

PROFESSOR SONNY BUXTON

SPRING SESSION – 2017

THE COUNT, THE DUKE, THE KING: A STORY OF THREE BANDS

Week 1 April 10 – DUKE ELLINGTON

A DUKE NAMED ELLINGTON – a documentary – New York, (Harlem) In the 20s; Irving Mills; Cotton Club days; New York, the 30s; Duke and the movies; Duke, the bandleader –

Week 2 April 17 – BENNY GOODMAN

BENNY GOODMAN – ADVENTURES IN THE KINGDOM OF SWING  
A biography including rare footage from the 20s and 30s, studio rehearsals, Home movies, rare audio tracks and video footage recounting his life –

WEEK 3 APRIL 24

In celebration of Ellington's birthday, April 29 – 1899, and Ella Fitzgerald's Birthday, April 25, 1917, we'll screen footage of Ellington's first Sacred Concert, filmed in San Francisco at Grace Cathedral, and Ella with Duke in Switzerland.

WEEK 4 MAY 1 – COUNT BASIE

COUNT BASIE – THEN AS NOW, COUNT'S THE KING  
Many people feel that the true "King of Swing" was William Count Basie. The documentary, through voices and images of those close to Basie, sets out to make a case. It traces his history from Kansas City as a pianist, composer and band leader.

WEEK 5 MAY 8 – COUNT BASIE – LIVE IN "62

Basie recorded, in concert, in Sweden, leading, perhaps, the best of all The Basie bands – the one known as "The Second Testament."

**WEEK 6 MAY 15 – BENNY GOODMAN**

**Benny Goodman, live in Copenhagen, at the historic Tivoli Gardens, is some of his finest post big band work.**

**We will also revisit Benny Goodman at Carnegie Hall in 1938.**

**WEEK 7 MAY 22 – DUKE ELLINGTON – TIVOLI – 1969**

**We revisit the fabled Tivoli Gardens, this time with a full orchestra led by Duke Ellington.**

**MAY 29 – HOLIDAY – NO CLASS**

**WEEK 8 JUNE 5 – COUNT BASIE AT CARNEGIE**

**This is a combined celebration for the Count: his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and 50 years as a band leader. The concert includes special guests: Sarah Vaughan, Joe Williams, George Benson, Tony Bennett, and the Basie band, led by Count Basie.**