

JAZZ...the sound of the skipped beat, the caught breath, the sudden smile!

Everyone loves the music, but not everyone knows what Jazz means. “If you have to ask what jazz is, you'll never know.” These were sentiments by the legendary Jazz master Louis Armstrong. On the flipside, John Fordham in his masterly book captured the nature and spirit of Jazz music better in his simple sentence; ‘it is the sound of the skipped beat, the caught breath, the sudden smile!’

One has just to blow a note on a sax and your feet start tapping to the rhythm and your body starts swaying to the music. That’s jazz for you! Ragtime, hip hop, be-bop, cool blues, nu, tempo, the very names make your fingers snap and do a Texas-two-step.

Jazz music can best be described as music of the world spans from ragtime and draws its inspiration from an authentic blend of European and African cultures, expressing human emotion and experience.

Its African pedigree is evident in its use of blue notes, improvisation polyrhythms, syncopation and the swung note. One certain thing is jazz music in its richness and beauty unites people across race, region with its lyrics expressing freedom and creativity.

From hard rhymes of Be-bop, the mellow harmonies of cool, to atonal foray of Free and Straight Ahead delivery of Modern; it’s all jazz.

Music and art is an essential part of human experience, furthermore appreciation of music helps one to broaden character and have a deeper understanding of people around us.

At Slims Restaurant you’ll experience a sense of nostalgia and history; cool jazz, avant-garde jazz, Latin jazz, Soul Jazz, Jazz Fusion, Jazz –Funk, Acid Jazz, Ethno Jazz, Nu Jazz, Electro Jazz, for an unrivalled jazz experience.

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Lights...Music...Fashion!

Gaudy fashion sprung in the 1920s with imminent influence of Jazz tune; where were we?

This must have been a redefining fashion moment. Characterised by drop-waist dresses, long bead tassels, and pearls breaking a move to a Charleston dance must have been so easy.

Coco Channel drew here inspiration from Afro-American jazz tune to make history as one of the most celebrated fashion designer. Channel is to die for more decisively to die in!

Flapper fashion gave women an opportunity to express the beauty and feminine power as it appealed to every woman, considering age, size, colour, every woman was empowered not just fashion wise but also on human and civil rights.

Great food for thought, fashion is not something that exists in dresses only; it's in the sky, in the streets, has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening, and at this time Jazz music was happening.

Jazz music icons have taken the world of fashion by storm, with their signature trends and styles, dating back to the 20s to today. Duke Ellington put his mark with his sophisticated and elegant music influence fashion in the 20s and 30s with his cosmopolitan flair, nonchalance and charm that seduced many women.

Dizzy Gillespie with the influence of his trumpet wizardry, became a hip trend with his soul-patch goatee, beret black horn-rimmed glasses clean double breasted suit.

Dianne Reeves breathed sultry and elegance with her earthy and ancestral capsules. She echoes the sentiment jazz and style are modern and classic at the same time.

From the famous tunes of Duke Ellington – 'The Okeh Ellington', Miles Davis – 'Birth of the Cool', John Coltrane – 'Giant Steps', Herbie Hancock – 'Maiden Voyage', to Louis Armstrong – 'High Society' jazz music has stood the test of time as classic and modern at the same time.

To relish jazz music, one has to understand the concept, format, structure and general performance of jazz music. A few tips will come in handy to help you enjoy a jazz performance. Have a keen ear to; how the soloist and the chord playing musician interact, how the bass player and the drummer interact, how the drummer interacts with the soloist, how the drums interact with the musician, as well as where the musicians are in the song.

Well, equipped with these skill, jazz music will inspire you with the desire to seem rather than to be, taking you far and beyond your imagination; an acoustically heavenly place!

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