

## On this day in jazz (July 06)

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On this day in 1957, trumpet virtuoso [Dizzy Gillespie](#) played the Newport Jazz Festival in Newport, Rhode Island. The performance can be found on the album

*Dizzy Gillespie at Newport*

. Dizzy led a large band in this one (about 15 or so players) which included jazz greats such as [Lee Morgan](#)

,

[Benny Golson](#)

, and

[Wynton Kelly](#)

. Scott Yanow reviewed the album for allmusic.com saying:

This CD features Dizzy Gillespie's second great big band at the peak of its powers. On the rapid "Dizzy's Blues" and a truly blazing "Cool Breeze," the orchestra really roars; the latter performance features extraordinary solos...This brilliant CD captures one of the high points of Dizzy Gillespie's remarkable career and is highly recommended.

The album features the song "Manteca" which is considered to be foundational to Afro-Cuban jazz. It was written by Dizzy, Chano Pozo and Gil Fuller in 1947. Gary Giddens of the Village Voice calls it "one of the most important records ever made in the United States". The song was the first tune based on the clave rhythmic pattern to become a jazz standard. If you listen closely, you can hear the band chant, "I'll never go back to Georgia", during the song. This chant was in reference to racial prejudice that the band had experienced there in 1945.

Here's Dizzy with "[Manteca](#)":

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