Subject: Re: Help me understand jazz!
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Quote:I feel like my musician friends can enjoy it more than me because as I understand it's usually like a jam session. I guess you either love it or just are confused.
That's a key point really, they can appreciate the musicianship and skill to make this improvisational music. Jazz is I suppose a more cerebral type of music where the listener is more involved with the subtle nuances being teased out by the musicians artistry with their instruments. Which as you say some love it and some get bored. I'd off hand think that pop oriented listeners fit the latter category to some degree. Everyone seems to have an innate sense of musical appreciation, which can change over their lifetime. I was once rather neutral to jazz, but, I came to really enjoy it. But at that, not all styles of jazz though. As for example, smooth jazz, (Kenny G, Boney James etc) cause a retching reflex in me. makes me shiver. Elevator jazz I call it.