

A man wearing headphones and a brown hoodie is seated on a black leather piano stool, playing a black grand piano in a recording studio. The studio has wood-paneled walls and a light-colored wooden floor. Various pieces of recording equipment, including microphones on stands and a mixing console, are visible in the background.

Jonesy

The Magic of the Music

Featuring
Mike Jones
A documentary by
Jennifer Szabo



Logline

Las Vegas jazz pianist Mike Jones looks to describe with words the feeling of swinging jazz music with his performer friends.

Synopsis



Meet Mike Jones, Las Vegas-based jazz pianist and music director for Penn & Teller. He has spent his life dedicated to the pursuit of swinging jazz. Unfortunately, whenever he explains his passion to non-musicians, they just don't get it.

Follow Mike as he meets up with jazz musicians, rock musicians and even magicians from all over as they play music and discuss how to convey to the world their passion for swinging jazz.

The World of Jonesy

A world of great jazz and great fun!



Music, magic and some cats thrown in for fun! Full of people who are passionate and silly all at once.

The Music



A film about swinging jazz would not be complete without some swinging music. Jonesy plays standards from the 1920's through today highlighting the styles of Oscar Peterson, Duke Ellington, and many others.

The People



Magician Penn Jillette, Mike Jones, Drummer Jeff Hamilton

Mike Jones is featured in this documentary about what it means to swing in jazz. He would know, he's spent his life dedicated to playing jazz piano with some of the greats. We follow him in his life in Las Vegas as he meets up with some of the best musicians.

Featured alongside Mike are fabulous musicians in their own right although not all of them are known for their music. Some of these people include Penn & Teller, Jeff Hamilton, Alex Frank... and many more.

The Creators

Jennifer Szabo - Producer & Director

Jennifer is a web content creator, a juggler, and a brand new filmmaker. She got a first hand look at the world her friend, Jonesy, lives in and wanted to find a way to share that with the world.



Mike Jones - Producer & Featured

Mike has played the piano since he was 3 years old. In that time he's performed with some of the greatest jazz musicians in the world. He has composed music for film, television, video games, and Broadway. Currently he is the music director for Penn & Teller - appearing nightly in Las Vegas.



A photograph of a living room. On the left, a man in a blue t-shirt and dark pants is playing a double bass. Behind him is a black piano with "KAWAI" written on the side. On the wall is a framed poster for Oscar Peterson. In the center, a wooden staircase with white balusters leads up. On the right, a man in a red t-shirt, blue jeans, and glasses is sitting on the stairs, petting a black dog. He has tattoos on his arms and is wearing a small earpiece. The floor is tiled, and there are some cables on the ground.

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