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# THE LASTING IMPACT

## OF VAUDEVILLE

(1880's - 1920's)

At the turn of the 20th century, vaudeville was in its prime. Vaudeville consisted of several acts, showcasing different talents and skits. Jugglers, comedians, tap dancers, acrobats - if the act quickly entertained an audience, it was vaudeville worthy. Vaudeville performers would travel city to city which created consistency. This quickly became popular entertainment because these same songs and dances that were being performed across the nation were recognizable among all classes and cultures. The influence of vaudeville continued into Broadway and the performance industry, even after its popularity began to decrease in the 1910's. Thanks to television and radio, many vaudeville performers became well known. Charlie Chaplin, Fanny Brice, Fred Astaire, and Bob Hope are among some of the individuals that became stars after their time in vaudeville. "Though certainly not free from the prejudice of the times, vaudeville was the earliest entertainment form to cross racial and class boundaries." - About Vaudeville, PBS



## ENTERING THE JAZZ AGE

(Early 20th Century)

One of the greatest styles of music, created by African-Americans, is jazz. This form of music - a mix of African tribal music, European march music, ragtime, and the blues - was born in New Orleans and quickly spread across the nation. Musicians like Miles Davis and Louis Armstrong (seen in picture above) are among some of the greatest jazz legends of all time. Jazz became an influential force in musical theatre composition, and still does today. Jazz continues to be a major avenue of musical expression in today's society and takes on many forms and interpretations.

# POWERFUL VOICES

## THE ICONIC WOMEN OF JAZZ





Click on her picture to hear her sing "Summertime" from *Porgy and Bess*.

## ELLA FITZGERALD

1917 - 1996

Fitzgerald is arguably the most well-known and most iconic jazz singer of all time. Her legacy continues to live on today. Her smooth sounding voice is recognizable and beloved. She was known for singing many popular songs written by composers like George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, and Cole Porter. Fitzgerald became an international star and received 14 Grammy awards, the National Medal of Arts, and received a Kennedy Center Honor for lifetime achievement.

## SARAH VAUGHN

1924-1990

Known as "The Divine One", Vaughn was a jazz singer known for her wide range, rich voice, and vocal improvisations. She would tour and appear on several variety type shows on television. Some of her most popular songs included "Misty", "Broken-Hearted Melody", and "It's Magic". She was inducted into the Jazz Hall of Fame in 1990.

## BILLIE HOLIDAY

1915-1959

Given the nickname "Lady Day" by friend and saxophonist Lester Young, Holiday recorded songs still recognized today, and is one of the most memorable jazz singers of all time. From small cabarets and nightclubs to Carnegie Hall, Holiday left a unique and undeniable influence in the jazz community. Among many of her popular songs were "Strange Fruit", "The Man I Love", and "God Bless the Child". She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2000.

# QUIZ: Which jazz instrument are you?

Jazz music tells a story. Each instrument follows its own line and collaborates with one another to create a musical dialogue. There is a quality to each instrument that makes it unique from one another. So which jazz instrument would you be in a jazz band? Are you a soulful singer? A smooth bass? An energetic piano? Take this fun jazz personality quiz to find out!

**Each answer is worth a certain number of points. Add up your points at the end and find which instrument matches your score.**

## Points Key:

All [A] answers are worth 1 point.

All [B] answers are worth 2 points.

All [C] answers are worth 3 points.

All [D] answers are worth 4 points.

1) Pick a color.

[A] Green

[B] Red

[C] Blue

[D] Yellow

2) Choose any of the trips.

[A] A Caribbean cruise with my family.

[B] The Grand Canyon with my friends.

[C] A solo trip to Europe.

[D] A safari in Africa with strangers.

3) On a Friday night you -

[A] Babysit your siblings while your parents go out on a date.

[B] Host a game night at your house.

[C] Heat up some pizza rolls and watch your favorite TV shows.

[D] Go to a fancy event where you are speaking or performing.

4) You are making dinner for some friends. What do you make?

[A] A bunch of appetizers of all sorts.

[B] Pasta with breadsticks.

[C] You don't cook, so you order some delicious pizza instead!

[D] A three course meal you cooked all day.

5) Choose a month of the year you like the best.

[A] May

[B] September

[C] December

[D] June



6) You just won a million dollars! What do you do with the money?

- [A] Donate it to charity.
- [B] Share it with all your friends!
- [C] Put it in a savings account for later use.
- [D] Buy all the things your heart desires!

7) You're with your friends about to take a group photo. You -

- [A] Smile sweetly.
- [B] Do a thumbs up.
- [C] Make a silly face.
- [D] Make a dramatic face.

8) The perfect birthday cake is -

- [A] A simple yellow cake with white frosting.
- [B] Funfetti cake with extra sprinkles.
- [C] Triple chocolate cake with a fruity center.
- [D] Cake? Give me some pie!

9) Choose an animal.

- [A] Fish
- [B] Cat
- [C] Dog
- [D] Horse

10) It's cold outside. The first thing you grab is -

- [A] Coat
- [B] Gloves
- [C] Scarf
- [D] Boots



**(10-15 points) Saxophone**

You are a loving and kind person. You care about others so deeply that you go out of your way to help others before yourself. You enjoy serving others and making others feel special. The people around you admire you and appreciate your calm and peaceful energy.

**(25-30 points) Bass**

You are down to earth with strong beliefs in who you are and what your values are. You are the reliable friend, the caring sibling, and the devoted student. Your inner confidence does not get in the way of your humility and your personal strength.

**(15-20 points) Trumpet**

You are a leader. You burst with optimism, spunkiness, and a cheery demeanor that makes others instantly like you. People follow you because your hard work speaks for itself. You inspire others and can change the course of a situation in a moment's notice.

**(30-35 points) Drums**

You are a firecracker with so much energy! You are constantly looking for an adventure and a new challenge. You aren't afraid to try new things and enjoy meeting new people. You are constantly enthusiastic with a positive outlook on life.

**(20-25 points) Piano**

You are full of surprises and love spontaneity. You are in tune with your emotions and can sometimes get carried away in your daydreams. You are a true friend to those you surround yourself with and you love to socialize. You love teamwork, but you still stand out in the group in a wonderful and unique way.

**(35 points and above) Singer**

You are a dreamer. Someone who reaches for the stars in all you do. Your passions are so great you believe that you can do anything if you put your mind to it. You also know that hard work is not a one person job. Surrounding yourself with those that support you is important to your success and goals.

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