



Ella Fitzgerald
(1917 - 1996)
Singer

Recognized worldwide as "**The First Lady of Song**," Ella Fitzgerald is arguably the finest female jazz vocalist of all time. Over her **50-year** career, she earned 13 Grammy Awards, sold over 40 million albums, and picked up numerous accolades including a National Medal of Arts and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.





Duke Ellington

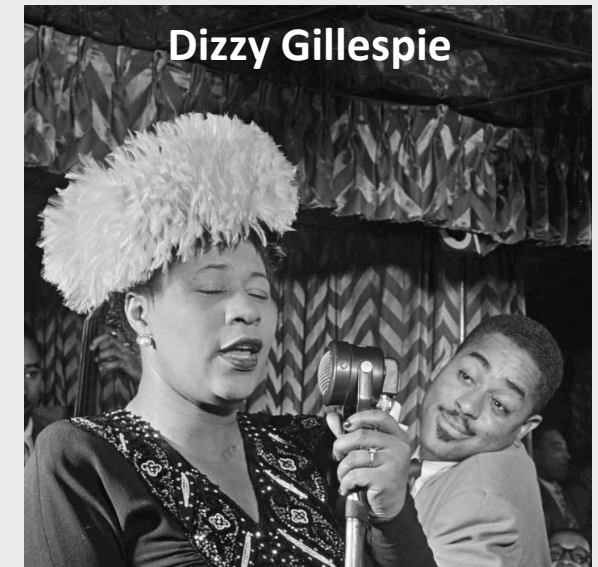


Nat King Cole

Her voice was flexible, wide-ranging, accurate and ageless. She could sing sultry ballads, sweet jazz and imitate every instrument in an orchestra. Fitzgerald also possessed a deft sense of swing, and with her brilliant scat technique, could hold her own against any of her instrumental contemporaries. She worked with all the jazz greats, from Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Nat King Cole, to Frank Sinatra, Dizzy Gillespie and Benny Goodman.



Frank Sinatra



Dizzy Gillespie



She came to initial popularity as a member of drummer Chick Webb's band in the 1930s, scoring a hit with a "**A-Ticket, A-Tasket**," before landmark performances like "**Flying Home**" and "**How High the Moon.**"

A hugely important cultural figure, Fitzgerald made an immeasurable impact on the development of jazz and popular music, and remains a touchstone for fans and artists decades after her passing.

*The only thing
better than
SINGING
—is more—
SINGING.*

— ELLA FITZGERALD



**“Just don’t give up
trying to do what you
really want to do.
Where there is love
and inspiration,
I don’t think you
can go wrong.”**

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