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AZZ. WHEN MOST PEOPLE hear it, they picture lonely streets, ill-fated lovers, and smoke-filled bars. But when moviemakers hear jazz, they picture something far more unusual: talking typewriters, quiet little boys, and rebellious Albanians. For the adventurous soundtrack CD collector, that's good news.

• Take Naked Lunch (Milan/BMG), David Cronenberg's movie about disemboweled characters and articulate orifices—jazz seems ideally suited to capturing its twisted beauty. The film's score is a piercing, intense work by Howard Shore and Ornette Coleman. Not for the fainthearted.

of Jazz is less obvious a schoice for Little Man Tate (Varese Sarabande), the story of a melancholic boy blessed, or perhaps saddled, with genius. But Mark Isham's modest compositions

reflect the sheer joy of creativity that hides behind Fred Tate's reserved demeanor.

• For **Blow-Up** (Sony), jazz was the clear pick. Back in 1966, director Michelangelo Antonioni needed up-to-theminute credibility for his fashion-world milieu, and Herbie Hancock's jazz-fusion score delivers, cheekily quoting everything from blues to rock to Henry Mancini.

• Tune in Tomorrow ...

(Columbia) may be an uneasy mix of Albanian activists and soap-opera satire, but Wynton Marsalis and his jazz combo—at the top of their form—capture the charm and humor of New Orleans with buoyant ease.

• In Spike Lee's **Do the Right Thing** (Columbia), the subtle give-and-take between traditional film styles and in-your-face innovations is mirrored in dad Bill Lee's score. Musical ideas are raised in jazz settings, seemingly resolved by the traditional sweep of a string-heavy orchestra, then rephrased and raised again.

• Also check out what Miles Davis and Marcus Miller did for Siesta (Warner Bros.); Herbie Hancock's all-star lineup on Round Midnight (Columbia); and—if you can find it—the leg-

endary Duke Ellington score for **Anatomy of a Murder** (last released by Rykodisc). **MICHAEL GILTZ**



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