

American Film and Video Association
Evaluations

The International Sweethearts of Rhythm

30 min. color 16mm & video 1986. Sale: \$425(16mm);
\$295(video). Rental: \$55(16mm & video). Directed by Greta
Schiller & Andrea Weiss.

Distributor: The Cinema Guild.

Synopsis: Uses performance and archival footage plus
contemporary interviews to tell the story of the famous
multi-racial, all women's jazz band of the 1940s. It places the
Sweethearts, as an integrated band in the south, in a historical
context, examining the prejudices they faced as women and as
blacks.

Comments: An outstanding work! Well conceived and
constructed. Paced well with excellent editing and sound.
Good combination of archival materials and present day
interviews. Explains clearly the band's history and fits it into
the context of the period. Leaves audiences enthusiastic and
intrigued. Technical quality very good.

Age Level: High School--Adult

Uses: Useful for black history, women's studies, jazz history
and general entertainment.

Overall Rating: Blue Ribbon Winner, 1987 American Film &
Video Festival

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Subject Areas: Black Studies; History, U. S.; Music &
Musicians; Women's Studies