

Comments from some participants in previous classes in Newton.

*“Len Lyons makes the language, history, and evolution of jazz surprisingly accessible. Only basic musical knowledge is required to come away from this course able to recognize and understand what you are hearing and where it fits in the universe of jazz.” - David Flad*

*Len Lyons' jazz class is a masterpiece. He loves jazz and brings that enthusiasm to the class along with a deep well of both historical and musical knowledge. He expertly combines social history, musical history, and explanations of the music itself, all richly illustrated by lots of listening. Listening to music I have loved all my adult life has become a new, and richer, experience. - Jonathan Klein*

*" Len gives a great class. He helps the casual listener understand what the musicians are up to, and how to listen with greater understanding and appreciation of jazz's structure and evolution. Perhaps the best part is listening to Len's demonstrations on the piano." - Dahlia Rudavsky*

*Len's passion, knowledge, and personality made this class really enjoyable and I would highly recommend it to any music lover who has a yearning to learn about the history of Jazz - Steven Siagel*

*I absolutely loved Len Lyons' "Exploring Jazz" class! He is extremely knowledgeable, articulate, and passionate about his subject. He gave us a sense of several styles that make up jazz, making the subject come alive through his well-considered selections of audios, videos, and demonstrations at the piano. I especially appreciated hearing about the intersection of the music and the socio-historical context in which they were born. - Heather Zacker*