



**An Award-Winning Documentary Film on DVD
The Life and Music of a Legend**

NEW DVD RELEASE

ALBERTA HUNTER

MY CASTLE'S ROCKIN'

NARRATED BY BILLY TAYLOR

An American Film Festival Winner, this performance documentary DVD, *Alberta Hunter: My Castle's Rockin'*, explores the life, times, and music of a Blues and Jazz pioneer, singer and humanitarian Alberta Hunter. Complete with a full-length concert live from the Cookery in Greenwich Village, as well as rare vintage footage and interviews, this DVD captures the spirit of the "Jazz Age," while simultaneously showcasing Alberta Hunter's timeless vocals and music. Narrated by renowned pianist Billy Taylor, the DVD features the music of her friends Louis Armstrong, Bessie Smith, King Oliver, Paul Robeson and Fats Waller, among others.

"An exhilarating, moving portrait of an extraordinary woman..." – Los Angeles Times

After achieving success for over 40 years with starring roles on Broadway, international tours, and more than a dozen hits, including... *Downhearted Blues*, which became Bessie Smith's biggest hit in 1923, Alberta left show business at age 62 to become a nurse. Twenty years

SELECTIONS INCLUDE:

- MY CASTLE'S ROCKIN'
- TWO-FISTED DOUBLE-JOINTED ROUGH AND READY MAN
- DARKTOWN STRUTTER'S BALL
- DOWNHEARTED BLUES
- I'VE GOT A MIND TO RAMBLE
- BLACK SHADOWS
- I'M HAVIN' A GOOD TIME
- HANDY MAN
- YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME HOME
- THE LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU



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- ▶ Blue Ribbon, America Film & Video Festival
- ▶ Booklist Editor's Choice, American Library Association
- ▶ Silver Apple, National Educational Film Festival
- ▶ Heart of America Award, America legion Auxiliary



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later, she was forced to retire. Still full of energy, and known for her independent spirit and often naughty lyrics, she returned to singing with a critically acclaimed comeback, making her more popular than in her heyday.

"...fascinating ...a revelation...a welcome addition to music lovers' video collection" -USA Today

For this important film, Alberta opened her personal archives to Producer / Director Stuart Goldman, sharing materials never seen before in public and giving her last filmed interview prior to her death at age 89. Featuring her own provocative and witty performances, this DVD is a wonderful and fitting tribute, preserving the legacy of an iconic American original, Alberta Hunter.

"...a thoroughly professional and informative documentary... consistently delightful..."

- Cadence Magazine

DVD BONUS FEATURES...

- Alberta Hunter Biography
- Narration by Billy Taylor
- Digital Dolby Stereo Audio
- Digitally Remastered Audio & Video
- Instant Access to the Songs
- Four Bonus Audio Tracks



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