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THELONIOUS MONK

sonny rollins
The position of legendary figure is usually reserved for a deceased musician who has played two decades before. It usually requires this posthumous status and span of time, for the various stories concerning him to grow into a legend but it took a very much alive Thelonious Monk only five years to surround himself with an air of mystery and receive the title "High Priest of Bebop" in the Forties. Perhaps this element of weird glamour prevented many people from enjoying Monk's music to the fullest extent. Certainly he is always low man on the totem pole whenever the triumvirate of the founding fathers of bop is evaluated. This is due in part, to the greater solo prowess of Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, but Thelonious' contributions in time, chord patterns and the original lines resulting from them were unjustly minimized. Actually they were the basis for much of the jazz of the Forties and Fifties.

Today he stands as an individual, a highly original musician who is the mentor of many young musicians in New York and the influence of countless others all over the globe. In his writing and playing, he consistently proves his right to the often misapplied title of creator.

THELONIOUS MONK QUINTET
Thelonious Monk, piano; Sonny Rollins, tenor sax; Julius Watkins, French horn; Percy Heath, bass; Willie Jones, drums.

FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH
recorded November 13, 1953
supervision Ira Gitler
remastered by Van Gelder

THELONIOUS MONK TRIO
Thelonious Monk, piano; Percy Heath, bass; Art Blakey, drums.

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NUTTY
recorded September 22, 1954
supervision - Bob Weinstock
recording - Van Gelder

SONNY ROLLINS QUARTET
featuring Thelonious Monk
Sonny Rollins, tenor sax; Thelonious Monk, piano; Tommy Potter, bass; Arthur Taylor, drums

THE WAY YOU LOOK TONIGHT
I WANT TO BE HAPPY
recorded October 25, 1954
supervision - Bob Weinstock
recording - Van Gelder
notes by IRA GITLER
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THEOLONIUS MONK
With SONNY ROLLINS
PRLP 7169 B
HIGH FIDELITY

1. NUTTY
(Monk-Prestige Music-BMI)

2. FRIDAY THE 13TH
(Monk-Prestige Music-BMI)