

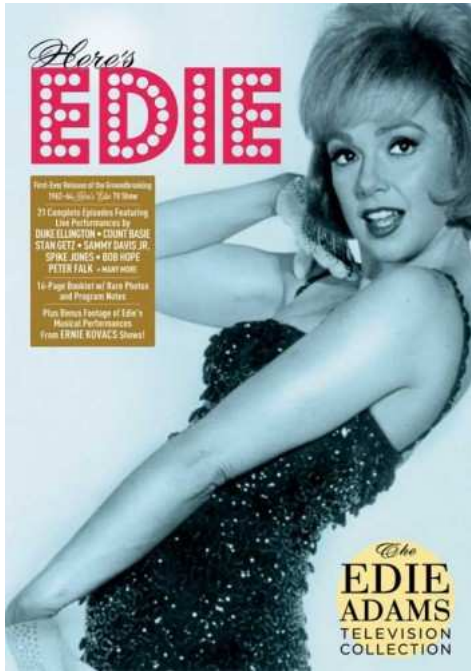
Disc News: Edie Adams' TV Shows Come to DVD

by Joe Corey on September 5, 2013

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Edie Adams was a major part of Ernie Kovacs television success. Besides being an amazing co-star who could play in his comic world, she had a lovely voice. When Ernie passed away, she found herself starring in her own variety show that featured quite a few legendary guests. Joshua Mills and Ben Model, the team behind the previous *Ernie Kovacs Collections* have put together *Here's Edie: The Edie Adams Television Collection*. Besides all the episodes of her series, they have been able clear some of Edie's musical moments from Ernie's shows as bonus features. This promises to be a real treat for fans of Edie and Ernie. Here's the press release from MVD:



More Than 50 Years in the Making,

Here's Edie: The Edie Adams Television Collection DVD Features Entertainers' Complete Series and Bonus Material

Featuring Ernie Kovacs

Newly Transferred Four DVD Box Set Features 12 Hours of Never-Seen-Since-Broadcast Early Sixties Here's Edie and The Edie Adams Show Variety Show Packed in a Lush 16-Page Booklet with 'Lost' Bonus Clips Confirmed for November 19

Iconic Performers Include Guest Stars Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Stan Getz, Andre Previn, Sammy Davis, Jr., Bobby Darin, Johnny Mathis, Nancy Wilson, Buddy Hackett, Bob Hope, Dick Shawn, Rowan & Martin, Peter Falk, Sir Michael Redgrave, Zsa Zsa Gabor and Many More

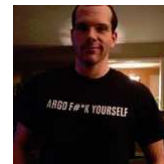
LOS ANGELES, CA (MONDAY AUGUST 5, 2013) – More than 50 years after it premiered on the ABC network, the variety shows *Here's Edie* and *The Edie Adams Show* (www.edieadams.com) are set for release on DVD and digital formats. This is the first time either television show has been seen in any format since its original broadcast more than a half a century ago.

Produced and Distributed via MVD Entertainment Group (www.mvdb2b.com) in association with Ediad Productions, *Here's Edie: The Edie Adams Television Collection* is set for release in stores across North America and Internationally on November 19, 2013. This DVD set is now available to preorder at Amazon.com, Seeofsound.com, Edieadams.com and other online retailers.

The 'wow' factor of this box set resides in the eclectic guest stars Edie Adams was personally able to secure for the show. Jazz fans will be able to see, rare performance footage of giants, such as Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Stan Getz, Lionel Hampton, Woody Herman and Al Hirt, among others. Popular vocalists include Sammy Davis Jr., Bobby Darin and Johnny Mathis and more. Comedians include Bob Hope, Rowan & Martin, Soupy Sales along with Buddy Hackett, Dick Shawn and Terry-Thomas who co-starred with Adams in the classic motion-picture *It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World* (1963). Classical music fans can look forward to performances of Andrew Previn, Lauritz Melchior and Laurindo Almeida. Additional guests include Allan Sherman, Spike Jones, Peter Falk, Sir Michael Redgrave, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Buddy Hackett and more.

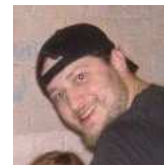
Unlike any variety show before or since, *Here's Edie The Edie Adams Television Collection* is a tour-de-force for a female entertainer in the early-1960's. After the sudden passing of her husband Ernie Kovacs (www.erniekovacs.com) in January 1962, Adams forged ahead with her own headlining show, showcasing her many talents. Adams hosts, sings, dances, acts, does comedy, takes an uncredited role of costumer Enke and also produces her own show. While much has been said of Adams' preservation efforts of the Ernie Kovacs archive,

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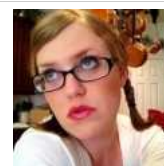
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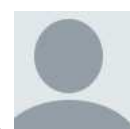
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she also left behind a stunning body of her own work that survives due only to her indefatigable preservation efforts.

This 12-hour, four DVD set features a new digital transfer from original 2-inch videotapes of the entire 1962-64 run of 21 episodes (with her famed Muriel Cigar commercials intact) plus extensive bonus footage. This material includes rarely seen Adams musical numbers from numerous Ernie Kovacs shows of the 1950's with introductions from Kovacs himself. Other bonus features include a set of commercial promos by Adams and another Mad World co-star Sid Caesar (whose The Sid Caesar Show alternated weeks with Edie's shows), a Muriel Cigars promotional film and more. Also included is a lush 16-page booklet packed with rare photos from the family archive, an essay from Edie's son Joshua Mills and a show-by-show rundown from Ernie Kovacs and Edie Adams curator and DVD co-Producer Ben Model.

Directors for Adams shows included Barry Shear and Joe Behar (who also directed many episodes of Ernie Kovacs's shows) as well as Steve Binder (The T.A.M.I Show, Elvis Presley's '68 Comeback Special), which helped forge each episode as a unique program unto itself. Conceptualized by Adams, her shows were not only themed but also taped in-studio as well as on location. This includes entire episodes shot in a Las Vegas hotel/casino nightclub, another on the streets of London, one shot entirely in the sparse Nevada desert and another in New York City to accommodate her busy schedule.

Priced to own at \$49.95 SRP, Here's Edie: The Television Collection from MVD and Ediad Productions offers fans what they have been waiting for, but never knew existed for more than 50 years.

About MVD

MVD Entertainment Group (previously known as Music Video Distributors, Inc) was founded in 1986 by Tom Seaman, an industry veteran of more than 40 years, whose background includes retailing stints with Record Hunter, Sam Goody, Musicland, CBS Retail, and wholesale experience with Jem Records. MVD initially acted primarily as a one-stop, buying all labels' music-related VHS releases and reselling to music and video stores. Getting involved with DVD early, MVD called upon its strong relationships with content holders, labels, artists, and management to become a world leader in music DVD. In 2006, MVD expanded further and launched an audio CD division based on these same strong relationships with suppliers and customers. Since then, MVD has expanded to also distribute vinyl, collectible figures, and a variety of digital content.

About Ediad Productions

Formed by the late entertainer and Muriel Cigar girl Edie Adams, and currently run by her son Joshua Mills, Ediad Productions is home to what is likely the largest independent archive of early American television in existence. With more than 150 half-hours of content from legendary comedian Ernie Kovacs, as well as two seasons of Edie Adams' prime time variety show from the mid-1960s, Ediad Productions is a treasure trove of classic popular entertainment. Titles in the archive include "The Ernie Kovacs Show," "Ernie in Kovacsland," "Take A Good Look" (clues), the Kovacs specials for ABC, "The Edie Adams Show," "Here's Edie" and much more. Ediad Productions is the go-to archive for television, digital & mobile entertainment content and is based in Los Angeles, California.

Here's Edie: The Edie Adams Television Collection

DISC ONE

*Here's Edie Pilot Airdates: April 9, 1962, May 26, 1963 (as Special #7)

Guests: Dick Shawn, André Previn

*Special #1-"New York"

Airdate: October 23, 1962

Guests: Duke Ellington and His Orchestra, Peter Falk, the Claremont String Quartet

*Special #2-"London"

Airdate: December 13, 1962

Guests: Sir Michael Redgrave, the Piccadilly Buskers, the Grenadier Guards, the Third Air Force Band, and the children of London.

*Special #3-"Bossa Nova"

Airdate: January 20, 1963

Guests: Stan Getz, Laurindo Almeida, the Roger Wagner Chorale, Jerry Fielding and His Orchestra (plus cameos by Don Rickles and Cesar Romero)

*Special #4-"Las Vegas"

Airdate: February 26, 1963

Guests: Charlie Barnet, The Eligibles, the Earl Barton Dancers, Jerry Fielding and His Orchestra, Eddie Fisher

*Special #5 -"Western"

Airdate: March 16, 1963

Guests: Hoagy Carmichael, Rowan & Martin, Hank Henry, the Homer Garrett Dancers, The Eligibles, Jerry Fielding and His Orchestra.

DISC TWO

Here's Edie(contd.)

*Special #6-"Love"

Airdate: April 19, 1963

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I agree. Next week's shuffle will hopefully change the pace up a bit esp since if Tadhana loses...

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The Edie Adams Show (After the show returned from a summer break, it was given a new title.)

*Special #1

Airdate: September 26, 1963

Guests: Zsa Zsa Gabor, Eddie Sauter, Stan Getz

*Special #2

Airdate: October 10, 1963

Guests: Louis Nye, Maury Wills

*Special #3

Airdate: October 24, 1963

Guests: Al Hirt, Nancy Wilson

EXTRA -

Sid Caesar and Edie Adams promos

Song performances from Ernie Kovacs shows:

"Would I Love You (Love You, Love You)"- Ernie in Kovacsland, July 6, 1951

"My Funny Valentine" – Ernie in Kovacsland, August 23, 1951

" 'S Wonderful" – Kovacs on the Corner, January 1952

"I Feel a Song Coming On" – Kovacs Unlimited, May 28, 1952

"Mississippi Mud" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, January 4, 1956

Marilyn sings "Ballad of Davy Crockett" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, January 4, 1956

"Paradise" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, January 23, 1956

"Get Happy" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, January 26, 1956

"A Sunday Kind of Love" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, January 30, 1956

DISC THREE

The Edie Adams Show (contd.)

*Special #4

Airdate: November 7, 1963

Guests: Allan Sherman, The United Nations Children's Choir; plus regulars George Furth, Don Chastain, Peter Hanley

*Special #5

Airdate: November 21, 1963

Guests: Don Chastain, John Hendricks, Lauritz Melchior, Count Basie and His Band; plus George Furth

*Special #6

Airdate: December 5, 1963

Guests: Sammy Davis Jr., Mitzi McCall & Charlie Brill; plus Don Chastain, Peter Hanley

*Special #7

Airdate: December 19, 1963

Guests: Rowan & Martin, André Previn; plus Don Chastain, Peter Hanley

*Special #8

Airdate: January 2, 1964

Guests: Pete Fountain, Cliff Norton; plus Don Chastain, Peter Hanley

EXTRAS – Song performances from Ernie Kovacs shows:

"Everything I Have Is Yours" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, April 12, 1956

"Dancing on the Ceiling" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, April 17, 1956

"Chicago" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, April 20, 1956

"I Could Have Danced All Night" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, April 26, 1956



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"Summertime" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, June 12, 1956

DISC FOUR

The Edie Adams Show (contd.)

*Special #9

Airdate: January 16, 1964

Guests: Terry-Thomas, Spike Jones,

*Special #10

Airdate: February 6, 1964

Guest: Bobby Darin

*Special #11

Airdate: February 20, 1964

Guests: Woody Herman and His Band, Jack Sheldon, Mitzi McCall & Charlie Brill

*Special #12

Airdate: March 5, 1964

Guests: John Raitt, Louis Nye, Charlie Byrd, Mitzi McCall & Charlie Brill

*Special #13

Airdate: March 18, 1964

Guests: Johnny Mathis, Soupy Sales, Alan Sues

EXTRAS – Song performances from Ernie Kovacs shows:

"To Keep My Love Alive" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, June 27, 1956

"Take Me in Your Arms" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, July 24, 1956

Medley: "Lullaby of Broadway" & "42nd Street" – The Ernie Kovacs Show, August 27, 1956

Muriel promotional film (1965)

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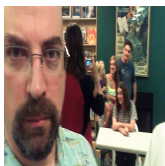
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