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JAZZ JAMBALAYA

Bobby vanDeusen
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Monday . 23 March 2015
Gulf City Lodge . Mobile, AL . USA

John Nodar . Narrator
Bob Spielmann . Developer
Arthur "Art" Tatum, Jr.
10.13.09 – 11.5.56

There is no such thing as a wrong note.

*Look, you come in here tomorrow, and anything you do with your right hand I'll do with my left.* [to Bud Powell]

I don't think I'm ready for New York. [1928]

*You have to practice improvisation, let no one kid you about it!* [1930]

Tell the New York cats to look out. Here comes Tatum! I mean every living tub with the exception of Fats Waller and Willie the Lion [1930]

*A band hampers me.*

Critics

Jazz critic Leonard Feather called Tatum "the greatest soloist in jazz history, regardless of instrument."

*A player piano on steroids.* Ted Gioia, Jazz Critic

Critic Scott Yanow wrote, "Tatum's quick reflexes and boundless imagination kept his improvisations filled with fresh (and sometimes futuristic) ideas that put him way ahead of his contemporaries."

*On one point there is universal agreement: Tatum’s awesome technique.*

~Gunther Schuller, Critic

Jazz critic Gary Giddins opined, "That is the essence of Tatum. If you don't like his ornament, you should be listening to someone else. That's where his genius is."

Peers

"First you speak of Art Tatum, then take a long deep breath, and you speak of the other pianists." ~Dizzy Gillespie

"I don't think there's any more chance of another Tatum turning up than another Mozart." ~Dave Brubeck

Numerous stories exist about other musicians' respect for Tatum. Perhaps the most famous is the story about the time Tatum walked into a club where Fats Waller was playing, and Waller stepped away from the piano bench to make way for Tatum, announcing, "I only play the piano, but tonight God is in the house." [Fats Waller's son confirmed the statement.]

"Maybe this will explain Art Tatum. If you put a piano in a room, just a bare piano. Then you get all the finest jazz pianists in the world and let them play in the presence of Art Tatum. Then let Art Tatum play...everyone there will sound like an amateur." ~Teddy Wilson

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