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OXYGEN FOR THE EARS

Living Jazz

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“Oxygen for the Ears: Living Jazz”

Documentary film, USA, 2012, 93 min, HD, stereo, color

"*Oxygen for the Ears: Living Jazz*" is a story of the trials and triumphs of jazz in America. Like every jazz tune with a starting point - a simple note - from which the music starts its journey and rises, "*Oxygen for the Ears*" portrays Washington D.C. as such a departure point for its documentary story, "*Living Jazz*".



Jazz's rich history is showcased through personal stories and performances by living legends and contemporary stars of the powerful Washington D.C. jazz scene. Hear the music of giants who made their names, in part, in Washington D.C., including Duke Ellington, Jelly Roll Morton, Billie Holiday, Stan Getz, Charlie Parker, Lester Young, Billy Taylor, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, and others. The journey continues with jazz's history-makers, such as Buck Hill, Butch Warren, Andrew White III, Maurice 'Brother' Lyles, Joe Byrd, and Lennie Cuje, among others, who contribute music, show the audience today's real jazz scene, and tell stories from venues along U Street (DC's "Black Broadway"), such as the historic Howard Theatre and illegal after-hour clubs.

Stunning performances and candid interviews with rising stars, such as Esperanza Spalding, Eric Lewis, Chuchito Valdes, Ben Williams, Ravi Coltrane, Brian Settles, Antonio Parker, Dwain Adell, Jimmy 'Junebug' Jackson, Akua Allrich and others, are joined by jazz historians and members of the Capitol's jazz community, to show that D.C. remains an epicenter of jazz that music bubbles and bursts beyond. "Oxygen for the Ears: Living Jazz" recognizes jazz's rich history and its uncertain future. Dr Martin Luther King

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Featured Jazz Performances and Interviews

Dwayne Adell, *pianist*
Akua Allrich, *singer*
Larry Appelbaum, *Library of Congress*
Tedd Baker, *saxophonist*
Elijah Jamal Balbed, *saxophonist*
Colombia Barrosse, *US Department of State*
Bohemian Caverns Big Band
Joe Byrd, *guitarist and bassist*
Ravi Coltrane, *saxophonist*
Lennie Cuje, *vibraphonist*
Dr. Bernard Demczuk, *George Washington University*
Luis Faife, *saxophonist*
Marc Fisher, *The Washington Post*
Zach Graddy, *saxophonist*
Buck Hill, *saxophonist*
DeAndrey Howard, *trumpeter*
Jimmy "Junebug" Jackson, *drummer*
Knud Jensen, *saxophonist*
Tamika Love Jones, *singer*
Grace Kelly, *saxophonist*
William Knowles, *pianist*
Eric Lewis, *pianist*
Brad Linde, *saxophonist*
Maurice "Brother" Lyles, *drummer*
Donvonte McCoy, *trumpeter*
Prof. Connaitre Miller, *Howard University Music Department*
Antonio Parker, *saxophonist*
Prof. Chris Royal, *Howard University Music Department*
Little Royal, *singer*
Blair Ruble, *Keenan Institute*
Mark Ruffin, *SiriusXM Satellite Radio*
Mark Saltman, *bassist*
Brian Settles, *saxophonist*
Esperanza Spalding, *singer and bassist*
Dr. Billy Taylor, *pianist*
Michael Thomas, *trumpeter*
Chuchito Valdés, *pianist*
Prof. Patrick Warfield, *University of Maryland Music Department*
Butch Warren, *bassist*
Ernie Watts, *saxophonist*
Andrew White III, *saxophonist, oboist and publisher*
Ben Williams, *bassist*
Steve Wilson, *saxophonist*

Credits (abridged)

Director	Stefan Immler
Producers	Tom Abel Cathy Abel Stefan Immler
Co-Producer	Thomas Walker
Written by	Stefan Immler Thomas Walker
Camera	Stefan Immler Manuel Lavalle Corey Williams Mike Ratel Silvina Gatica Anthony Lafleur Thomas Walker
Editor	Stefan Immler
Narrators	Erik Todd Dellums Darryl Tittley
Production Assistants	Silvina Gatica Dario Stuth Enrico Stuth Adam Bryant
Production Stills	Carlyle V. Smith @ Soulfotography.com
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Jazz Performances Filmed at:

HR57 Center for the Preservation of Jazz and Blues
Bohemian Caverns
Columbia Station
Jazz Loft @ Red Door
Twins Jazz
Utopia
Indulj Lounge
Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Kennedy Center Jazz Club
Jazz in the Garden National Gallery of Art

Production Stills



Pianist Dwayne Adell performing on set.



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Dr. Billy Taylor on set at the Kennedy Center.



Esperanza Spalding and director Stefan Immler.



Columbia Barosse and director Stefan Immler on set at the U.S. Department of State.



Director Stefan Immler, narrator Erik Todd Dellums and co-producer Thomas Walker.

Production Stills



Singer Tamika Love Jones performing.



Singer Akua Allrich performing.



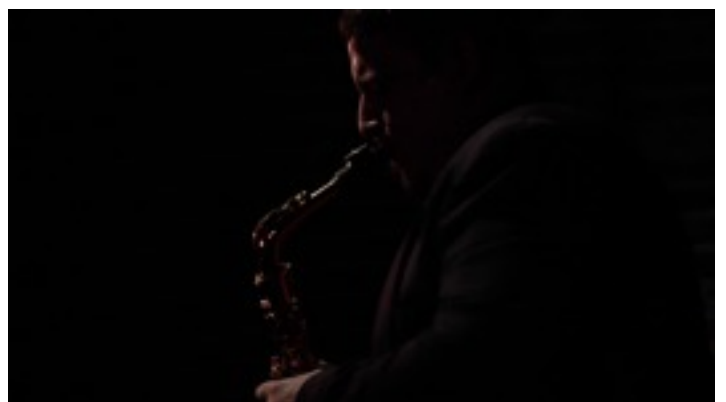
Trumpeter DeAndrey Howard performing.



Drummer in Malcolm X Park, Washington, D.C.



Pianist William Knowles performing.



Saxophonist Luis Faife performing.

Production Stills



Saxophonist Andrew White III performing.



Saxophonist Antonio Parker performing.



The Bohemian Caverns Big Band.



Latin Jazz Pianist Chuchito Valdes performing.



Director Stefan Immler on set.



Rockjazz pianist Eric Lewis performing.



Bassist Butch Warren performing.