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~ [Gretchen Parlato](#)
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The New York Times

"A jazz singer of deep musical instincts and an appealingly effervescent style."... [Read more](#)

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~ [Colin Vallon](#)
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Stuart Nicolson, JazzWise

"This is their ECM debut, and already expectations are running high for a trio that for at least two years now has been talked about in European circles as one of Europe's most promising bands. Ruga (meaning journey in Albanian) certainly suggests a grou... [Read more](#)

4.  [The Gate](#)
~ [Kurt Elling](#)
Concord Records
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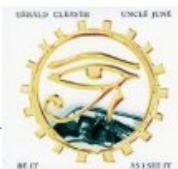
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[Bird Songs](#)
 ~ [Joe Lovano](#)

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Review

Chosen as one of the 10 Best Jazz Albums of 2011! The cornetist Rob Mazurek, the vibraphonist Jason Adasiewicz and the drummer John Herndon make up this trio, steeped in ecstatic free improvisation and the dynamics of experimental rock. Their cohesion, intense and unforced, comes across with articulate bluntness. ... [Read more](#)

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Review

"Since arriving in New York five years ago, Mr. Hekselman has set himself roughly up in the line of Pat Metheny and Kurt Rosenwinkel, with a warm and clean guitar tone, clear articulation, crazily extended improvisational ideas, speed when he needs it, an... [Read more](#)

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[Faithful](#)
 ~ [Marcin Wasilewski](#)

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Thomas Conrad, Jazz Times

"Marcin Wasiklewski does not think like other jazz pianists, His improvisational underpinning, his sense of musical space and his aural imagery are so fresh they are initially mysterious, then get more so. The same can be said of his trio as a whole with... [Read more](#)

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[Art of the Improviser](#)
 ~ [Matthew Shipp](#)

Thirsty Ear
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[American Road](#)
 ~ [Tierney Sutton](#)
BFM Jazz
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Price: \$11.69

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[Twisted Blues Volume 1](#)
 ~ [Oz Noy](#)
Abstract Logix
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[For True](#)
 ~ [Trombone Shorty](#)
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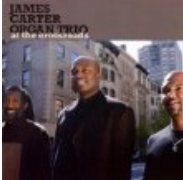
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[At the Crossroads](#)
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Emercy
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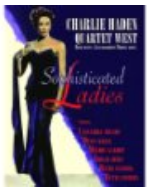
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From the Artist

"There's a reason the trio is my longest running and most cohesive band," says Carter, 42, who notes that all members contribute tunes and arrangements to the trio's book. "Gerard and Leonard are consummate musicians who have shaped the music at every leve... [Read more](#)

16.



[Sophisticated Ladies](#)
 ~ [Charlie Haden](#)
Emercy
March 22, 2011
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[Tirtha](#)
 ~ [Vijay Iyer](#)
Act Music & Vision
March 8, 2011
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Review

Stunning ... one of the best recordings of the year from one of... [Read more](#)

18.  [Mostly Other People Do the Killing-Coimbra Concert](#)
~ [Peter Evans](#)
- PID**
April 5, 2011
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19.  [Sacred Chrome Orb](#)
~ [Joe Fiedler Trio](#)
- Yellow Sound Label**
April 26, 2011
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20.  [Avening Angel](#)
~ [Craig Taborn](#)
- ECM Records**
June 7, 2011
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From the Artist

"If the areas of improvisation that I deal with are always 'compositional' in a certain sense, in this case a very focussed compositional approach is applied, rather than allowing a broader exploration to yield a result. Throughout this recording I'm honi... [Read more](#)

21.  [Samdhi](#)
~ [Rudresh Mahanthappa](#)
- Act Music & Vision**
September 27, 2011
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Review

Alto Saxophonist of the Year --2011 DownBeat International Critics Poll... [Read more](#)

22.  [Mancy of Sound](#)
~ [Steve Coleman](#)
- Pi Recordings**
July 26, 2011
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Review

As bewitching as anything I ve ever heard ... gorgeous. --Ben Ratliff, New York Times... [Read more](#)

23.  [Oblique I](#)
~ [Tyshawn Sorey](#)
- Pi Recordings**
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Review

Tyshawn Sorey plays the drums with an almost brutish physicality, but also with an impressive sense of scale and equipoise. --New York Times... [Read more](#)

24.  [Sounddance](#)
~ [Muhai Richard Abrams](#)

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This redoubtable avant-garde composer and improviser favors a rumbling, unsettled brand of pianism, suggestive of strong turbulence at high altitudes. At 80 he has a substantial body of albums behind him, the latest of which are all small-scale exploration... [Read more](#)

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~ [John Escreet Quartet](#)

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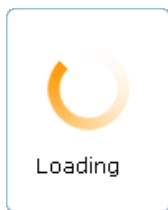
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