

# Lester Young Small Groups - Studio Sessions

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**Jones-Smith Incorporated** Oct 9, 1936; Chicago.

Carl Smith (tp), Count Basie (p), Walter Page (b), Jo Jones (d), Jimmy Rushing (vcl).

*Shoe Shine Boy (Shoe Shine Swing)* 2 takes

*Evenin'*

*Boogie Woogie*

*[Oh] Lady Be Good*

**Count Basie Sextet** June 3, 1938; New York City; Private studio session.

Buck Clayton (tp), Count Basie (p), Freddie Greene (g), Walter Page (b), Jo Jones (d), Helen Humes (vcl).

*Mortgage Stomp*

*Don't Be That Way*

*Blues with Helen*

*Song of the Wanderer*

*Allez Oop*

**Kansas City Six** September 27, 1938; New York City; Commodore.

Lester Young (cl, ts), Buck Clayton (t), Eddie Durham (tb, solo g), Freddie Green (g, vcl), Walter Page (b), Jo Jones (d).

*Way Down Yonder in New Orleans* (2 takes)

*Countless Blues* (2 takes)

*Them There Eyes* (2 takes)

*I Want a Little Girl* (2 takes)

*Pagin' the Devil* (2 takes)

**Count Basie and His Sextet** February 2, 1939; New York City; Decca.

Shad Collins (tp), Lester Young (ts), Basie (p), Freddy Greene (g), Walter Page (b), Jo Jones (d), Jimmy Rushing (vcl).

*You Can Depend on Me*

**Basie's Bad Boys** February 13, 1939; Chicago; Columbia.

*I Ain't Got Nobody*

*Goin' to Chicago [Blues]*

*[Let Me] Live and Love Tonight*

*Love Me Or Leave Me*

**Glenn Hardmann and His Hammond Five** June 26, 1939; Chicago; Vocalion.

*China Boy*

*Exactly Like You*

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*On the Sunny Side of the Street*

*Upright Organ Blues*

*Who?*

*Jazz Me Blues*

**Count Basie's Kansas City Seven** September 5, 1939; New York City; Vocalion.

Buck Clayton (tp), Dickie Wells (tbn), Lester Young (ts), Count Basie (p), Freddy Greene (g), Walter Page (b), Jo Jones (d).

*Dickie's Dream* (2 takes)

*Lester Leaps In* (2 takes)

**Benny Goodman Septet** October 28, 1940; New York City.

Buck Clayton (tp), Benny Goodman (cl), Count Basie (p), Charlie Christian, Freddie Green (g), Walter Page (b), Jo Jones (d)

*Ad-Lib Blues*

*I Never Knew*

*Charlie's Dream*

*Wholly Cats*

*Lester's Dream*

**Una Mae Carlisle with Orchestra** March 10, 1941; New York City; Bluebird.

Shad collins (tp), Clyde Hart (p), John Collins (g), Nick Fenton (b), Doc West (d), Una Mae Carlisle (vcl)

*Blitzkrieg Baby*

*Beautiful Eyes*

*There'll Be Some Changes Made*

*It's Sad But True*

**Sam Price and His Texas Blusicians** April 3, 1941; New York City; Decca.

*The Goon Drag (Gone Wid De Goon)*

*Things' Bout Coming My Way*

*Lead Me Daddy Straight to the Bar*

*Just Jivin' Around*

**Lester Young-Nat King Cole Trio** July 15, 1942; Los Angeles; Philo/Aladdin.

Nat King Cole (p), Red Callender (b).

*Indiana*

*I Can't Get Started*

*Tea for Two*

*Body and Soul*

**Dickie Wells and His Orchestra** December 21, 1943; New York City; Signature.

Bill Coleman (t), Dickie Wells (tb), Ellis Larkins (p), Freddy Greene (g), Al Hall (b), Jo Jones (d).

*I Got Rhythm*

*I'm Fer It Too*

*Hello Babe*

*Linger Awhile*

**Lester Young Quartet** December 28, 1943; New York City; Keynote.

Johnny Guarnieri (p), Slam Stewart (b), Sid Catlett (d).

*Just You, Just Me* (2 takes)

*I Never Knew* (2 takes)

*Afternoon of a Basie-ite* (2 takes)

*Sometimes I'm Happy*

**Kansas City Seven** March 22, 1944; New York City; Keynote.

Buck Clayton (tp), Dickie Wells (tb), Count Basie (p), Freddie Green (g), Rodney Richardson (b), Jo Jones (d).

*After Theatre jump*

*Six Cats and a Prince* (2 takes)

*Lester Leaps Again*

*Destination K. C.* (2 takes)

**Kansas City Six** March 28, 1944; New York City; Commodore.

Bill Coleman (tp), Dicky Wells (tb), Joe Bushkin (p), John Simmonds (b), Jo Jones (d).

*Three Little Words* (4 takes)

*Jo-Jo* (4 takes)

*I Got Rhythm* (3 takes)

*Four O'Clock Drag* (2 takes)

**Johnny Guarnieri Swing Men** April 18, 1944; New York City; Savoy.

Billy Butterfield (tp), Hank d'Amico (cl), Lester Young (ts), Johnny Guarnieri (p), Dexter Hall (g), Billy Taylor (b), Cozy Cole (d).

*These Foolish Things*

*Exercise in Swing* (4 takes)

*Salute to Fats* (4 takes)

*Basie English* (2 takes)

**Earl Warren and His Orchestra** April 18, 1944; New York City; Savoy.

Joe Newman, Al Killain, Ed Lewis, Harry Edison (tp), Eli Robinson, Dicky Wells, Ted Donnelly, Lou Taylor (tb), Earl Warren, Jimmy Powell (as), Lester Young, Buddy Tate (ts), Rudy Rutherford (bars), Clyde Hart (p), Freddie Green (g), Rodney Richardson (b), Jo Jones (d).

*Empty Hearted*

*Circus in Rhythm* (3 takes)

*Poor Little Plaything* (2 takes)

*Tush* (2 takes)

**Lester Young Quintet** May 1, 1944; New York City; Savoy.

Lester Young (ts), Count Basie (p), Freddie Greene (g), Rodney Richardson (b), Shadow Wilson (d).

*Blue Lester (Lester's Blues)*

*(I Don't Stand) A Ghost of a Chance* (2 takes)

*Indiana* (2 takes)

*Jump Lester Jump (Lester's Savoy jump)*

**Lester Young and His Band** December 1945; Los Angeles; Aladdin.

Vic Dickenson (tb), Dodo Marmorosa (p), Red Callender (b), Henry Tucker Green (d).

*D.B. Blues*

*Lester Blows Again*

*These Foolish Things*

*Jumpin' at Mesner's*

**Helen Humes and Her All Stars** December 1945 or January 1946; Los Angeles; Philo/Aladdin.

Humes (vcl), Willie Smith (as), Maxwell Davis, Lester Young (ts), Jimmy bunn (p), Dave Barbour (g), Junior Rudd (b), Henry Tucker (d).

*Please Let Me Forget*

*Pleasing Man Blues*

*He Don't Love Me Anymore*

*See See Rider*

*It's Better to Give Than to Receive*

**Lester Young and His Band** Probably January 1946; Los Angeles; Aladdin.

Willie Smith (as), Howard McGhee (tp), Vic Dickenson (tb), Wesley Jones (p), Curtis Counce (b), Johnny Otis (d).

*It's Only a Paper Moon*

*After You've Gone*

*Lover Come Back to Me*

*Jammin' with Lester*

**Lester Young-Buddy Rich Trio** Late March or April 1946; Los Angeles; Clef.

Nat 'King' Cole (p), Buddy Rich (d).

*Back to the Land*

*I Cover the Waterfront (2 takes)*

*Somebody Loves Me*

*I've Found a New Baby*

*The Man I Love*

*Peg o' My Heart*

*I Want to Be Happy*

*Mean to Me*

**Lester Young and His Band** August 1946; Los Angeles; Aladdin.

Joe Albany (p), Irving Ashby (g), Red Callender (b), Chico Hamilton (d).

*You're Driving Me Crazy*

*[New] Lester Leaps In*

*Lester's Be Bop [Boogie]*

*She's Funny That Way*

**Lester Young and His Band** October, 1946; Chicago; Aladdin.

Shorty McConnell (tp), Argonne Thornton (p), Fred Lacey (g), Rodney Richardson (b), Lyndell Marshall (d).

*Sunday*

*S.M. Blues*

*Jumpin' with Symphony Sid*

*No Eyes Blues*

*Sax-O-Re-Bop (Sax-O-Be-Bop)*

*On the Sunny Side of the Street*

**Lester Young and His Band** February 18, 1947; New York City; Aladdin.

Shorty McConnell (tp), Argonne Thornton (p), Fred Lacey (g), Ted Biscoe (b), Roy Haynes (d).

*Movin' with Lester*

*One O'Clock Jump*

*Jumpin' at the Woodside*

*Easy Does It*

**Lester Young and His Band** December 28 and 30, 1947; New York City; Aladdin.

Shorty McConnell (tp), Argonne Thornton (p), Nasir Barakaat (g), Rodney Richardson (b), Lyndell Marshall (d).

*Just Coolin'*

*I'm Confessin'*

*Lester Smooths It Out*

**Lester Young and His Band** December 29, 1948; New York City; Aladdin.

Gene DiNovi (p), Chuck Wayne (g), Curly Russell (b), Tiny Kahn (d).

*Tea for Two*

*East of the Sun*

*The Sheik of Araby*

*Something to Remember You By*

**Lester Young Sextet** June 28, 1949; New York City, Savoy.

Jess Drakes (tp), Jerry Elliott (tbn), Lester Young (ts), Junior Mance (p), Leroy Jackson (bs), Roy Haynes (d).

*Crazy Over J-Z* (3 takes)

*Ding Dong* (3 takes)

*Blues 'N Bells* (3 takes)

*June Bug (Lester Digs)*

**Lester Young Quartet** March 1950; New York City; Clef.

Hank Jones (p), Ray Brown (b), Buddy Rich (d).

*Too Marvelous for Words*

*'Deed I Do*

*Encore*

*Polka Dots and Moonbeams*

*Up 'N Adam*

**Lester Young Quartet** July 1950; New York City; Clef.

John Lewis (ts), Joe Shulman (b), Bill Clarke (d).

*Three Little Words*  
*Count Every Star*  
*It All Depends on You*  
*Neenah*  
*Jeepers Creepers*

**Lester Young Quartet** January 16, 1951; New York City; Clef.  
John Lewis (ts), Gene Ramey (b), Jo Jones (d).

*Thou Swell*  
*September in the Rain*  
*Undercover Girl Blues*  
*Frenesi*  
*Pete's Cafe*  
*Little Pee Blues*

**Lester Young Quartet** March 8, 1951; New York City; Clef.  
John Lewis (ts), Gene Ramey (b), Jo Jones (d).

*A Foggy Day*  
*In a Little Spanish Town*  
*Let's Fall in Love*  
*Down 'N Adam*  
*Lester Swings*  
*Slow Motion Blues*

**Lester Young with Oscar Peterson Trio** August 4, 1952; New York City; Clef/ Norgran.  
Oscar Peterson (p), Barney Kessel (g), Ray Brown (b), J.C. Heard (d).

*Ad Lib Blues*  
*Just You, Just Me*  
*Tea for Two*  
*Indiana*  
*These Foolish Things*  
*I Can't Get Started*  
*Stardust*  
*(It Takes) Two to Tango*  
*On the Sunny Side of the Street*  
*Almost Like Being in Love*  
*I Can't Give You Anything But Love*  
*There Will Never Be Another You*  
*I'm Confessin'*

**Metronome All Stars with Billy Eckstine** July 9, 1953; New York City; MGM

*How High the Moon, Parts I and II*  
*St Louis Blues, Parts I and I*

**Lester Young Quintet** December 11, 1953; New York City; Norgran.  
Jesse Drake (tp), Gildo Mahones (p), Gene Ramey (b), Connie Kay (d).

*Willow Weep for Me*

*This Can't Be Love*

*Can't We Be Friends*

*Tenderly*

*New D.B. Blues*

*Jumpin' at the Woodside*

*I Can't Believe That You're in Love with Me*

*Lady Be Good*

**Lester Young and His Band** December 10, 1954; New York City; Norgran.

Jesse Drake (tp), Gildo Mahones (p), John Ore (b), Connie Kay (d).

*Another Mambo*

*Come Rain Or Come Shine*

*Rose Room*

*Somebody Loves Me*

*Kiss (Touch) Me Again*

*It Don't Mean a Thing*

*I'm in the Mood for Love*

*Big Top Blues*

**Lester Young-Harry Edison All Stars** November 1, 1955; Los Angeles; Norgran.

*Mean to Me*

*That's All*

*Red Boy Blues*

*Pennies from Heaven*

*She's Funny That Way*

*One O'Clock Jump*

*It's the Talk of the Town*

**The Jazz Giants '56** January 12, 1956; New York City; Norgran.

Vic Dickenson (tb), Roy Eldridge (tp), Teddy Wilson (p), Freddie Green (g), Gene Ramey (b), Jo Jones (d).

*I Guess I'll Have to Change My Plans*

*I Didn't Know What Time It Was*

*Gigantic Blues*

*This Year's Kisses*

*You Can Depend on Me*

**Lester Young-Teddy Wilson Quartet** January 13, 1956; New York City; Verve.

Teddy Wilson (p), Gene Ramey (b), Jo Jones (d).

*Pres Returns*

*Prisoner of Love*

*Taking a Chance On Love*

*All of Me*

*Louise*

*(Our) Love Is Here To Stay*

*Love Me Or Leave Me*

**Lester Young All Stars** July 31, 1957; Los Angeles; Verve.

*St. Tropez*

*Flic*

*Our Love Is Here to Stay*

**Lester Young All Stars** February 7, 1958; New York City; Verve.

*Waldorf Blues*

*Sunday*

*You're Getting to Be a Habit with Me*

**Lester Young All Stars** February 8, 1958; New York City; Verve.

Roy Eldridge, Harry Edison (tp), Lester Young (cl, ts), Hank Jones (p), Herb Ellis (g), George Duvivier (b), Mickey Sheen (d).

*Romping*

*Gypsy in My Soul*

*Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone*

*They Can't Take That Away from Me*

*Salute to Benny*

*Medley (The Very Thought of You, I Want a Little Girl, Blue and Sentimental)*

**Lester Young Quintet** March 4, 1959; Paris; Verve.

Rene Urtreger (p), Jimmy Gourley (g), Jamil Nasser (b), Kenny Clarke (d).

*[Oh] Lady Be Good*

*I Didn't Know What Time It Was*

*Almost Like Being in Love*

*Three Little Words*

*I Cover the Waterfront*

*I Can't Get Started*

*Indiana*

*Pennies from Heaven*

*New D.B. Blues*

*Lullaby of Birdland*

*There Will Never Be Another You*

*Tea for Two*