

We asked Harun İzer:



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### Where is the ideal place to listen to jazz music?

Jazz is a kind of music that is born out of life itself. Therefore, anywhere is ideal for listening to it. Like the rest of the world, Turkey also has jazz festivals. For example, if you're in Istanbul, you may check out the **Istanbul Jazz Festival**. Throughout the festival, you're likely to catch concerts in truly beautiful districts like Emirgan, Ortaköy, Beykoz, or even on boats. We also have an event called **Jazz in the Parks** that, as the name suggests, takes place in parks. So you can also listen to jazz on the street. We mustn't forget the jazz clubs, which are ideal for those who prefer to see the concerts in more intimate spaces, in close proximity to the musicians. Finally, you can listen to jazz at home, of course. In the old days, we used vinyls, cassettes and CDs for this. Now we can listen to music on our mobile phones or tablets. So any time you like, you can play a favourite jazz album and let yourself enjoy the swings and the beats.

## Duke Ellington

Born in 1899 to musician parents in the United States, Duke began piano lessons at the age of 7. At 15, he composed his first song and called it *Soda Fountain Rag*. Here is the reason why he called it that: at that time, Duke was working at a restaurant and his job was to fill drinks at the soda fountain. At 17, he began to pursue music professionally. Later he advanced his career as a jazz composer, a pianist, and a jazz band conductor. In 1966, at the age of 67, he was given a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.



### SUGGESTED SONGS



## IT'S YOUR TURN

Jazz festivals are organised in many parts of the world. Why don't you do some research and note your findings here.

FESTIVAL NAME	PLACE	MONTH
.....Istanbul Jazz Festival.....	.....Istanbul.....	.....July.....
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## MUSICAL GENRES

When you hear a composition, can you tell what musical genre it belongs to? Even though there are no definite answers to this question, you can still try to distinguish genres. Listen to these five pieces and write down next to them which one you think is jazz, and which one is classical, pop, rock, or folk music. Have you had difficulty deciding? Which one was hardest?

- Glenn Miller Orchestra – *In the Mood*.....
- Tchaikovsky – *The Nutcracker Suite*.....
- Calvin Harris & Dua Lipa – *One Kiss*.....
- Queen – *Another One Bites the Dust*.....
- Selda Bağcan – *Neredesin Sen?*.....