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Subject: Ion's recommendations  
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I just want to say that accessing the Lavay website you should examine the links, there are many really good independant record labels listed and almost all have audio samples. Some are well known artists with new stuff I have'nt heard and many are new artists that have unique and talented sounds that bear further exploration. This site has provided a wealth of music that I personally will be spending much time sampling and suggest to anyone interested in new and challenging music to try. Thanks Lon.

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Subject: Re: Ion's recommendations  
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Glad the info was useful. Are you more blues or swing? I went back to the Lavay Smith and the fact that Chris Siebert is part of the band shows the depth and background on theses music styles. I'm going to quote from the program notes at length because it tells more about this cat's knowledge:begin: "Musical director Chris Siebert, a noted authority on swing,jazz, and blues music, grew up in New York and Los Angeles. In addition to founding The Red Hot Skillet Lickers with Lavay in 1989, he also played and recorded with Snooky Pryor, Taj Mahal,Linda Tillery, and the Cultural heritage Choir, Howar "Louie Bluie", Alvin "Youngblood" Hart, Big Bones, Los Lobos, The Turk Murphy alumni band, Bo Diddley, Ledisi and Suga R Pie Desanto. Chris along with Lavay, was a special consultant to MCA records for their re-issue of Count Basie, Lionel Hampton, Jimmy Lunceford, and Ella Fitzgerald with Chic Webb." What I found sort of funny at the Lavay site was the fact that Lavay Smith won a San Fransisco Blues award on 2004 for being 'Best Dressed.' I wonder who got it other years. ;-)) If you want to chat about the music you can mail me too.lon@athenet.net