

Partial List of Jazz on DVD

This list includes some historic video, some dramatic feature film in which jazz is a primary topic, BIO pics and documentaries, and finally a few performance videos. In recent years there has been many concerts that have been video-recorded and are available at public Libraries and of course posted on Youtube. Finding a DVD and playing it from your computer with good speakers attached (or through a TV monitor with good speakers) is a great way to bring a jazz concert into your own home.

DVD Series /Anthologies

Ken Burns "Jazz," 10-disc, historical

Jazz Icons Series, esp. shows on Thelonious Monk, Charles Mingus, Duke Ellington, Bill Evans, and Ella Fitzgerald.

Harlem Roots (incl. "Soundies" of the Ellington and Basie Bands)

Erroll Garner in Performance

The Intimate Duke Ellington (Live studio concert, highly recommended)

Jammin' the Blues

Harlem Renaissance

The Story of Jazz

1920s - 1930s – Dramatic

The Jazz Singer

St. Louis Blues

Black and Tan

Symphony in Black

1940s - Dramatic

Cabin in the Sky

Stormy Weather

Birth of the Blues

New Orleans

A Song Is Born

The Fabulous Dorseys

1950s -Dramatic

Young Man with a Horn

The Benny Goodman Story

Fine and Mellow

St. Louis Blues (w/ Nat King Cole)

The Five Pennies

Anatomy of a Murder (Duke Ellington score)

1960s -- present- Various

The Fabulous Baker Boys

The Gig

Shadows

Straight, No Chaser (Monk)
(documentary)

Universal Mind of Bill Evans
(Documentary)

'Round Midnight - Dramatic
Trane Tracks (John Coltrane)

The Miles Davis Story

Bird (Charlie Parker biopic)

Lady Sings the Blues (Billie Holiday
biopic)

Mo' Better Blues

Kanas City (highly recommended)

New York, New York

The Triplets of Belleville (feature-length
animation: Jazz soundtrack)

Difficult to obtain dramatic films dealing with jazz musicians

A Man Called Adam, *Paris Blues*, and
Sweet Love Bitter