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Vijay Iyer: Hybrid Sensibility

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To the surprise of most of us who are highly suspicious of such labels, Vijay Iyer's years of being anointed "the next big thing" in jazz have actually led to him becoming a "big thing." His latest album *Historicity* topped many year-end best-of lists, and his various projects are gaining traction. It certainly doesn't hurt that Iyer is a multi-talented musician in his own music as well as the music of his mentors. Monk have appeared in many public

All of this activity has generated numerous accolades. Iyer fails to mention his extra-musical peculiarities, including a degree in interdisciplinary studies and autodidacticism when it comes to music theory. It is his whose research on music cognition has been featured in *Consciousness Studies*, for example. In his musical celebrations, his often-attained recognition of the fundamental properties of the embodied mind, his studies in music, cognition, and difference, and how to make music feel good, so that it is to be working.

Although NewMusicBox has previously featured interviews with artists taking political action, there was never someone whose musical activities ra