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Derek Bailey - ML430.5 .B34

John Zorn: Tradition and Transgression
John Brackett - ML410.Z75 B73 2008

Musical Improvisation: Art, Education, and Society
Gabriel Solis and Bruno Nettl - ML193 .M87 2009

Grapefruit
Yoko Ono - PR6065.N6 G7

Music Handbook, anonymous, ninth century
translated by Leonie Rosenstiel - ML171 .M88

Improvisation: Methods and Techniques for Music
Therapy Clinicians, Educators and Students
Tony Wigram - REF MT68 .W66 2004

Scores:
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Anthony Braxton - M298.B73 C65 no.245 2018

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John Cage - M1470.C34 T459 2011

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Pauline Oliveros - M686.O44 E64 2012?

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Charles Ives - M1045.195 C686 1953

CDs:

Junta, Phish
CD 2010:504

Rhythmic essence: The art of the Dumbek,
R.A. Fish
CD 93:1

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Marr CD 2015:641

We're only in it for the money; Lumpy gravy
Frank Zappa
Marr CD 2017:1730

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Eclat; Sur incise

Branca Ensemble: Symphony nos. 8 & 10: Live at the Kitchen
M1001.B82 no.8 2003

Sun Ra: a joyful noise (VHS)
ML419.S86 S86 1991

The world according to John Coltrane
ML419.C645 W67 2010

West African djembe drumming (VHS)
MT725.D53 W47 1991

NAXOS:

Terry Riley, In C, Bang on a can

The Ready Made Boomerang, Deep Listening Band

19 Solo Compositions, Anthony Braxton

Marr LPS:

The Henry Cow Legend
Henry Cow
VIRGIN RECORDS

Plastic Ono Band
Yoko Ono
APPLE RECORDS

Indeterminacy
John Cage, David Tudor FOLKWAY RECORDS

Raga: original soundtrack
Ravi Shankar
APPLE RECORDS

Halber mensch,
Einstürzende Neubaten SOME BIZARRE

Free Jazz,
The Ornette Coleman Double Quartet
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The Mothers,
Frank Zappa
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Journey in Satchidananda,
Alice Coltrane
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The Black saint and the sinner lady,
Mingus
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A love supreme,
John Coltrane
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Fela Ransome-Kuti and the Africa '70 with Ginger
Baker live!,
Fela Kuti
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ONLINE RESOURCES:

Draw a straight line and follow it: the music and mysticism of La Monte Young
Jeremy Grimshaw, 2011

Experiencing Ornette Coleman: A Listener's Companion
Michael Stephans, 2017

Medieval Improvisation
Leo Treitler, 1991