

The Jazz Age

During the 1920s the introduction of Jazz revolutionized the music industry. With Southern roots, Jazz was an amazing discovery in music. Jazz was characterized by improvisation and syncopation. This important form of music changed America forever.



One of the reasons Jazz was so significant was because it is considered America's first true art form. Popular singers/songwriters include Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong. These singers made important contributions to Jazz, and heightened America's Culture. African Americans expressed their feelings through Jazz, which in turn led to the development of soul music.

One of the most significant products of Jazz was dance. Many Jazz musicians and bands played at halls and clubs, where young people were able to learn new dances. Popular dances included The Charleston, Cake Walk, and the Flea Hop. Along with clubs, many people listened to the music and danced to new Jazz oriented radio stations. Jazz was taking over America.