

List of jazz trombone players to check out:

When checking out recordings of these artists, be sure to note the bands and sidemen these trombonists played with. This information can be found in the liner notes of the albums, or in discography lists. This must be done in order to achieve a more thorough understanding regarding the history of this music. This list includes some of my favorites, and there are many heroes that are not included as this list is meant to be a starting place for your research and inspiration. There are many great jazz trombone players playing live and on recordings coming up all the time. Enjoy!

This list is organized in stylistic categories correlating with Jazz eras. Note that certain players are noted in more than one stylistic category.

Early New Orleans based Jazz:

Lucien Barbarin (modern era player from New Orleans, played with Harry Connick's band)
Vick Dickenson
Wycliffe Gordon (modern era player)
J.C. Higginbotham
Miff Mole
Turk Murphy
Kid Ory
Jack Teagarden

Swing:

Lucien Barbarin (modern era player from New Orleans, played with Harry Connick's band)
Fred Beckett (influenced J.J. Johnson)
Lawrence Brown
Milt Bernhart
Billy Byers
Vic Dickenson
Tommy Dorsey
Tyree Glenn
Urbie Green
Al Grey
Bill Harris
Butter Jackson
Lou McGarity
Glenn Miller
Buddy Morrow
Tricky Sam Nanton
Dick Nash
Jim Pugh
Dick Shearer
Dave Steinmeyer
Jack Teagarden
Juan Tizol
Dickie Wells
Jiggs Whigham
Phil Wilson
Kai Winding
Trummy Young
Sy Zetner

Bebop/Post Bebop:

David Baker
Eddie Bert
George Bohanon
Bob Brookmeyer
Bobby Burgess
Jimmy Cleveland
Willie Dennis

Carl Fontana
Curtis Fuller
Bennie Green
Urbie Green
Al Grey
Slide Hampton
J.J. Johnson
Jimmy Knepper
Melba Liston
Albert Magelsdorff
Elliot Mason
Grachan Moncur III
James Pankow
Julian Priester
Jim Pugh
Frank Rehak
Frank Rosolino
Bill Russo
Dave Steinmeyer
Rick Stepton
Tommy Turk
Jeff Uusitalo
Bill Watrous
Fred Wesley
Jiggs Whigham
Phil Wilson
Kai Winding

Modern Era Bebop & Post Bebop / Post Coltrane (Impulse) and late 60s Miles Influenced / Avant Garde:

John Allred
Ray Anderson
David Baker
Bob Brookmeyer
Hal Crook
Rick Culver
Steve Davis
Robin Eubanks
John Fedchock
Tom Garling
Wycliffe Gordon
Slide Hampton
Conrad Herwig
J.J. Johnson
Jimmy Knepper
Albert Mangelsdorff
Andy Martin
Bob McChesney
Grachan Moncur III
Julian Priester
Bill Reichenbach
Roswell Rudd
Steve Turre
Jeff Uusitalo
Gary Valente
Jiggs Whigham
Steve Wiest
Phil Wilson