

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER ON DVD!

One of the few real gueens of jazz singing, Ella Fitzgerald (1917-1996) was an inspiring individual who, against all odds, rose from extreme poverty to fame thanks to her immense talents. In a world where female vocalists were usually beautiful stylized girls, Ella's inimitable voice and swing earned her a place above the rest and in almost no time she became the Chick Webb orchestra's primary draw. From then on, she sang and recorded with many of the most important jazz figures and was revered as a living legend throughout the remainder of her life.

This DVD showcases her in the company of two of the greatest jazz men of all time: Duke Ellington, with whom Ella collaborated many times during the late fifties and early sixties, and Benny Goodman, with whom she would only record on The two selections offered here come from one of those broadcasts. They include a wonderful backed by an All-Star Big Band and a small group medlev in which Ella alternates vocals with Jo Stafford. The 1968 program with Duke was, in fact, Ella's own show, and she can be seen introducing some of the tunes. Taken from old not up to today's standards. However, their historical and musical importance clearly compensates for such deficiencies.

THE ELLA FITZGERALD SHOW featuring DUKE ELLINGTON:

Cat Anderson, Cootie Williams, Herble Jones, Mercer Ellington (tp). Lawrence Brown, Buster Cooper, Chuck Connors (tb). Russell Procope, Johnny Hodges, Jimmy Hamilton, Paul Gonsalves. Harry Carney (reeds), Duke Ellington (p), Jeff Castleman (b), Rufus Jones (d), Strings added, Omit Ella Fitzgerald on 5-7.

8-9: Ella Fitzgerald & the Jimmy Jones Trio: Jimmy Jones (p), Keeter Betts (b). Louie Bellson (d) plus the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

10: Ella Fitzgerald with the Duke Ellington Trio: Ellington (p). Keeter Betts (b), Louie Bellson (d),

11-13: Ella Fitzgerald with Jimmy Jones (p) and the Duke Ellington Orchestra, TV Broadcast, Burbank, California, April 8-11, 1968.

01. Just One of Those Things (Cole Porter) 2:00

02. Street of Dreams (Lews-Young) 2:13

03. I Can't Stop Loving You Don Glason 4:44

04. Summertime (George & tra Gershwin) 2:23 05. Satin Doll in Storten Strayborn Memor 2:04

06. Things Ain't What They Used to Be (Morcer Ellington) 4:10

07. Take the "A" Train (Bay Strayborn) 1:37

08. Loch Lomond (Traditional) 2:07

09. A Foggy Day (George & Ira Gershwin) 2:20

10. Don't Get Around Much Anymore in Florence B. Busine 2:38.

11. Sweet Georgia Brown Privard Casey-Berriel 2:47

12. Lover Man (Ramirez-Davis-Sherman) 2:23

13. Mack the Knife reservition 2:50

ELLA & BENNY GOODMAN:

14: Ella Fitzgerald (voc) with Benny Goodman (cl) & orchestra conducted by Ralph Burns: Harry James, Billy Butterfield, Buck Clayton (tp), Lou McGarity, Urble Green, Eddle Bert (tb), Hymie Schertzer, Walt Levinsky (as), Zoot Sims, Al Klink (ts). Sol Schlinger (bar), Hank Jones (p), Kenny Burrell (g), George Duvivier (b), Roy Burns (d),

15: Ella Fitzgerald & Jo Stafford (voc), Benny Goodman (cl), Harry James (tp), Red Norvo (vib), Teddy Wilson (p), Arvell Shaw (b), Roy Burns (d). "Swing into Spring" TV Broadcast (Dave Garroway MC), New York, April 9, 1958.

14. Ridin' High (cole Porter) 2:47

15. Medlev: I've Got the Right to Sing the Blues / I Know That You Know / How Come You Do Me Like You Do / Poor Butterfly / Hard Hearted Hannah / I Got It Bad But that Ain't Good / St. Louis Blues (Arten-Koehler / Caldwell-Youmans / Austin-Bergere / Golden-Hubbell / Ager-Yellen-Bigelow-Bates / D. Ellington-P. Webster / W.C. Handy) 9:10

BONUS TRACKS:

Ella Fitzgerald (voc) and Her Orchestra. TV show, New York, 1965. 16. A Tisket, a Tasket (Feldman-Alexander-Fitzgerald) 0:51

18. Oh, Lady Be Good (George & tra Gerstwin) 1:57

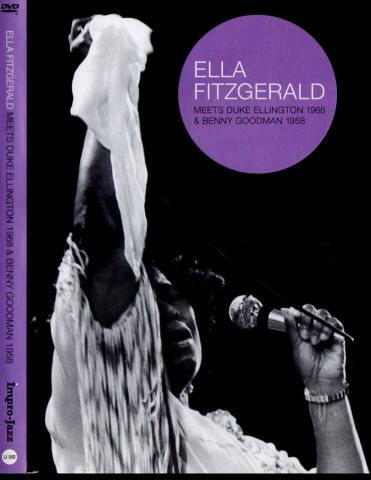
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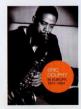
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