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Foreword that points to practical ways these ideas can work to improve and inspire both musicians and citizens Same Old Song John Paul Meyers, 2024-03-26 Popular music and its listeners are strongly associated with newness and youth Young people can stay up late dancing to the latest hits and use cutting edge technology for listening to and sharing fresh music Many young people incorporate their devotion to new artists and styles into their own developing personalities However if popular music is a genre meant for the youthful what are listeners to make of the widespread sampling of music from decades old R B tracks sold out anniversary tours by aging musicians retrospective box sets of vintage recordings museum exhibits and performances by current pop stars invoking music and images of the past In Same Old Song The Enduring Past in Popular Music John Paul Meyers argues that these phenomena are part of what he calls historical consciousness in popular music These deep relationships with the past are an important but underexamined aspect of how musicians and listeners engage with this key cultural form In chapters ranging across the landscape of twentieth and twenty first century music Meyers finds indications of historical consciousness at work in multiple genres Rock music canonizes its history in tribute performances and museums Jazz and pop musicians cover tunes from the Great American Songbook Hip hop and contemporary R B singers invoke Black popular music from the 1960s and 1970s Examining the work of influential artists like Ella Fitzgerald Bob Dylan Miles Davis Kanye West Prince D Angelo and Janelle Mon e Meyers argues that contemporary artists homage to the past is key for understanding how music lovers make meaning of popular music in the present

Annual Review of Jazz Studies 13: 2003 Edward Berger, Henry Martin, Dan Morgenstern, George Bassett, Evan Spring, 2007-08 This 13th issue of the ARJS includes an extensive study of the saxophonist Sonny Red an analysis of a composition by Steve Swallow a new perspective on John Coltrane s compositional approach and an examination of Miles Davis s classic *Walkin* plus book reviews and a continuing bibliography of scholarly articles about jazz in non jazz journals

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Davis and American Culture Gerald Lyn Early, 2001 His music provoked discussion of art versus commerce the relationship of artist to audience and the definition of jazz itself Whether the topic is race fashion or gender relations the cultural debate about Davis's life remains a confluence *Mother Jones Magazine*, 1989-12 Mother Jones is an award winning national magazine widely respected for its groundbreaking investigative reporting and coverage of sustainability and environmental issues Miles Davis, 2012-11-17 Here is the illustrated history of Miles Davis the world's most popular jazz trumpeter composer bandleader and musical visionary Davis is one of the most innovative influential and respected figures in the history of music He's been at the forefront of bebop cool jazz hard bop modal jazz and jazz rock fusion and remains the favorite and best selling jazz artist ever beloved worldwide He's also a fascinating character moody dangerous brilliant His story is phenomenal including tempestuous relationships with movie stars heroin addictions police busts and more connections with other jazz greats like Charlie Parker Dizzy Gillespie Thelonius Monk John Coltrane Gil Evans John McLaughlin and many others and later fusion ventures that outraged the worlds of jazz and rock Written by an all star team including Sonny Rollins Bill Cosby Herbie Hancock Ron Carter Clark Terry Lenny White Greg Tate Ashley Kahn Robin D G Kelley Francis Davis George Wein Vincent Bessieres Gerald Early Nate Chinen Nalini Jones Dave Liebman Garth Cartwright and more Miles Davis Ian Carr, 2009-04-30 This exhaustively researched revised edition of Ian Carr's classic biography throws new light on Davis life and career from the early days in New York with Charlie Parker to the Birth of Cool through his drug addiction in the early 1950s and the years of extraordinary achievements 1954-1960 during which he signed with Columbia and

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Congressional Record United States. Congress,1991 **The Routledge Companion to Jazz Studies** Nicholas Gebhardt,Nichole Rustin-Paschal,Tony Whyton,2018-12-07 The Routledge Companion to Jazz Studies presents over forty articles from internationally renowned scholars and highlights the strengths of current jazz scholarship in a cross disciplinary field of enquiry Each chapter reflects on developments within jazz studies over the last twenty five years offering surveys and new insights into the major perspectives and approaches to jazz research The collection provides an essential research resource for students scholars and enthusiasts and will serve as the definitive survey of current jazz scholarship in the Anglophone world to date It extends the critical debates about jazz that were set in motion by formative texts in the 1990s and sets the agenda for the future scholarship by focusing on key issues and providing a framework for new lines of enquiry It is organized around six themes I Historical Perspectives II Methodologies III Core Issues and Topics IV Individuals Collectives and Communities V Politics Discourse and Ideology and VI New Directions and Debates

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