



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 activities. 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 homes and classrooms with music and art.

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Resources

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

- ♪ [International Jazz Day Educational Resources](#)
- ♪ [PDX Jazz Education Homepage](#)
- ♪ [PDX Jazz – Jazz in the Schools Spotify Playlist](#)
- ♪ [PDX Jazz – The American Refrain Video](#)
- ♪ [PDX Jazz Profiles](#)



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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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Discussion Topics

- ♪ In the last year, musicians have had to get creative about the ways they share their art with the world, including using digital platforms and livestreaming events. What benefits do you think there are to these digital platforms? Do you think musicians will continue using digital platforms as we go back to live shows?

- ♪ In addition to the global pandemic, this last year has been focused on the Black Lives Matter Movement and the continuing fight for racial justice. Have you seen any musicians using their music to raise awareness for current social struggles?

- ♪ Just like all music, jazz has grown over the decades. Jazz artists today, like Thundercat, Esperanza Spalding, and many others are carrying on the traditions of jazz while adding modern twists to it. Listen to one of the following pieces and think about how you hear jazz traditions, and what new elements you hear:
 - ♪ Thundercat – Funny Thing
 - ♪ Esperanza Spalding – I Know You Know
 - ♪ Yazmin Lacey – Morning Matters



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Downloadable Activities

- 🎵 Activity One: [Jazz and Protest](#)
- 🎵 Activity Two: [LGBTQ+ Jazz Musicians](#)
- 🎵 Activity Three: [Women in Jazz](#)
- 🎵 Activity Four: [Jazz and Art](#)
- 🎵 Activity Five: [Jazz Artist Worksheets](#)

