



Jazz Film & Discussion Series

[Dallas Public Library](#), in partnership with the [Music Library](#) and the [Division of Jazz Studies](#) at the University of North Texas, will host a free film, discussion, concert, and tour series called *Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form*. Programs will be offered throughout the spring on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m., at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, 75201. Local sponsors for the program are the [Texas! Music Center](#) and [WRR Classical 101.1 FM](#).



Looking At: Jazz explores the cultural and social history of jazz as it developed in the United States. Film and discussion sessions, led by outstanding local jazz scholar, [Dr. John Murphy](#) of UNT, will be presented in the Central Library's Fine Arts Division, 4th floor, in the Performance Space.

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| January 27 | New Orleans: The Birthplace of Jazz |
| February 10 | The Jazz Age and Harlem as a Center of Jazz |
| February 24 | Jazz Vocalists |
| March 10 | The Jazz Swing Era |
| March 24 | Jazz Innovators: From Bebop, to Hard Bop, to Cool and More |
| April 14 | Latin Jazz and Jazz as an International Music |

Jazz bands from the University of North Texas will be presenting two concerts as part of the series. Both programs will be in the 1st floor auditorium of the Central Library.

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| February 3 | UNT Jazz Repertory Orchestra . John Murphy, Director |
| April 7 | UNT Latin Jazz Ensemble. José Aponte, Director |

The series will conclude on April 21 with two events highlighting Dallas's own contributions to jazz. From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the [Texas! Music Center](#) will host "In Our Own Backyard," a tour of local sites related to the history of jazz, blues, and ragtime in the city. (Space is limited; reservations will be required.)

The tour will be followed by a jazz trio concert featuring pianist Kent Ellingson from the [Booker T. Washington High School for Performing and Visual Arts](#). The concert will begin at 2:30 p.m., in the Bradshaw Gallery on the 4th floor of the Central Library. Texas! Music Center will also host an exhibit of local jazz items to be on display at the library throughout the series.

For more information, please contact the library's Fine Arts Division at 214-670-1643. A complementary series will also be presented at the University of North Texas in Kenton Hall on the Denton Campus. For details, call the UNT Music Library at 940-565-2860.

Looking At: Jazz, America's Art Form was organized nationally by [Re:New Media](#) in partnership with the [American Library Association](#) and [Jazz at Lincoln Center](#). A web site is available with more information about the series nationwide, including audio and video clips and essays by leading jazz scholars. The project is supported by a major grant from the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#).