

“Cool Is Forever” (#3)

Jazz music is American music. Jazz has its roots in the blues, and it was born in New Orleans. Jazz is an improvised art, which means that the musicians make up the music as they play (#1). It requires a great deal of confidence and talent. Jazz has an exciting sound. Just as Art Blakey said, “Jazz washes away the dust of everyday life” (#1).

There are many famous and accomplished jazz musicians, but Miles Davis was one of the most creative and versatile trumpet players. When he was a teenager, Miles went to New York City to find Charlie “Bird” Parker. Together, Miles and Bird played the “unusual rhythms” and “harsh-sounding chords” of bebop. “Bop-bop-bop, be-bop, b-doo, b-doo” (#2). This must have been an exciting time for Miles. He got to play with his hero, and he got to play music that represented freedom.

Miles Davis followed his dreams. He was always looking for new ways to express his individuality. Miles earned the nickname “Picasso of Jazz.” Just like the visual artist Pablo Picasso, Miles was constantly reinventing his art, his music. He developed many different styles during his life (#3). His talent lives on in the musicians who have followed in his footsteps. “Cool is forever” (#3).