

Celebrating

International Jazz Day

International Jazz Day brings together communities, schools, artists, historians, academics, and jazz enthusiasts all over the world to celebrate and learn about jazz and its roots, future and impact; raise awareness of the need for intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding; and reinforce international cooperation and communication. Each year on **April 30**, this international art form is recognized for promoting peace, dialogue among cultures, diversity, and respect for human rights and human dignity; eradicating discrimination; promoting freedom of expression; fostering gender equality; and reinforcing the role of youth in enacting social change. (jazzday.com)

At PDX Jazz Education, we want to help you celebrate International Jazz Day with some resources, book recommendations, Spotify playlists, and crafts. These are just ideas to get you going, but feel free to use your own imagination, too! We hope that you'll join us in celebrating this culmination of Jazz Appreciation Month by filling your classroom with music and art.

Please feel free to share pictures of your celebrations with us by sending them to info@pdxjazz.com

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Resources

Here are some outside resources to help you celebrate International Jazz Day:

- 🎵 [International Jazz Day Educational Resources](#)
- 🎵 [PDX Jazz Education TeachersPayTeachers Store](#)
- 🎵 [PDX Jazz – Jazz in the Schools Playlist](#)



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Book Recommendations

- ♪ [*5 O'Clock Band* by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews](#)
- ♪ [*Before John was a Jazz Giant* by Carole Boston Weatherford](#)
- ♪ [*Bird & Diz* by Gary Golio](#)
- ♪ [*Charlie Parker Played Bebop* by Christopher Raschka](#)
- ♪ [*Dizzy* by Jonah Winter](#)
- ♪ [*Duke Ellington* by Andrea Davis Pinkney](#)
- ♪ [*Ella Fitzgerald: Little People Big Dreams* by Isabel Sanchez Vegara](#)
- ♪ [*Ella Queen of Jazz* by Helen Hancocks](#)
- ♪ [*Hot Jazz Special* by Jonny Hannah](#)
- ♪ [*How Jelly Roll Morton Invented Jazz* by Jonah Winter](#)
- ♪ [*Jazz ABZ* by Wynton Marsalis](#)
- ♪ [*Just a Lucky So and So* by Lesa Cline-Ransome](#)
- ♪ [*Little Melba and Her Big Trombone* by Katheryn Russell-Brown](#)
- ♪ [*Nina: Jazz Legend and Civil-Rights Activist* by Alice Briere-Haquet](#)
- ♪ [*Skit-Scat Raggedy Cat: Ella Fitzgerald* by Roxanne Orgill](#)
- ♪ [*Trombone Shorty* by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews](#)
- ♪ [*What a Wonderful World* by Bob Thiele](#)

***Books with links are linked to YouTube Read-Alouds*



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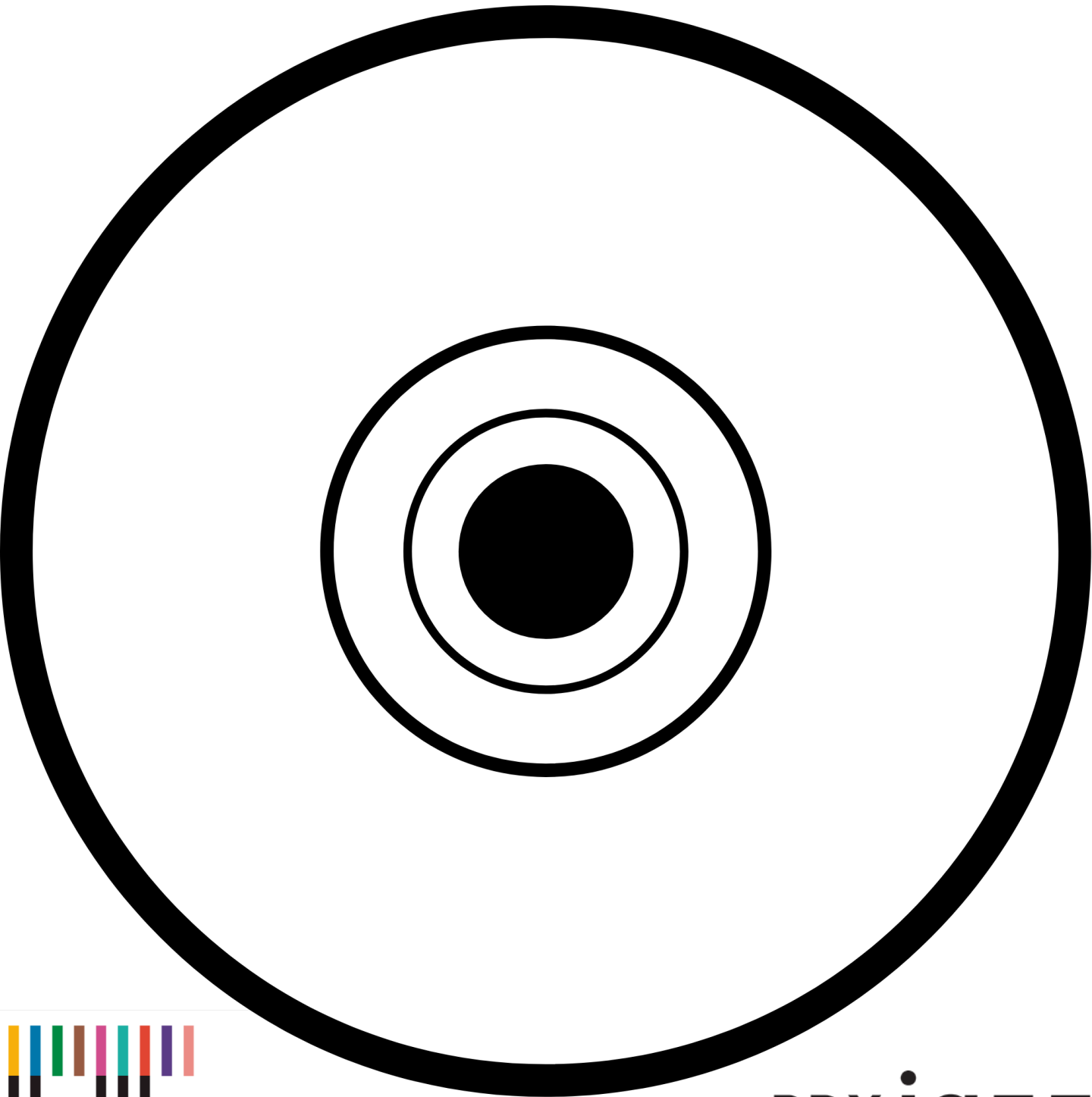
Record Design

One of the first ways we were able to buy and sell music was with records, or vinyl.

Using the template below, decorate the record while you listen to a song from our Jazz Spotify Playlist. Draw what you hear! What colors does this song remind you of? What shapes?



International Jazz Day Record Design Template



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Banners

After learning about jazz through books, music, and online resources, what do you like about it? What instruments do you like the most? Which artists?

April is Jazz Appreciation Month and April 30th is International Jazz Day. Decorate one of the posters below with pictures and words to show what you know and like about jazz!

Get creative! Use any art supplies you can find to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.



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