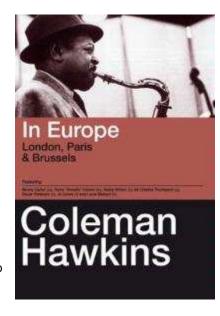
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Coleman Hawkins In Europe DVD

Review by Gary Hill

Coleman Hawkins was a real innovator in jazz music. Most critics consider him to the originator of using tenor saxophone as a solo instrument in jazz. This DVD assembles a number of Hawkin's performances in the 1960's (he died in 1969) into one cohesive video set. It's a great release from an archival point of view in that you get a lot of Hawkins for your dime. The music here is exceptionally strong and the sound quality for the time is mostly very good. The video is all black and white, but this was the 1960's, after all. The total running time is over two hours in length, so it's a lot of great music. I'd have to chalk this up as very good. It would have been nice to have some more liner notes and perhaps some bonus features, but really, with such good footage of a musician who is this important to his form of art, I can only complain so much.



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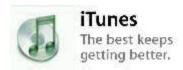












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