

# Dan On Jazz Radio 1947 with Symphony Sid

Producer: Hank Hehmsoth

[AM radio noise]

Announcer: "Headline Edition:1947. The Army Air Forces has announced that a "flying disc" has been found and is now in the possession of the army."

[Dan Morgenstern] My first night in New York I listened to the radio and I had this mistaken impression that I would find a lot of jazz on the radio. This, of course, was in the days when it was AM only, in 1947. And I finally found something at the tail end of the dial and that was Symphony Sid. [radio broadcast - applause] "Charlie Parker on alto, Miles Davis on trumpet, Tommy Potter on bass, the great Max Roach on drums. the sound thing's "jumping!" Without wasting too much time, the "Bird" [Charlie Parker] "Groovin' High" [band starts]

[Dan Morgenstern] "The Royal Roost" I think Symphony Sid dubbed it the "Metropolitan BOPera House" [laughter] and then Sid wasn't exactly a master of the English language, and he ..... sometimes he messed up the musician' s names. "Charlie, I'd like to bring you up for just a minute. Charlie, hold it. I wanna, you know, a lotta people are talking about the thing that you made with "Machito". Uhh, Norman Granz brought the records up to the station, and that new thing you did with Machito, is really one of the most sensational things yet!

[Charlie Parker] "Oh, Mango Mangüé?"

[Sid] "Yes! Mango Mangüé!"

[music] "Mango Mangüé - Machito and his Orchestra, featuring Charlie Parker "Bird"

[Dan Morgenstern] Most of time he [Sid] was really pretty loaded, so [laughter] yes, but he had a great radio voice, wonderful radio voice. And he never messed up the commercials.. "Bromo Seltzer" acts fast three ways at once. One, relieves headache. Two, help settle upset stomach. Three, calms tense nerves which often accompany headache. Get"Bromo Seltzer" today!" [end ad]

[Dan] He did 'em right [laughter] He was a character, Sid was....

[music]

{Sid} You know somebody called a little while ago at the studio and they said "I wonder if you get Bird to do something on Christmas." Well, it's fitting, this is Christmas morning and the Bird's got a little arrangement, a little surprise for you, on "White Christmas."

{music - "White Christmas"}