K. Subs* - Charlie Harper, Alvin Gibbs, Steve Staughan and Stefan Haublein - deliver a blistering 70-minute live set of their best-known Alternative/Punk classics, performed in front of their rabid and loyal fans at the 100 Club in London, England in the fall of 2023, plus exclusive interviews with band members backstage at the 100 Club. Enjoy the two dozen rocking tracks on this Cleopatra Entertainment Deluxe Edition CD + DVD ... Scum of the Earth - Fear of Girls - Bitter & Twisted - Rockers - New York State Police - Barbie's Dead - Emotional Blackmail - Kicks - Kill Me - Limo Life - Time And Matter - Down On The Farm - Tomorrow's Girls - Warhead - Stranglehold - Disease - C.I.D. - I Live In A Car - I Couldn't Be You - Party In Paris - Squat 96 - Keep On Running - Teenage.

## ALEX MILLER - MY DADDY'S DAD (EP) Billy Jam Records

Young Country entertainer Alex Miller's latest offering is the release of his five-song EP, *My Daddy's Dad*. Produced by Jerry Salley, the collection has been called "A solid set full of hits" by Country Music People Magazine. *My Daddy's Dad* kicks off with the high-energy, hooky up-tempo "She Makes Dirt Look Good," which is followed by the classic "Western" sound of "Oh, Odessa." The mid-tempo "The Last House In God's Country" tells of Miller's love for his grandparents' farm. "Ain't Ever Saying Never" reflects on missed chances at love in a punchy, groove-oriented track. The set, dedicated to Alex's late grandfather GB Miller, closes with *My Daddy's Dad*, a touching tribute to the man who helped Alex find his path. "He'd have this record blaring from his tractor's stereo - I hope it finds its way to yours," Alex says. My ears tell me that this EP will find its way to many of us, truly heartwarming!

The time has come, the walrus said,

## TO TALK OF MANY THINGS of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giaratani

### HAPPY EASTER SUNDAY TO MY ORTHODOX FRIENDS

This Sunday is Easter Sunday again for all my Greek and Albanian friends. This year the two Easters were as far apart as ever, March 31 and then May 5. Often the two are separated by a week or two. Sometimes it even falls on the same Sunday. All I know is it has something to do with a new moon or something. Wouldn't it be nice for all Christians to celebrate Easter together? Maybe, it will happen, huh? Between the stars and politics, things are the way they are. Growing up I always thought, my Greek friends had the best of both worlds. They could buy all their Easter gifts for family and friends right after my Easter ended. Everything is half-price then as stores try to get rid of their Easter items quickly to make way for Mother's Day items.

### TWO MORE GREAT R&B DANCE CLASSICS

How about Sam & Dave doing "Wrap it up" or "Boogie Oogie Oogie" by Taste of Honey?

### UKRAINE GETS ITS \$61 BILLION BUT WILL IT BE ENOUGH?

Who knows? The fighting, endless bloodshed and death continues on. The United States has already sunk billions into this battle of wills with little hope of it ending anytime soon. It has turned into another endless war like Afghanistan and we saw how that one turned out.

At the moment Russia has taken over eastern Afghanistan home to a predominant Russian-speaking people. Is it time to find a way out of this horrible war and negotiate a settlement fair to both sides? The current US policy seems to be that the Biden Administration and the Uni-Party up on Capitol Hill are hell-bent on fighting this war to the very last dead Ukrainian soldier.

None of what is going on is worth the risk of starting a

world war over. You can bet that for sure Ukraine will be back asking for more billions sooner rather than later. I could care less about Zelensky or Putin. I don't trust either of them. It serves no good purpose to keep funding a war that needs to end. Too many people are dying on both sides. Doesn't anyone remember the warning issued by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1961 over the "military industrial complex." in his farewell address?

### TRUMP MAKING BEST OF BAD SITUATION

While, Trump is stuck in Manhattan with his trial thanks to D.A. Bragg, he appears to be doing the best he can. While Biden is free to roam the election aisle and is showing up at rallies, Trump can't leave NYC. Lately, though, Trump has started getting up early before the trial begins and heading around town where he is meeting up with all kinds of common folk like construction workers, bodega owners and the subway-bound working class, shaking hands and mingling with everyone he sees. His poll numbers are on the uptake too.

The more the ruling class tries to keep him down, the more he finds ways to get around them. Biden in a recent speech actually used the word "Pause" as a word in a sentence on his teleprompter rather than a directive from his handlers to simply take a quick pause before moving on with the speech he was reading. Trump never pauses, he keeps moving on to the next voter near him.

### BIDEN'S ALTERNATE UNIVERSE

Here's a great quote from Joey Biden, "I taught at the University of Pennsylvania for four years and I used to teach political theory. And folks, you always hear, every generation has to fight for democracy." Great quote isn't it. However, Biden was an honorary professor for two years, not four,

at UPenn and never actually taught a class nor pursued any research.

### MAY 4TH HISTORY REVIEW

On May 4, 1970, my 22nd birthday, at Kent State University, four students were killed by National Guardsmen who opened fire on a crowd of 1,000 students protesting President Richard Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia. Eleven others were wounded. The shootings set off tumultuous campus demonstrations across America resulting in the temporary closing of over 450 colleges and universities.

Here we are today with new tumultuous campus demonstrations. This time over Palestine and Gaza. Sometimes, the more things change, the more they stay the same. The only thing that changes is the geography of where campus unrest gets started over.

### SICILY 101 REVIEW

Sicily comes from Sci-aly meaning figs and olives. Sicily is the "Land of Figs and Olives."

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE GODFATHER OF SOUL



The legendary Godfather of Soul James Brown was born on May 3, 1933 and this year would have been his 91st birthday. Sadly, he died on Christmas Day 2006 at only 73 years old. The other day I heard an old JB tune on my car radio. You should remember it; "Ants in My Pants." I'm not too sure if it was ever a good dance song but some of the lyrics were memorable like, "I got ants in my pants and I just gotta dance." But dancing to this song wasn't an easy task, not even for James Brown.

### • Sumner Tunnel Weekend Closure (Continued from Page 1)

Massport's list of transportation options which include: the Blue Line or Silver Line, the Logan Express, or the Logan Water Taxi. The MBTA's online *Guide to Travelling to Logan Airport* is available at [mbta.com/Logan](http://mbta.com/Logan) and includes tips on using MBTA travel modes, how to pay a fare, and more.

### Travel Tips to the North End and Downtown Boston

MassDOT continues to remind drivers to plan for extra travel time during weekend closures, consider the Blue Line or Silver Line as an alternative to driving, and stay informed by signing up for *email updates* through the project website.

• East Boston to Downtown Boston

• Revere to Downtown Boston  
The MBTA is scheduled to operate full Blue Line service during weekend tunnel closures, which provides the most direct connection between East Boston and the downtown area. The *MBTA's Trip Planner* is the best resource for route

options and fare calculations on the T.

In certain situations, the buildup of traffic exiting Logan Airport can extend out into East Boston. To minimize traffic backups throughout Logan Airport and on neighborhood streets, MassDOT can make real-time changes to travel lanes in the Ted Williams Tunnel. While these changes do not eliminate congestion, they are implemented to balance traffic volumes during weekend closures of the Sumner Tunnel and provide safer driving conditions inside the Ted Williams Tunnel. Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the area.

Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

To sign up for project updates, email alerts, and the latest information on the Sumner

Tunnel project: *Sign up for project updates.*

For questions or to report issues related to construction, please email the project email address: [Sumner100@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Sumner100@dot.state.ma.us).

The following detour map can be found on the project landing page: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/sumner-tunnel-restoration-project-details-how-will-my-commute-and-travel-be-affected?>

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com) to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

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