

JOURNEYMAN: 1961–1964

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1961

Dec 14: Travel?

cDec 15–31: Detroit: Adams visits through the Christmas holidays. Gig at Blue Bird with Joe Henderson, Barry Harris, Beans Richardson, and Roy Brooks. Possible gig at Brass Rail, subbing for Bob Pierson, with either Johnny Griffith or Warren Bernhardt (p); Joe Hunt (dm). *See* <http://instagram.com/p/sAOr2lpnnB/?modal=true>.

1962

Jan 1–8: Detroit: Possible gig at Brass Rail, subbing for Bob Pierson, with either Johnny Griffith or Warren Bernhardt (p); Joe Hunt (dm). *See* cDec 15–31.

cJan 9–14: Buffalo: Teddy Charles gig, with Paul Chambers and Ray Mosca.

mid Jan: Hamilton, Ontario: Teddy Charles gig, with Paul Chambers and Ray Mosca, possibly at McMaster University or Mohawk College.

mid Jan: Toronto: Teddy Charles gig, with Paul Chambers and Ray Mosca, possibly at York University.

mid Jan: Detroit: Teddy Charles gig, with Paul Chambers and Ray Mosca, possibly at Wayne State University

late Jan: Cleveland: Teddy Charles college gig, with Paul Chambers and Ray Mosca.

cFeb: New York: Adams sees a play staged at East 11th Street Theatre.

cFeb: Philadelphia: One-week Mingus gig, with Toshiko Akiyoshi.

cFeb 1: New York: Adams sublets Sara Cassey's apartment at 114 West 87th Street, sharing it possibly with Will Davis. Will Davis and Adams shared a Manhattan apartment for about four months.

early Feb: New York: Claudette Nadra visits with Pepper Adams.

Feb 16: New York: Pony Poindexter date for Epic, with Sonny Red, Eric Dolphy, Jimmy Heath, Clifford Jordan, Gildo Mahones, Ron Carter, and Elvin Jones.

Mar 7–8: New York: Blue Mitchell date for Riverside, with Clark Terry, Jimmy Heath, Wynton Kelly, Sam Jones, et al. *See* <http://instagram.com/p/r64X-rJntL/?modal=true>.

Mar 16–17: Boston: Gig at Connolly's, with the rhythm section of Ray Santisi, Larry Richardson, and possibly Joe Hunt. *See* <https://www.instagram.com/p/BJVVe6bj-rY/?taken-by=pepperadamsblog>.

Mar 22: New York: Red Garland date for Jazzland, with Blue Mitchell, Sam Jones, and Philly Joe Jones.

Mar 23–31: Syracuse: Teddy Charles gig at Casablanca, with Sam Most, Henry Grimes, and Ray Mosca.

Apr 1: Syracuse: Teddy Charles gig at Casablanca, with Sam Most, Henry Grimes, and Ray Mosca. *See* 23–31 Mar.

Apr 18: New York: Pony Poindexter date for Epic, with Phil Woods, Clifford Jordan, Sal Nistico, Tommy Flanagan, Ron Carter, Charli Persip, et al. *See* 16 Feb.

cApr: New York: David Amram gig at Five Spot for George Plimpton's private party.

cMay: Cambridge MA: Richard Maltby dance gig at Harvard University prom.

May 10: New York: Pony Poindexter date for Epic, with Phil Woods, Dexter Gordon, Charli Persip, et al. See 18 Apr.

cJune: New York?: Various Urbie Green dance band gigs.

cJune: New York: Rehearsals and quintet gigs with Johnny Coles, Duke Pearson, Dave Sibley (b) and Joe Gallivan (dm).

June: New York: Adams still subletting Sara Cassey's apartment: 114 West 87th, 1B. See cFeb.

cJuly: New York: Rehearsals and quintet gigs with Johnny Coles, Duke Pearson, Dave Sibley (b) and Joe Gallivan (dm).

cJuly: New York: Benefit for Renaissance House at Village Gate, with David Amram.

cJuly: Beverly MA: Adams gig, possibly at Sandy's Melody Lounge.

cJuly: Boston: Adams gig at Connolly's, with the rhythm section of Elmo Hope, Hal Gaylor, and Charli Persip. Both Tony Williams and Howard Johnson sat in.

July 19: Queens NY: Gig at Gaslight in Jackson Heights, with rhythm section of Tommy Flanagan, Herman Wright, and Roy Brooks.

cAug: New York: Rehearsals and quintet gigs with Johnny Coles, Duke Pearson, Dave Sibley (b) and Joe Gallivan (dm).

Aug 26: New York: Mingus gig at Five Spot, possibly recorded by United Artists.

Aug 27: New York: Charles Mingus gig at Five Spot, the last performance at its original location before demolition. The eleven-piece band included Eddie Armour, Charles McPherson, Ted Curson, Eric Dolphy, Leo Wright, Pepper Adams, Julian Priester, and Don Butterfield. *See* <https://www.instagram.com/p/BLiXCHGj9aY/?taken-by=pepperadamsblog>.

Sept 16: New York: Gig at Club Cinderella, with the Jerry Brewster quartet. *See* <https://www.instagram.com/p/BJQUXO5D7-t/?taken-by=pepperadamsblog>.

Sept 22: Montreal: Adams attends a football game at McGill Stadium.

late Sept: New York: Rehearsals for Mingus's Town Hall concert.

cOct 1: New York: Adams and Duke Pearson sublet an apartment.

cOct 2–6: New York: Adams works on Mingus's orchestration for "Please Don't Come Back from the Moon."

Oct 7–10: New York: Adams works each day at Mingus's apartment, working on Town Hall music. Later, Mingus gig at Birdland.

Oct 11: New York: Adams works at Mingus's apartment, working on Town Hall music. Mingus gig at Birdland. Then, a midnight rehearsal for Mingus's Town Hall concert in Town Hall's basement.

Oct 12: New York: Afternoon dress rehearsal for Charles Mingus's Town Hall concert. Mingus date for United Artists that evening, recorded live, with Clark Terry, Eric Dolphy, Charles McPherson, Charlie Mariano, Zoot Sims, Jackie Byard, Milt Hinton, et al. *See Adams' arranging bill at* <http://instagram.com/p/r94AkqJnvs/?modal=true>.

cOct 13–14: New York: Charles Mingus gig at Birdland.

Oct 19: Montreal: Gig at la Tête de l'art, with the rhythm section of Maury Kaye, Fred McHugh, and Pierre Béluse.

Oct 20: Montreal: Saturday afternoon concert for Loyola Jazz Society at Loyola University, with the rhythm section of Maury Kaye, Fred McHugh, and Pierre Béluse. Later, gig at la Tête de l'art. See 19 Oct.

Oct 21–22: Montreal: Gig at la Tête de l'art. See 20 Oct.

Oct 23: Travel?

cOct 24–28: New York: Charles Mingus gig at Birdland.

cOct 30–31: New York: Charles Mingus gig at Birdland.

Nov 1–4: New York: Charles Mingus gig at Birdland.

Nov 6–11: New York: Charles Mingus gig at Birdland.

Nov 12: Travel?

cNov 13–25: Dayton OH: Possible gig with Buddy Rich or Harry James. See <http://instagram.com/p/wHdRl6JniJ/?modal=true>.

Dec: New York: Adams attends several Charles Mingus rehearsals for his upcoming *Black Saint and the Sinner Lady* date.

Dec 2: New York: Possible Ephraim Resnick gig at Club Cinderella. See <https://www.instagram.com/p/BJQUXO5D7-t/?taken-by=pepperadamsblog>.

Dec 9: Bronx NY: Adams attends a Giants football game at Yankee Stadium. Later, possible Ephraim Resnick gig at Club Cinderella.

Dec 15: Bronx NY: Adams attends Gotham Bowl at Yankee Stadium, a college football charity game played by University of Nebraska and University of Miami.

Dec 16: New York: Possible Ephraim Resnick gig at Club Cinderella. See <https://www.instagram.com/p/BJQUXO5D7-t/?taken-by=pepperadamsblog>.

Dec 23: New York: Possible Ephraim Resnick gig at Club Cinderella. See <https://www.instagram.com/p/BJQUXO5D7-t/?taken-by=pepperadamsblog>.

Dec 24–25: New York: Off.

Dec 26: Travel?

Dec 27–31: Las Vegas: Lionel Hampton gig at Flamingo with Virgil Jones, Bobby Plater, Andy McGhee, et al. See flier at <http://instagram.com/p/r928u1pnto/?modal=true>.

1963

Jan 1–31: Las Vegas: Lionel Hampton gig at Flamingo. While in town, Adams turns down Harry James's offer for a \$10,000 annual salary to join his band. Adams felt there was too little solo space, the band's book was too commercial for his taste, and it was based in Las Vegas. See 27–31 Dec 1962. See flier at <http://instagram.com/p/r928u1pnto/?modal=true>.

Feb 1: Salt Lake City: Lionel Hampton prom gig at University of Utah.

Feb 2: Logan UT: Lionel Hampton pre-prom gig at Utah State University's Fieldhouse.

cFeb 3–16: Lionel Hampton gigs at various locations including Philadelphia.

Feb 17: New York: Ephraim Resnick gig at Club Cinderella, with Booker Ervin, Bross Townsend, Warren Chiasson, Bob Cunningham, and Omar Clay. See <https://www.instagram.com/p/BJQUXO5D7-t/?taken-by=pepperadamsblog>.

Feb 27–28: Donald Byrd–Pepper Adams Quintet at la Tête de l'art, sponsored by Montreal Jazz Society, with the rhythm section of Herbie Hancock, Butch Warren, and Tony Williams.

cFeb 28: Cleveland: Gig. Adams filed a claim with Northeastern Baggage Clearing House in Cleveland on 28 February for an undelivered piece of luggage from his recent bus trip.

Mar 1–2: Donald Byrd–Pepper Adams Quintet at la Tête de l'art, sponsored by the Montreal Jazz Society, with the rhythm section of Herbie Hancock, Butch Warren, and Tony Williams.

cMar 3–19: Lionel Hampton gigs.

Mar 20–23: Montreal: Pepper Adams gig at La Tete de l'Art, sponsored by the Montreal Jazz Society, with the rhythm section of Pierre Leduc, Fred McHugh, and Pierre Béluse. On the 23rd, Adams played a Saturday afternoon concert with pianist Maury Kaye, sponsored by Loyola College Jazz Society.

cMar 24–31: Lionel Hampton gigs.

cApr 1–22: Lionel Hampton gigs.

Apr 23: New York: Teddy Charles date for United Artists, with Zoot Sims, Teddy Kotick, Osie Johnson, et al.

cApr 24–30: Lionel Hampton gigs.

May 6: New York: Teddy Charles date for United Artists, with Hank Jones, Teddy Kotick, Osie Johnson, et al. See 23 Apr.

May 13: West Peabody MA: Adams sits in with Herb Pomeroy's Big Band (including Sam Rivers and Alan Dawson) at Lennie's on Turnpike.

May 14–19: West Peabody MA: Gig at Lennie's on Turnpike, with Ray Santisi, John Neves or Larry Richardson, and Alan Dawson. See

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/salemstatearchives/6329435556/in/set-72157627831837564>,

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/salemstatearchives/6328681827/in/set-72157627831837564> and

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/salemstatearchives/6511066195/in/set-72157627831837564>.

cJune: New York: Adams and Bobby Timmons move into an apartment at 339 East 6th Street, #10, at First Avenue. They stayed there at least until October 1963.

June 20: Detroit: Marcus Belgrave date for Motown, with Kirk Lightsey, Cecil McBee, Bennie Maupin, et al.

June 21–25: Detroit: Gigs/Off.

June 26: Detroit: Marcus Belgrave date for Motown. See 20 June.

June 27: Travel?

Summer: Toronto: Five-day daytime studio gig for CBC-TV. Three days were with Dizzy Reese's group, with John Gilmore, John Hicks, Ali Jackson, and Charli Persip. For the other two, the band backed Jimmy Witherspoon for "Sixty Minutes with Spoon," produced by Darrell Duke. Rehearsals preceded the Witherspoon taping. At night, Adams and Hicks jammed with local musicians, including one evening with Sonny Greenwich.

Summer: Toronto: Lionel Hampton gig at The Friars. Jimmy Owens is in the band.

cSummer: New York?: Adams does a three-week tour with Maynard Ferguson's Big Band. He replaces Frank Hittner and precedes Ronnie Cuber in the band.

cJuly: New York: Wednesday night concert in the garden of St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bouwerie featuring Adams's and Booker Ervin's groups.

July 18–31: New York: Lionel Hampton gig at Metropole.

late July: New York: Adams joins Pony Poindexter for a Monday night gig at Birdland.

cAug: New York: Monday night gig at Five Spot.

Aug 1–3: New York: Lionel Hampton gig at Metropole. See 18–31 July.

Aug 22–25: New York: Two week Charles Mingus gig at Village Gate, with Richard Williams, Eddie Preston, Eric Dolphy, Booker Ervin, Pepper Adams, Garnett Brown, Don Butterfield, Joe Albany, Charles Mingus, and Dannie Richmond.

Aug 27–31: New York: Two week Charles Mingus gig at Village Gate. See Aug 22–25.

Sept 1: New York: Two week Charles Mingus gig at Village Gate. See Aug 27–31.

Sept 3–4: New York: Two week Charles Mingus gig at Village Gate. See Sept 1.

Sept 5: New York: Motown Records mails Adams both an exclusive recording contract with the label and an exclusive management contract with their affiliate, International Talent Management.

Sept 8: New York: Gig at Take 3 Cafe with Richard Williams, Hank Mobley, Walter Bishop Jr, Ernie Farrow, and Frank Gant. Others on the bill are Jon Hendricks, Wynton Kelly, Booker Ervin, Joe Farrell, Freddie Redd, Blue Mitchell, and Ben Riley. See *flyer* at <http://instagram.com/p/rxLGHgpnuk/?modal=true>.

Sept 9: New York: Adams's ninth date as leader, for Motown, with Thad Jones, Hank Jones, Paul Chambers and Dannie Richmond.

Sept 12: New York: Adams's ninth date as leader, for Motown, with Thad Jones, Benny Powell, Charles McPherson, Zoot Sims, Hank Jones, Bob Cranshaw, and Dannie Richmond. See 9 Sept.

Sept 25: Bronx NY: Adams attends Giants football game at Yankee Stadium, possibly with Thad Jones.

Oct 6: Detroit: Adams attends Lions–49ers football game at Tiger Stadium.

Oct 7–19: Detroit: Gigs.

Oct 20: Detroit: Adams attends Lions–Colts football game at Tiger Stadium.

Nov 4–9: Montreal: Gig at The Penthouse (Windsor Steakhouse) with the rhythm section of Maury Kaye, Billy Merryll, and Spike McKendry.

Nov 22: New York: Thelonious Monk's nonet reunion band concert at Lincoln Center is canceled due to John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Dec: New York: Possible Thelonious Monk nonet reunion band concert at Lincoln Center, rescheduled from 22 November.

Dec 4: New York: Adams's tenth date as leader, for Motown, playing four Thad Jones arrangements. Personnel: Thad Jones, Jerry Dodgion, Quentin Jackson, Jerome Richardson, Roland Hanna, George Duvivier, and Grady Tate.

cDec 26: Hollywood CA: Adams plays church dance with Lee Katzman and a rhythm section including pianist Bob Florence.

Dec 27–31: San Francisco: Lionel Hampton gig at Basin Street West.

1964

c1964: New York: Barry Harris gig at Five Spot, probably with Charles McPherson and Lonnie Hillyer.

Jan 1: San Francisco: Off.

Jan 2–5: San Francisco: Lionel Hampton gig at Basin Street West. See 27–31 Dec.

Jan 6–9: Off/travel.

Jan 10–22: Lake Tahoe NV: Lionel Hampton gig at Harvey's Wagon Wheel Hotel and Casino, Adams stays at Thunderbird Motel and falls in love with singer Ruth Price, who was appearing with Harry James's band nearby. Adams proposes marriage to her in a letter.

Jan 23: Off/travel.

Jan 24: Lompoc CA: Lionel Hampton gig at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Jan 27–31: Off/travel.

Feb 1: Philadelphia: Lionel Hampton gig at Erie Social Club.

Feb 2: Fairfield, CT: Lionel Hampton gig at Tomlinson Junior High,

Feb 3: Newark, DE: Lionel Hampton gig at University of Delaware.

cFeb 4: Pemberton Township NJ: Lionel Hampton gig at Ft. Dix Army Base.

Feb 6: Dover, NH: Lionel Hampton gig at Elks Hall.

Feb 7: Oneonta, NY: Lionel Hampton junior prom at Hartwick College.

Feb 8: Burlington, VT: Lionel Hampton gig at Carriage Room, Town and Country Motor Lodge.

Feb 9–10: Off/travel.

Feb 11: Albany, GA: Lionel Hampton gig at Municipal Auditorium.

Feb 12: Ocala, FL: Lionel Hampton gig at Club Bali.

Feb 14: Baltimore: Lionel Hampton Alpha Phi Alpha Midwinter Scholarship Formal.

Feb 18: Elizabeth City NC: Lionel Hampton gig at Elizabeth City State University.

Feb 24: Roanoke, VA: Lionel Hampton gig at Archie's Supper Club.

cFeb 27: Dallas: Lionel Hampton gig at Longhorn Ranch.

Mar 9–15: Detroit: Pepper Adams gig at Drome Lounge, with Terry Pollard Trio.

Mar 16–28: New York: Lionel Hampton gig at Metropole. Jimmy Owens and Garnett Brown are in the band.

cApril: New York: Gigs with Basin Street East house band, backing shows for popular singers such as Peggy Lee and Vic Damone. Snooky Young, Thad Jones, Danny Stiles, Clark Terry, Jerome Richardson, Roland Hanna, Richard Davis, and Ray Mosca are in the band.

cApril: Hartford: Adams gig at Delisa's, with the rhythm section of Bruce Martin, Fred Tinsley, and Eddie Marshall.

cApril: Boston: Adams works a 6-night engagement at Jazz Workshop, with Frank Foster and the rhythm section of Ray Santisi and most likely John Neves and Joe Hunt.

cApril 1: New York: Adams takes an apartment at 84 Jane Street (#8) in the West Village. See <https://instagram.com/p/sAOn10pniv/> and <https://instagram.com/p/sANq02Jngz/>.

cMay: New York: Gigs with Basin Street East house band, backing shows for popular singers such as Peggy Lee and Vic Damone. Snooky Young, Thad Jones, Danny Stiles, Clark Terry, Jerome Richardson, Roland Hanna, Richard Davis, and Ray Mosca are in the band.

May 3: New York: Off.

May 4–5: West Peabody MA: Lionel Hampton gig at Wagon Wheels.

May 21: Port Huron MI: Adams sits in with Bob Pierson Quartet at Twilight Lounge.

late May: New York: Lionel Hampton gig at World's Fair Custom Car Cavalcade.

June 1–7: Possible Lionel Hampton gigs between New York and Las Vegas.

June 8–14: Stateline NV: Lionel Hampton gig at Harvey's Wagon Wheel.

cJune 22: Oakland CA: On an off night, Adams hears Escovido Brothers at Music Cross Roads.
June 23: Oakland CA: On an off night, Adams hears Tito Puente Orchestra at Music Cross Roads.

June 24-27: El Cerrito CA: Off?

June 28-30: San Jose CA: Lionel Hampton gig at Safari Room.

July 1-5: San Jose CA: Lionel Hampton gig at Safari Room. See 28-30 June.

July 6-12: Chicago: Various Lionel Hampton gigs, including TV broadcast and two nights at Plugged Nickel. Band includes Jimmy Owens, Garnett Brown, Bobby Plater, et al.

July 13-17: Toronto: Lionel Hampton gig at Friar's Tavern.

July 18: Off, travel or unknown Lionel Hampton gig.

July 19: Lenox MA: Lionel Hampton gig at Music Barn.

July 20-21: New York: Off for two days before traveling to France.

July 22: New York: Travel to France.

July 23: Juan-les-Pins, France: Lionel Hampton gig at Antibes Festival. Adams and Cecil Payne are both in the band on baritone.

July 24: Divonne-les-Bains, France: Lionel Hampton gig at Casino. See 23 July.

July 25: Knokke, Belgium: Lionel Hampton gig at Casino. See 24 July.

July 26-29: Belgium or France: Lionel Hampton gigs. See 25 July.

July 30: Paris: Travel to New York.

July 31: New York: Off?

cAug: New York: Gigs with Basin Street East house band, backing shows for popular singers such as Peggy Lee and Vic Damone. Snooky Young, Thad Jones, Danny Stiles, Clark Terry, Jerome Richardson, Roland Hanna, Richard Davis, and Ray Mosca are in the band.

Aug 2: New York: Off?

cAug 4-9: New York: Charles Mingus gig at Five Spot, with Lonnie Hillyer, Charles McPherson, Jackie Byard, and Danny Richmond, opposite Teddy Wilson with Ray Mosca. Later, a rent party at Oliver Shearer's loft three blocks away, with Bobby Timmons and Ray Mosca.

Aug 10-30: New York: Lionel Hampton gig at Metropole.

cSept: New York: Gigs with Basin Street East house band, backing shows for popular singers such as Peggy Lee and Vic Damone. Snooky Young, Thad Jones, Danny Stiles, Clark Terry, Jerome Richardson, Roland Hanna, Richard Davis and Ray Mosca are in the band.

cSept: Atlantic City NJ: Adams works a couple of weeks backing shows, including one week with comedian Milton Berle.

cSept: unknown: Adams possibly works a week or two with Lloyd Price Band.