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Take the Savoy King to the NY Film Fest

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Chick Webb, drummer, band leader, and Swing music stylist extraordinaire, overcame formidable odds to become the king of Harlem's Savoy Ballroom. Filmmaker Jeff Kaufman tells his heroic tale in *The Savoy King: Chick Webb and the Music That Changed America*, which has just won a prized place in the New York Film Festival.

Jeff's a brilliant committed filmmaker who has produced 10 docs for Amnesty International (and he's a loyal *Cultural Weekly* reader). *The Savoy King* is another compelling work in his oeuvre. To give the film a strong launch, Jeff has started a crowdfunding campaign for promotional and marketing efforts. The project needs to raise \$5,000 by September 11, 2012.

Enjoy the short video below, then go to [The Savoy King's indiegogo page](#), and send this movie to the Big Apple with some swingin' *Cultural Weekly* style.

Photo: Chick Webb (big grin, lower left), Ella Fitzgerald, and Mario Bauzá (thumbs up) at the Savoy Ballroom.

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