

BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



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Artist **Various Artists**
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31 Swing And R&B Christmas Crooners
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INFO:

- **A nostalgic and varied Christmas compilation, not only for the holidays, either danceable or dreamy with a mixture of swing and jazz, rhythm & blues and crooner pop!**
- **Bear Family's latest edition of 'Season's Greetings' for 2020!**
- **Nostalgic Christmas with 31 Lindy Hop-Jitterbug-Boogie-Jive and Easy Listening rarities of the years 1940-1967!**
- **Among them the title song *Christmas Ball*, as well as the B-side of the rare 1951 Coral single of the Georgie Auld Orchestra with the great singer Bill Darnel, never before on CD!**
- **Knuckles O'Toole & The Brigadiers' version of *Jingle Bells* is also included, as well as New Year's goose bumps classic *Auld Lang Syne* in the worn version by Guy Lombardo, and the famous version of the classic *Sleigh Ride* in the interpretation of orchestra leader Leroy Anderson, also known from the movie 'Polar Express'!**
- **Besides The Andrews Sisters there are more ladies with their great voices, above all the stunning Dinah Washington, the crooner lady Dorothy Collins and last but not least Kay Martin, who makes it quite slippery and erotic.**
- **They are joined by Jerry Lewis, Cary Grant and Mickey Rooney, three movie stars from Hollywood's golden era with their really rare recordings!**
- **Also available as LP (BAF18070)**

Christmas Ball!

With this compilation we want to give more exuberance to the celebration of love, although some of the songs are nostalgic and dreamy and you might even feel transported back to your own childhood. This Christmas disc invites you to the Christmas ball, to dancing, to swinging, to contemplation and cheerfulness among family members, friends, like-minded people and guests. This music brings glamour into every hut, with all the candles, lights and crackling stoves, while outside it is snowing and stormy...

Again a parade of rarities for Christmas

As always, part of the concept is to focus on rare recordings that are not found on every Christmas collection. Accordingly, you should definitely get the previous 'Season's Greetings,' because then you can listen to all the CDs one after the other staying in Christmas fever. Some of the tracks are on CD for the first time. For example both sides of a single by the Georgie Auld Orchestra with the fantastic singer Bill Darnel, which was released on Coral at that time containing its title song *Christmas Ball*, as well as the B-side, *It Ain't Snowin' Outside*. Some exotic components come from The Surfers with Hawaiian sounds and The Enchanters with a mix of doo wop and mambo! For a laugh, the CD also contains a series of novelty recordings, from well-known and unknown greats like Barry Gordon, The Lennon Sisters and Kay Martin. Who remembers the touching Christmas movie classic with James Stewart? This film tempted us to involve some top movie stars with their comedic talents from Hollywood's golden era: Cary Grant, Mickey Rooney and Jerry Lewis! Rare recordings, but listen for yourself! Of course, the CD also comes with liner notes for each song, rare photos and many illustrations in the 24-page booklet!

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TRACKLISTING:

CD:

Georgie Auld & His Orchestra feat. Bill Darnell: Christmas Ball **Lous Prima & His Orchestra** : Shake Hands With Santa Claus
Bill Bronson's Overtones with The Tommy Ferguson Trio: Christmas Is On Its Way **Roy Milton & His Solid Senders:** Christmas Time Blues
Jo Stafford: Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! **Knuckles O'Toole & The Brigadiers:** Jingle Bells
The Andrews Sisters: Jing-A-Ling, Jing-A-Ling **Benny Goodman & His Orchestra feat. Peggy Lee:** Winter Weather
Georgie Auld & His Orchestra feat. Bill Darnell: It Ain't Snowin' Outside **Leroy Anderson & His "Pops" Concert Orchestra:** Sleigh Ride
Art Mooney & His Orchestra: The Christmas Choo Choo Train **Lawrence Welk's Little Band feat. Janet, Brian, Cubby & The Lennon Sisters:**
Outer Space Santa **Barry Gordon:** Zoomah, The Santa Claus From Mars **Fred Waring & The Pennsylvanians with The Glee Club:**
Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer **Dorothy Collins:** Mister Santa **Cary Grant:** Christmas Lullaby **Mickey Rooney:** Susie, The Snow Girl
Kay Martin & Her Body Guards: Come On Santa, Let's Have A Ball **Kay Martin & Her Body Guards:** Santa's Doing The Horizontal Twist
Dinah Washington: Ole! Santa **Ramsey Lewis Trio:** Christmas Blues **Dave King & The Keynotes:** Hotta Chocolata
Tina Robin: Winter Wonderland Cha Cha **The Enchanters:** Mambo, Santa, Mambo **The Surfers:** Here Comes Santa Claus In A Red Canoe
Louis Armstrong: Christmas In New Orleans **Noël Chiboust Et Son Orchestre, feat. Django Reinhardt:** Noël Blues
Jerry Lewis: I've Had A Very Merry Christmas **Johnny Otis & His Orchestra:** Happy New Year, Baby
Ramsey Lewis Trio: What Are You Doing New Years Eve **Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians:** Auld Lang Syne

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Various Artists:
Big City Christmas
30 Groovin' And Croonin' Christmas Tunes



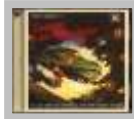
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Various Artists:
Christmas On The Countryside
27 Honky Tonkin' Christmas Country Songs



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Various Artists:
Have Yourself A Swingin' Little Christmas
14 Jazz And R&B Chestnuts For Your
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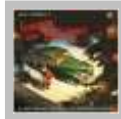
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Various Artists:
Yulesville!
33 Rockin' Rollin' Christmas Blasters For The
Cool Season



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Various Artists:
Have Yourself A Swingin' Little Christmas
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Various Artists:
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14 Swing And R&B Christmas Crooners



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Various Artists:
Christmas On The Range
26 Festive And Swingin' Country Tunes



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