

Benny Goodman

Clarinetist, Big Band Leader, Famous Figure In Jazz



“The King Of
Swing” (Encyclopedia
Brittanica)

Biography

- ☐ Born - May 30, 1909 - Chicago, IL
- ☐ Started playing clarinet at age 10
- ☐ Played in early Broadway musicals, with other big bands like Tommy Dorsey's Band
- ☐ Led his own bands for 50+ years.
 - ☐ 1938 - First band leader to racially integrate his band - Lionel Hampton (vibraphone), Teddy Wilson (piano), and Charlie Christian (guitar)
 - ☐ 9 years before Major League Baseball was integrated - Jackie Robinson joins Brooklyn Dodgers
- ☐ Died - June 6, 1982 - New York, NY (aged 77)



Benny Goodman Quartet - 1938 (Stanford University)

VJ/DJ

- ☐ "Sing, Sing, Sing" (From The 1937 film Hollywood Hotel)
- ☐ Why - It is his most well known tune, and arguably the most well known tune of the swing era.
- ☐ Tunes List - "Sing, Sing, Sing", "Avalon", "Moonglow", "Stardust", "Don't Be That Way", "After You've Gone", "Slow Boat To China", "All Of Me", "Goody, Goody", "Perfidia"

Genre Journalist



Benny Goodman Orchestra (WordPress)

- ☐ **Big Band/Swing-** consisted of a band of saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a rhythm section (piano, guitar, bass, drum set). Every band had a leader, who was in charge of running and directing the band.

- ☐ **“The music was often written to showcase soloists who were, or intended to be, supported by the ensemble.” (FactMonster)**

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