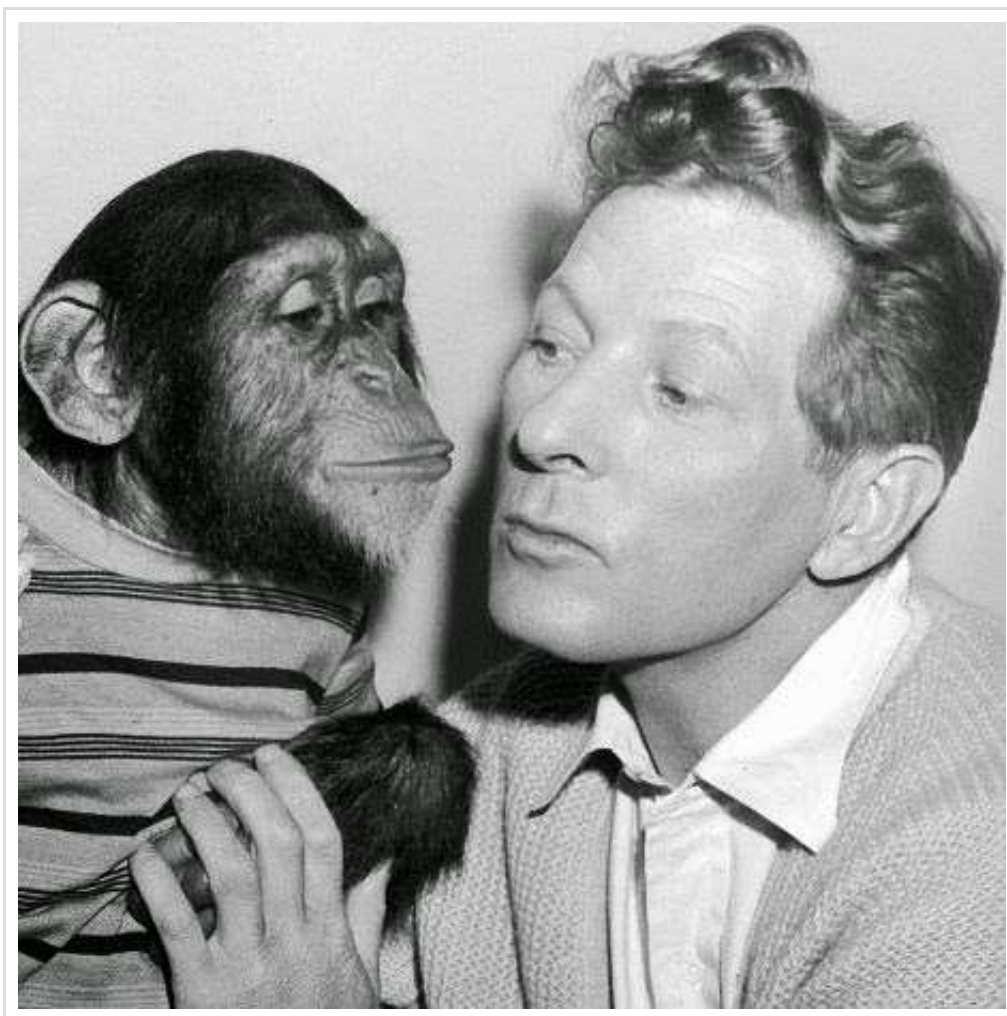


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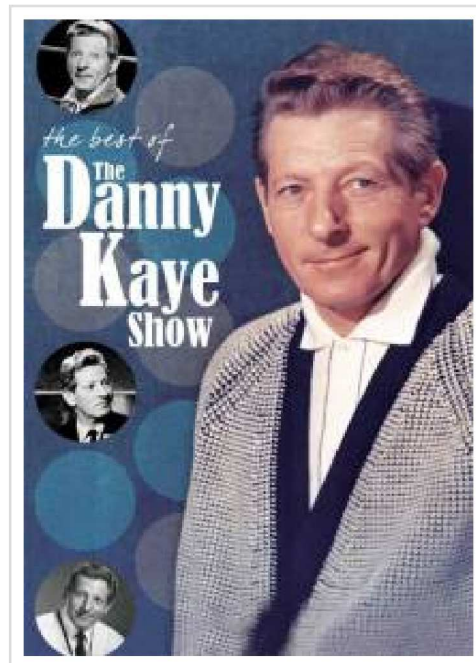


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(MVD Visual)

3.5 stars out of 5

Danny Kaye was at the height of his popularity when “The Danny Kaye Show” premiered on CBS in 1963. A star of the stage and screen, Kaye was ideally suited for hosting a variety show. “The Best of The Danny Kaye Show” features six uncut episodes from the show’s four-year run available for the first time on DVD.



While it’s probably misleading to call this two-disc a “best of,” it is nice to see episodes featuring Jackie Cooper, Gene Kelly, Art Carney, Harry Belafonte, Liza Minelli and Ella Fitzgerald. Kaye got to sing, dance and clown around with the guests and stable of recurring players that included Harvey Korman, Jamie Farr and Joyce Van Patten.

The sketch comedy is pretty dated, though Kaye does his best to sell the bits, but it’s the musical numbers that make “The Best of The Danny Kaye Show” worth exploring. In addition to weekly solos by the host, viewers are treated to duets with Kelly, Minelli, Fitzgerald and a show-stopping rendition of “Hava Nagila” with Belafonte. This is a nice trip down memory lane. (*Jeffrey Sisk*)

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