**Dave Brubeck**

**David Warren** "**Dave**" **Brubeck** (December 6, 1920 – December 5, 2012) was an American [jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz) pianist and composer, considered to be one of the foremost exponents of [cool jazz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cool_jazz). He wrote a number of [jazz standards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz_standard), including "[In Your Own Sweet Way](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In_Your_Own_Sweet_Way)" and "The Duke". Brubeck's style ranged from refined to bombastic, reflecting his mother's attempts at[classical](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classical_music) training and his [improvisational](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Improvisation) skills. His music is known for employing unusual [time signatures](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_signature), and superimposing contrasting rhythms, [meters](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meter_(music)), and [tonalities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tonality).

His long-time musical partner, alto saxophonist [Paul Desmond](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Desmond), wrote the saxophone melody for the Dave Brubeck Quartet's best remembered piece, "[Take Five](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Take_Five)", which is in [5/4 time](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/5/4_time) and has endured as a jazz classic on one of the top-selling jazz albums, [*Time Out*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_Out_(album)). Brubeck experimented with time signatures throughout his career, recording "Pick Up Sticks" in 6/4, "[Unsquare Dance](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unsquare_Dance" \o "Unsquare Dance)" in [7/4](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/7/4), "World's Fair" in 13/4, and "[Blue Rondo à la Turk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_Rondo_%C3%A0_la_Turk)" in [9/8](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/9/8). He was also a respected composer of orchestral and [sacred music](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacred_music), and wrote soundtracks for television such as [*Mr. Broadway*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mr._Broadway) and the animated [miniseries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miniseries) [*This Is America, Charlie Brown*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/This_Is_America,_Charlie_Brown).