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Charlie Parker's Yardbird, which premiered in 2015, has no commercial recording, but these interviews and clips were made during the opera's premiere production at Opera Philadelphia:

- [Charlie Parker's Yardbird trailer](#)
- [Interview with Lawrence Brownlee & Angela Brown on their characters](#)
- [Preview of the opera with the Opera Philadelphia cast & creative team](#)

CHARLIE PARKER

Charlie Parker (1920-55) was a virtuoso saxophone player and a leading figure in the development of bebop. Miles Davis said, "You can tell the history of jazz in four words: Louis Armstrong. Charlie Parker." Here are some suggestions for how to learn more about this incredible artist:

- Video: [Documentary of the Life of Charlie Parker](#)
- Video: [Jazz History Lesson: Charlie Parker and Dizzie Gillespie](#)
- Book: *Kansas City Lighting: The Rise and Times of Charlie Parker* by Stanley Crouch
- Video Series: *Jazz: A Film by Ken Burns* (available through libraries and for purchase online)
- Video: [Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie playing together in 1951](#)
- Video: [Charlie Parker and Coleman Hawkins playing together in 1950](#)