

ZEITLIN MEETS MONK ON YOU TUBE

"By any measure, Zeitlin's output over the past 50 years places him at jazz's creative zenith."

Andrew Gilbert, JazzTimes

In the past 3 years, the legendary pianist/composer Denny Zeitlin has featured annual solo piano concerts at the Piedmont Piano Company in Oakland , California, where he re-imagines the work of jazz artists whose compositions and performance have particularly inspired him. In 2014, he presented "Early Wayne" focusing on classic compositions of Wayne Shorter. In 2015, the concert was devoted to "Exploring Thelonious Monk." And in 2016 the theme was "Remembering Miles," re-interpreting Davis' work over 4 decades.

Sunnyside Records released "Early Wayne" to critical acclaim. "Remembering Miles" is planned for a future release. For now, Denny has decided to post the videos of his Thelonious Monk concert on YouTube.

Zeitlin was powerfully drawn to Monk's music from his high school beginnings in jazz, back in 1952. Denny was impressed with Monk's utter originality; his use of space; the internal logic of his compositions and improvising; and his drive and passion for adventure.

Although Zeitlin had recorded Monk's music on a number of occasions, beginning with his first recording on Jeremy Steig's 1963 "Flute Fever," December 4, 2015 marked the first time Denny had ever presented an entire evening devoted to Monk compositions.

The perfect acoustics of the Piedmont Piano Company; an outstanding concert grand; a rapt and appreciative audience; state-of-the-art audio and video recording; and an extraordinary solo piano performance by Denny Zeitlin combine to make the video postings a special experience.

THE CONCERT VIDEOS:

An introduction to the series, where Denny remembers his initial encounter with Mr. Monk.

Trinkle Tinkle

Brake's Sake/Let's Call This

Evidence

Ugly Beauty

Ba-lue Bolivar Balues-Are

Off Minor

'Round Midnight

I Mean You

Played Twice

Ask Me Now

Rhythm-A-Ning

Jackie-ing

These videos can be viewed by typing "Zeitlin Meets Monk" in the YouTube search window.

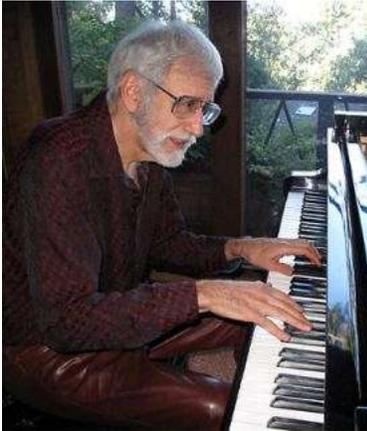
They can also be accessed at: <https://vimeopro.com/user604378/zeitlinmonk>

Here is Don Heckman's preview at International Review of Music:

[The International Review of Music](#)

Picks of the Week: Dec. 2 – 6 (Wed. – Sun.) in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle, Chicago and New York City

Oakland



Denny Zeitlin

– Dec. 4. (Fri.) **Denny Zeitlin** explores Thelonious Monk. Who could ask for a more compelling musical evening? Pianist Zeitlin has been an adventurous jazz artist since the '60s, producing frequent performances that challenge the seemingly limitless skills of his improvisational talents. And he has done so while also working as a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at U.C. San Francisco. The encounter between Zeitlin's soaring imagination and Monk's always intriguing compositions will surely result in an evening of memorable solo jazz piano performances. One can only hope that the program will be recorded and released on CD for Zeitlin's many fans. The performance takes place at [Piedmont Piano Company](#) –Don Heckman