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Officer, That's Not Jazz, I Say, It's Felonious Junk!

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Is contemporary music grounds for arrest? An angry purist attending the Sigüenza Jazz Festival in Spain called the police last week to protest the appearance of the Larry Ochs Sax and Drumming Core, The Guardian of London reported. His doctor had told him that listening to anything but jazz was "psychologically inadvisable." The Civil Guard showed up, armed, and passed the complaint along to a judge. The festival director, Ricardo Checa, told the newspaper El País that the jazz purist didn't get a refund. "The question of what constitutes jazz and what does not is obviously a subjective one," Mr. Checa said, "but not everything is New Orleans funeral music."

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