

## JOURNEYMAN: 1961-1964

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### **1961**

early Nov: New York: Charles Mingus gig at the Five Spot.

Nov 14-19: Louisville: Pepper Adams gig at the Topaz Bar, with “The Trademarks” (John Alberding as, Raymond Johnson p, Gene Klingman b, Boots Brown dm).

Nov 20: Louisville: Off.

Nov 21-26: Louisville: Pepper Adams gig at the Topaz Bar. See 14-22 Nov.

Dec 4-8: New York: Possible Lionel Hampton gig at the Metropole.

Dec 9: New York: Lionel Hampton gig at the Metropole.

Dec 14: Travel?

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

### **1962**

Jan 1-8: Detroit: Adams possibly still in Detroit prior to the upcoming Teddy Charles tour. See 15-31 Dec 1961. Possible gig at the Brass Rail, subbing for Bob Pierson, with either Johnny Griffith or Warren Bernhardt (p) and 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: Ohio: Teddy Charles college gig, with Paul Chambers and Ray Mosca.

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

cFeb 1: New York: Adams sublets Sara Cassey’s apartment at 114 West 87 Street, sharing it possibly with Will Davis. Will Davis and Adams shared a Manhattan apartment for a few months in 1962.

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 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 the Casablanca, with Sam Most, Henry Grimes and Ray Mosca.

Apr 1: Syracuse: Teddy Charles gig at the 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.

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

cMay: Boston: Gig at Connolly's. *See*

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BJVVe6bj-rY/?taken-by=pepperadamsblog>.

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: Boston: Adams gig, probably at Connolly's.

July 19: Queens NY: Gig at the 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 the Five Spot, possibly recorded by United Artists.

Aug 27: New York: Charles Mingus recording for UNited Artists at the Five Spot, with 22 musicians including Toshiko Akiyoshi and Danny Richmond. This is the last performance at its original location before the club's demolition. *See*

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BIiXCHGj9aY/?taken-by=pepperadamsblog>.

cSept: Philadelphia: Charles Mingus gig with Toshiko Akiyoshi.

Sept 16: New York: Gig at Club Cinderella, possibly with Ephraim Resnick. *See*

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BJQUXO5D7-t/?taken-by=pepperadamsblog>.

cSept 21: Montreal: Concert at Loyola University with the rhythm section of Maury Kaye, Fred McHugh and Jerry Fuller.

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

cOct 1-11: New York: Charles Mingus gig at Birdland.

Oct 12: New York: Charles Mingus date for United Artists, recorded at Town Hall, 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 13-31: New York: Charles Mingus gig at Birdland, including radio broadcasts on the 19th and 26th.

Nov 1-11: New York: Charles Mingus gig at Birdland.

Nov 12: Travel?

cNov 13-25: Dayton OH: Possible gig with Buddy Rich or Harry James. *See* <https://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 the Gotham Bowl at Yankee Stadium, a college football charity game played by the University of Nebraska and the 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 the Flamingo with Bobby Plater, Andy McGhee, et al. *See flyer at* <http://instagram.com/p/r928u1pnto/?modal=true>.

## **1963**

Jan 1-31: Las Vegas: Lionel Hampton gig at the Flamingo. While in town, Adams turns down Harry James' 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 flyer at* <http://instagram.com/p/r928u1pnto/?modal=true>.

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

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

cFeb 3-16: Various locations including Philadelphia: Lionel Hampton gig.

Feb 17: New York: Ephraim Resnick gig at the 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>.

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: Lionel Hampton gigs.

cMar 19: Montreal: Adams gig at La Tete de l'Art.

Apr: Lionel Hampton gigs.

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

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 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>.

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: Dizzy Reese gig for CBC-TV, with John Hicks, Ali Jackson, Charli Persip and Jimmy Witherspoon.

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

early Sept: New York: Charles Mingus gig at the Village Gate, with Richard Williams, Eddie Preston (tp), Garnett Brown, Don Butterfield, Eric Dolphy, Booker Ervin, Joe Albany and Dannie Richmond.

Sept 5: New York: Motown Records mails Adams an exclusive recording contract with Motown 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' ninth date as leader, for Motown, with Thad Jones, Hank Jones, Paul Chambers and Dannie Richmond.

Sept 12: New York: Adams' 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 a Giants football game at Yankee Stadium.

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

Oct 7-19: Detroit: Gigs.

Oct 20: Detroit: Adams attends the 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 Merrill and Keith McKendry.

Nov 22: New York: Thelonious Monk nonet reunion band concert at Lincoln Center is cancelled due to the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

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

cDec: Chicago: According to Eddie Bert, the Monk nonet, with Mal Waldron in place of Monk, and including Phil Woods, Donald Byrd and Charlie Rouse, played a concert in Chicago.

Dec 4: New York: Adams' 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.

Dec 24-25: New York: Off.

## **1964**

Jan 1: New York: Off.

Jan: Los Angeles: Two Lionel Hampton gigs.

mid Jan: Lake Tahoe CA: Lionel Hampton gig. Adams stays at the Thunderbird Motel.

late Jan: Southern US: String of 31 Lionel Hampton one-nighters begins.

Feb: Southern US: String of 31 Lionel Hampton one-nighters continues. See late Jan 1964.

late Feb: Dallas: Lionel Hampton gig at Longhorn Ranch.

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

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

cApril 1: New York: Adams takes an apartment at 84 Jane Street (#8) in the West Village. See <https://instagram.com/p/sAOn10pniy/> and <https://instagram.com/p/sANq02Jngz/>.

May 3: New York: Off.

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

late May: New York: Lionel Hampton gig at the 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. Adams falls in love with singer Ruth Price, who was appearing with Harry James' band in nearby Lake Tahoe. Adams proposes marriage to her in a letter.

June 15-25: Lake Tahoe CA: Lionel Hampton gig.

June 26-27: San Francisco CA: Off.

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

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

July 6-12: Chicago: Various Lionel Hampton gigs, including a TV broadcast and two nights at the 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 the Music Barn.

July 20-22: New York: Probably off for two days before 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 the Casino. See 23 July.

July 25: Knokke, Belgium: Lionel Hampton gig at the 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?

Aug 2: New York: Off?

cAug 4-9: New York: Charles Mingus gig at the Five Spot, with Lonnie Hillyer, Charles McPherson, Jackie Byard and Danny Richmond.

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

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



