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78

TOP ALBUMS IN
JAZZ, BLUES,
HISTORICAL &
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Alice Coltrane HALL OF FAME

Charles Lloyd
Artist of the Year

Mary Halvorson
Album(s) of the Year

Ahmad Jamal
Historical Album of the Year

Terri Lyne Carrington
Jazz Group of the Year

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THE 71ST ANNUAL CRITICS
POLL RESULTS AUGUST 2023

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Rising Star
Large Ensemble



COMPLETE RESULTS



JIMMY AND DENA KATZ

Cécile McLorin Salvant



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KWAKU ALSTON

Herbie Hancock



MICHAEL JACKSON

Kurt Elling

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Alice Coltrane	78
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VETERANS COMMITTEE VOTING

Hall Of Fame

Mario Bauza	68%
Red Norvo	68%

(Note: Artists must receive at least 66% of the Veterans Committee votes to gain entry.)

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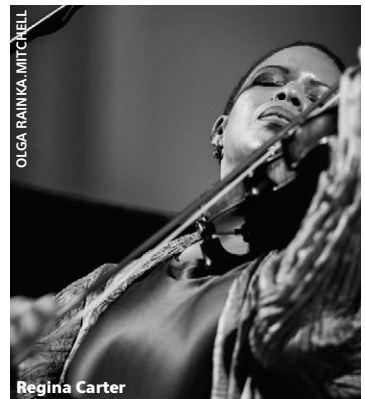
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ERIN O'BRIEN



Rhiannon Giddens

EBRU YILDIZ



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OLGA RAINKA MITCHELL



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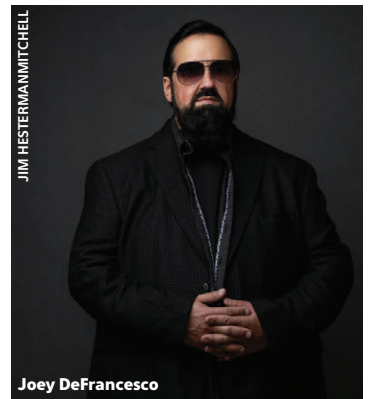
Marcus Miller

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Zakir Hussain

ALESSIO BELLOMI



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JIM HESTERMANMITCHELL



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ANNA YATSKIVICH



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