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Valentine's MONTH

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Genius Spotlight: **Nat King Cole**



One of the best parts of a holiday is the music! There are lots of love songs out there to listen to on Valentine's Day but perhaps none better than Nat King Cole's.

Nat King Cole was a famous singer and piano player. His mother, a church organist, taught him how to play the organ at a very young age. He started formal piano lessons in Chicago when he was 12, learning jazz, gospel, and classical music.

A few years later, Nat moved to Los Angeles and formed a jazz band, The King Cole Trio. One night, when they were playing a show, someone asked Nat to sing. Once people heard what a good voice he had, they wanted to hear more!

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His singing career took off after that. Nat soon signed a record deal, reached #1 on the Billboard charts, and even had his own TV show.

He broke many barriers as a Black musician in the 1940s-60s.

Love was a theme throughout Nat's music, with hits like "L-O-V-E" and "When I Fall in Love." Although his career was cut short due to lung cancer, many of his love songs are considered some of the greatest of all time. Keep your ears open for Nat's music this time of year—and beyond!



King Cole Trio performing on NBC, 1947

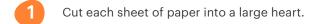


Musical Hearts Activity

Get your heart racing with this musical activity!

Materials list

- 5-10 sheets of paper
- Markers
- Music
- · Optional: Scotch tape



- Write an action (like "Jump on one foot" or "Hula Dance") on each heart.
- Have a parent place the hearts around a room, either carefully taped to the wall or placed on the floor.
- While a parent DJs a song (bonus points if you try out Nat King Cole!), walk around to the different hearts.
- When the music stops, stop and do what action it says!

