

Jazz is a [music genre](#) that originated in the [African-American](#) communities of [New Orleans, Louisiana](#), in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with its roots in [blues](#) and [ragtime](#).^{[1][2][3][4]} Since the 1920s [Jazz Age](#), it has been recognized as a major form of musical expression in [traditional](#) and [popular music](#). Jazz is characterized by [swing](#) and [blue notes](#), complex [chords](#), [call and response vocals](#), [polyrhythms](#) and [improvisation](#). Jazz has roots in European [harmony](#) and African rhythmic rituals.^{[5][6]}