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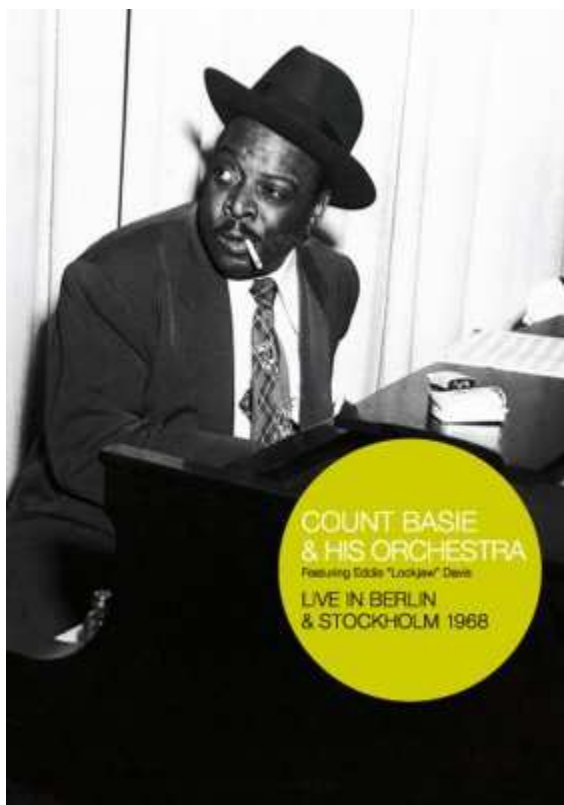
**Count Basie: Live In Berlin & Stockholm 1968**

archival big band footage for the first time on DVD...

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*Count Basie: Live In Berlin And Stockholm 1968* features the legendary

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musician/bandleader & His Orchestra jazzing out an eclectic blend of standbys, hits and covers from their 1968 European tour, now available for the first time on DVD.



Swing was the sound of William "Count" Basie for more than fifty years. At the keyboard, his exuberant style has been widely imitated. On the bandstand, he was the first to bring the jumping rhythms of Kansas City to a national audience.



Songs performed in Berlin, Germany, November 9, 1968 include "All Of Me", "Hittin' Twelve", "Blues For Ilean", "Bill Bailey", "On A Clear Day", "Cherokee", "Good Time Blues", "A Night In Tunisia", "Muddy Water Blues", "Whirly-Bird", "Lonely Street", "The Magic Flea" and "One O'Clock Jump".

Songs performed in Stockholm, Sweden, November 12, 1968 include "Splanky", "All Of Me", "Hittin' Twelve", "Blues For Ilean" and "Cherokee".

Both performances showcase the size, diversity and improvisational jazz chops of the band with players the likes of tenor saxophonist Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis, guitarist Freddie Green, trombonist Richard Boone, flute/alto Bobby Plater, clarinetist Marshall Royal, Eric Dixon, Grover Mitchell and Bill Hughes.



Throughout his big band career Basie received numerous music awards, including multiple Grammys, Hall of Fame inductions and a Kennedy Center Honor in 1981...

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