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During the past few years, Edie Adams' husband, comic Ernie Kovacs, has been the subject of a number of nifty DVD collections. Now it's Adams' turn.

"Here's Edie: The Edie Adams Television Collection" (2013, MVD, unrated, \$50) is a wonderful tribute to the Kingston native who, after Kovacs' death, toplined "Here's Edie" (which was later renamed "The Edie Adams Show.")

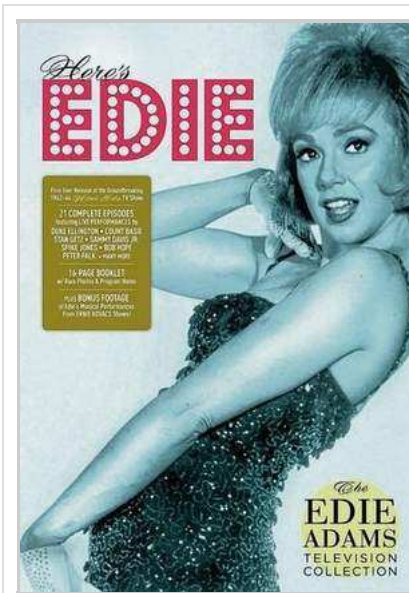
The boxed set collects all 21 episodes on the series on four discs. There are informative liner notes by her son Josh Mills and program breakdowns by Ben Model, who also curated the Kovacs sets.

The comedy segments of the shows have dated badly, but the musical interludes showcasing the likes of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Sammy Davis Jr. and Nancy Wilson are wonderful. Particularly terrific are the segments showcasing Adams with Bossa Nova legends Charlie Byrd, Stan Getz and Laurindo Almeida.

Adams was born Edith Elizabeth Enke in Kingston. She and her folks as well as brother Sheldon spent most of her childhood moving around NEPA. They lived in Shavertown, Grove City and Trucksville before winding up in Tenafly, N.J., where Adams graduated from high school.

Reportedly, Adams began singing while living in Grove City. Both Edie and her mother, Ada, were members of the Grove City Presbyterian Church choir. Adams would go on to study voice at Juilliard and regularly perform classical numbers on "Here's Edie."

More than 50 years after Adams wound up her TV run, this set is a wonderful reminder that the singer/actress/comedienne was a lot more than just Kovacs' sidekick.



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