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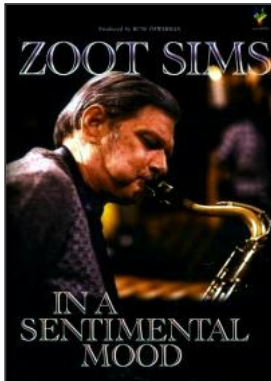
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Zoot Sims - In a Sentimental Mood
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Zoot Sims *In a Sentimental Mood* [MVD Visual](#) rating: 3.5 stars

The name of Zoot Sims will not say much to the young lovers of this music. Yet it was one of the great tenor sax jazz classic, one of the last forty years and the next decade.

An imaginative improviser, who formed his style on the example of Lester Young and

became known as part of "Four Brothers," the famous sax section of Woody Herman's orchestra's 1947/49. Among the four was the most exuberant and boppistico in the last years of life accentuated his lyricism and a certain fullness websteriana.

This DVD goes back to November 1984, four months before his passing, not yet sixty years old and it shows all the value, despite the cancer with which he struggled. The footage was taken in Sweden, in the living room-library Sonet Records, the label for which he had recorded a few years before *The Sweetest Sound*, with guitarist Rune Gustafsson.

This is again with him and, along with bassist Red Mitchell, creates an ideal climate that allows him to express himself better.

The DVD also has a pleasant conversation between Mitchell and saxophonist evoking moments of his musical history and takes us from one track to another. Zoot Sims in appearance but is weakened when it wields his old selmer music flowing fluid and serene, supported by that sample synthesis capacity he had taken from Lester Young: a cantabile style, a soft voice and a taste for the subtleties that it was a masterful interpreter of ballads. And in this movie to be more of a ballad, from "In a Sentimental Mood," which outlines an exemplary Zoot, ending with "Autumn Leaves". Its partners are so as effective in supporting both discrete rhythmic interventions soloists.

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