

What's New?

Gerry Mulligan: Jazz America (1981)

Gerry Mulligan -- MVDvisual

This film has the great baritone sax man fronting a quartet at a New York night club called Eric's in 1981. Anchoring the quartet is the great Billy Hart on drums, with Frank Luther on bass and Harold Danko on piano. The set begins with a rollicking version of "17 Mile Drive" from Mulligan's 1962 quartet with Bob Brookmeyer, and continues with "Around About Sundown," "For An Unfinished Woman," "Walk On The Water," "North Atlantic Run," "Song for Strayhorn," and finishing with "K-4 Pacific," a tune from his album, *Age Of Steam* from 1971. The film as a nicely recorded soundtrack. Each instrument is clear and ballanced, and there is a nice introduction by Mulligan about how he became interested in music. Recommended.

