

LINDA HOPKINS:

As Seen On TV... 2 Programs on 1 DVD
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DEEP IN THE NIGHT

"Linda Hopkins be an entertainer alive on stage and spirit it rouses her on this. She's simple."

With special guests Paul Smith and

JIMMY WITHERSPOON

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GOIN' DOWN BLUES

"Jimmy Witherspoon's blues were classic, macho, tragic and vivid... Witherspoon stands out as having been the ultimate troubadour of sexual disaster. He ranked with Joe Turner and Joe Williams..."

—THE NEW YORK TIMES

With special guests Marshall Royal and John Collins

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About The Series

The Ad Lib Series is a collection of 46 concert TV programs presenting the best Jazz, Pop and Blues artists showcasing their skills with a Jazz flair. Seen on TV internationally, Ad Lib (filmed in 1980) was the first musical television series recorded in Stereo.

LINDA HOPKINS: One of a Kind

With special guests Paul Smith and Eddie Harris

"worthy of her idol Bessie Smith...Great Artist"

—Christopher Loudon, Jazz Times

Linda Hopkins fell in love with Blues music after seeing Bessie Smith perform. She starred in Broadway musicals such as *Jazz Train*, which celebrated the success of African-American music, and won a Tony Award for *Inner City*. Hopkins also created two famous tribute musicals; *Wild Women Blues*, a tribute to Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, and Bessie Smith, and more famously her one-woman show, entitled *Me and Bessie*, which she created in honor of her idol Bessie Smith.

Hopkins is joined on this DVD by special guests Paul Smith, Ella Fitzgerald's longtime pianist and arranger, as well as saxophone virtuoso Eddie Harris. With a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Hopkins has been recognized as a versatile entertainer, as well as one of the premiere voices of her generation.

SONG SELECTION

Show #13
Gimme A Pigfoot - Linda Hopkins
Please Send Me Someone to Love - Linda Hopkins
Deep in the Night - Linda Hopkins
Send in the Clowns - Paul Smith
You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You - Linda Hopkins
Everyday I Have the Blues - Linda Hopkins

Featuring Wray Downes (Piano), John Heard (Bass), Harold Jones (Drums), Paul Smith (Piano), and Eddie Harris (Saxophone)

Show #20

You've Been A Good Ole Wagon - Linda Hopkins
Feelings - Linda Hopkins
I Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do - Linda Hopkins
There Was A Time - Eddie Harris
Shake A Hand - Linda Hopkins

Length: one hour plus Bonus Features

DVD BONUS FEATURES

Linda Hopkins Biography
Paul Smith Biography
Eddie Harris Biography
Ad Lib Highlights Reel (16 Min.)
Digitally Mastered Audio & Video
Dolby Stereo Audio
Instant Access to Songs
DVD Recommendations

JIMMY WITHERSPOON:

Goin' Down Blues

With special guests Marshall Royal and John Collins

"Jimmy Witherspoon is a big, burly blues singer with a big, burly voice that matches his stature..." —John S. Wilson, New York Times

Blues legend and Arkansas native Jimmy 'Spoon' Witherspoon (1920-1997) was one of the premiere Blues musicians of the post-WWII era. He was a member of Jay McShann's band along with T-Bone Walker and Big Joe Turner, during which time they recorded "Ain't Nobody's Business," which became a massive hit and his signature song. He had numerous other hits including "Big Fine Girl," and "Times Gettin' Tougher Than Tough," which exemplified his musical style as a "blues shouter."

Jimmy Witherspoon is remembered as a quintessential Blues Man, but that only tells part of his story. With a style based in the tradition of the Big Band, Witherspoon was able to incorporate genres such as Jazz, Soul, Rock 'n Roll and R&B into his repertoire. Witherspoon's authentic and honest songs, and emotional vocal styling, propelled him from his humble beginnings into a genuine musical icon.

SONG SELECTION

Show #15
Good Morning Blues - Jimmy Witherspoon
Confessin' The Blues - Jimmy Witherspoon
Roll 'Em Pete - Jimmy Witherspoon & Marshall Royal
Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out - Jimmy Witherspoon
Jitterbug Waltz - Marshall Royal
Everyday I Have the Blues - Jimmy Witherspoon & Marshall Royal
Length: One hour plus Bonus Features

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DVD Recommendations

Featuring Wray Downes (Piano), John Heard (Bass), Harold Jones (Drums), John Collins (Guitar), Phil Moore (Piano), and Marshall Royal (Saxophone)

Show #12

Money's Getting Cheaper - Jimmy Witherspoon
Terry Gibbs - Jimmy Witherspoon
Goin' Down Blues - Jimmy Witherspoon
Go! To Chicago - Jimmy Witherspoon
I Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do - Jimmy Witherspoon
Roll 'Em Pete - Jimmy Witherspoon & John Collins
Dearly Beloved - John Collins
Till Tomorrow - John Collins
You Got Me Rumin' - Jimmy Witherspoon & John Collins

Artists Featured in the Ad Lib Series:

Dianne Reeves
Jimmy Smith
Jon Hendricks
Duke Ellington
Dorothy Donegan
O.C. Smith
Freda Payne
Stanley Turrentine
Count Basie
Red Norvo
Clara Bryant
Jimmy Witherspoon
Linda Hopkins
Lionel Hampton
Marilyn McCoo
Kenny Burrell
Ernie Andrews
George Shearing
Paul Smith
Billy Childs
Marshall Royal
Jerome Richardson
Willie Bobo
Cab Calloway
Ester Phillips
Blossom Dearie
Dimita Jo
Bill Henderson
Kenny Rankin
Terry Gibbs
Freddie Hubbard
Tanya Maria
Helen Humes
Laurindo Almeida
Charles Brown
Mundell Lowe
Mark Murphy
Pete & Conte Candoli
And many more!

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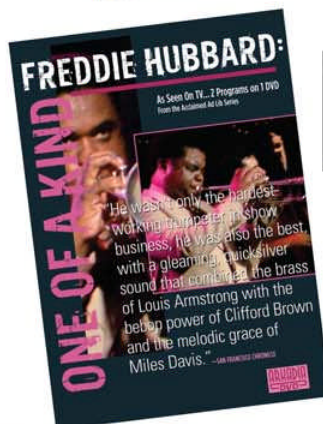
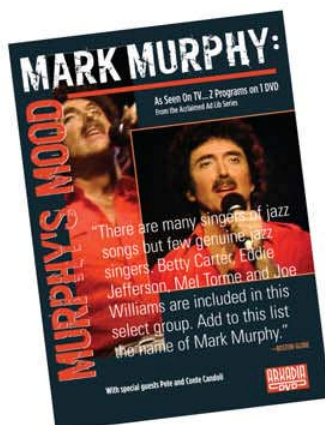
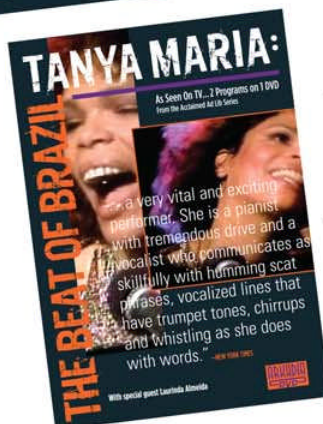
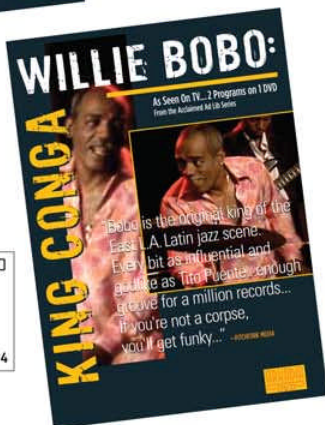
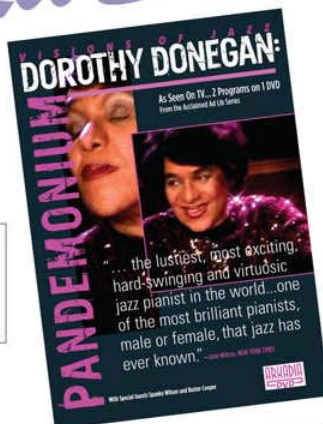
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