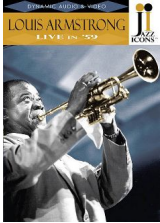


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Live in Belgium 1959

When It's Sleepy Time Down South

(Back Home Again In) Indiana

Basin Street Blues

Tiger Rag

Now You Has Jazz

Love Is Just Around The Corner

C'Est Si Bon

Mack The Knife

Stompin' At The Savoy

St. Louis Blues

Ko-Ko-Mo (I Love You So)

When The Saints Go Marching In

La Vie En Rose

Trumpet, Vocal : Louis Armstrong

Clarinet: Peanuts Hucko

Trombone: Trummy Young

Piano: Billy Kyle

Bass: Mort Herbert

Drums: Danny Barcelona

Vocal: Velma Middleton

Jazz Icons: Live in '59 marks one of the few complete videotaped concert sets by Louis Armstrong & His All-Stars. This performance, aired on television in Belgium, catches the always entertaining Armstrong at a peak at this point in his career, as he suffered his first heart attack just over a month later and took it a little easier for the remainder of his performing career.

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Joined by trombonist Trummy Young, clarinetist Peanuts Hucko, pianist Billy Kyle, bassist Mort Herbert, and drummer Danny Barcelona, the cornetist delivers a familiar set list including his theme song, "When It's Sleepy Time Down South," pop favorites, his current hits, and classic jazz. Young provides a great foil for the leader, especially in their vocal duet of "Now You Has Jazz" and with their instrumental swordplay in a rousing "Tiger Rag." Barcelona is featured in "Stompin' at the Savoy," resulting in a brief reprise of the tune after the enthusiastic audience response. Singer Velma Middleton is added for the hilarious duet with Armstrong of "St. Louis Blues" and "Ko-Ko-Mo (I Love You So)." The camera work and sound quality (using only a single stage microphone and another overhead) are excellent; there are a few tape glitches and occasional brief audio flaws, though they are easy to overlook. The tireless effort in remastering this long hidden video and Rob Bowman's detailed liner notes add to the value of this essential Louis Armstrong DVD. ---Ken Dryden, Rovi

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