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# DVD Review: America's Music Legacy - Dixieland Jazz

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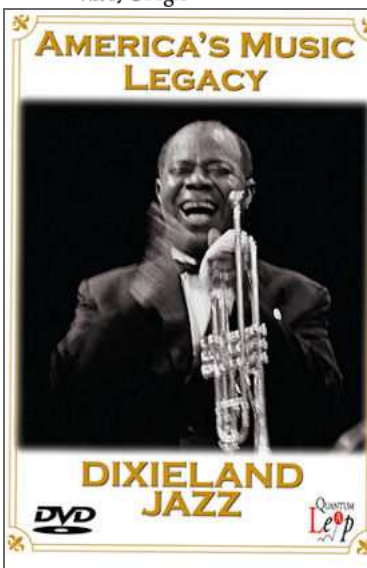
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Oh when the saints!

Go marchin' in.

Oh when the saints go marching in.

Kids growing up in Louisiana in the late fifties and early sixties learned the "call and response" technique of singing early on and often from that song. When the city of New Orleans was awarded an NFL franchise, it was a wildly popular decision to select the "Saints" as the team mascot/moniker. Heck, **Al Hirt** (<http://www.amazon.com/Al-Hirt/e/B000APYFWO>), trumpeter extraordinaire was a part owner. He often entertained at home games and led parades around the old Sugar Bowl (sometimes known in those days as Tulane Stadium).



Al Hirt also played host and was a featured performer on Quantum Leap's Dixieland Jazz DVD, part of their "America's Music Legacy" series. We recently reviewed other editions covering **Soul, Folk, and Blues.** (</entertainment/tv/article/dvd-review-americas-music-legacy-blues/>) In addition to Hirt's trumpet, viewers are treated to a fast paced amalgam of blues, ragtime, and other influences commonly known as "Dixieland Jazz".

Other performers include Woody Herman, champion banjo player, Scotty Plummer, Della Reese, Scatman Crothers and Irma Thomas. **Louis Armstrong** (<http://www.amazon.com/Louis-Armstrong/e/B000APTKDS>), Eubie Blake and **Fats Waller** (<http://www.amazon.com/Fats-Waller/e/B000AQ09K0>) are shown in film clips. Reese joins Hirt for a soulful cover of "Man With A Horn" and the New Orleans Jazz All-Star Band joins various headliners for expected covers of "Basin Street Blues", "South Rampart Street Parade", "When the Saints", and one of my personal favorites, the "Tiger Rag".

No matter how you answer the question, "Are you from Dixie?", if you enjoy music and



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