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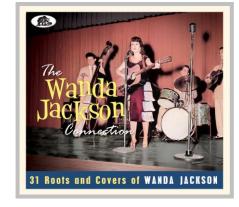
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INFO:

- On the occasion of her 85th birthday on October 20, 2022, Bear Family Records® congratulates her with this unique compilation of originals and rare cover versions of classic Wanda Jackson hits!
- This edition from our 'Connections' series brings the songs in chronological order as Wanda Jackson recorded them at the time, plus additional versions at the end of the CD.
- On 31 tracks from 1953-2007 we show the influences of the Queen of Rockabilly on the international music scene.
- In addition to cover versions of Wanda Jackson titles, you can also listen to originals that Wanda Jackson covered in the 1950s.
- Among them we hear a whole series of famous singers, such as Brenda Lee, Chuck Berry, The Collins Kids, Roy Orbison and Bobby Bare.
- Wanda Jackson is also celebrated beyond the U.S., with performers from Australia, Great Britain, Italy, and the Netherlands.
- Many rarities are included, including some recordings for the first time on CD, such as those by Bix Bryant, Betty McQuade, and Shirley Jean Wiley.
- With Ray Campi, Rosie Flores, Lou Ann Barton and The Ladybirds, musicians of the recent past also pay tribute to Wanda Jackson.
- The 36-page color booklet includes a foreword by Rosie Flores, the story on the subject written by noted music journalist Bill Dahl, and of course many photos and memorabilia, some rare!

Queen of Rockabilly

Although Wanda Jackson is also a gifted country singer, she made a lot of rock 'n' roll noise in the mid-1950s, which not only put her in the headlines as the first woman of the genre, but also catapulted her into the charts. She had a mega-hit with *Let's Have A Party* that became a classic, as did *Mean Mean Man, Fujiyama Mama* and quite a few others. All her classics and more can be heard on this compilation in versions by other artists, with some real rarities.

Party

Let's Have A Party is Wanda Jackson's biggest success, a true Rock 'n' Roll classic and can even be heard here in three different versions. Moreover, Wanda recorded this song several times during her entire career. Original versions of songs Wanda Jackson recorded later, such as Hot Dog! That Made Him Mad by Betty Hutton, The Collins Kids' Party, or Annisteen Allen's Fujiyama Mama, are also included.

We've also included interesting cover versions from the 1950s and 1960s on this CD, plus, for the first time, recordings from the more recent past by Ray Campi, Rosie Flores, Terry White, Lou Ann Barton, and others.

Wanda's career is highlighted from early 1956 (Joyce Hahn *I Gotta Know*) to 1965 (Ria Valk *Santo Domingo*). Incidentally, Ria Valk sings *Santo Domingo* in Dutch, while Wanda Jackson's original is sung in German, with which she had a huge hit in Germany. An additional and especially historic highlight is a Wanda Jackson cover by Rosie Flores

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with a previously unreleased live recording of the title *I Gotta Know* together with the German band Rumble On The Beach! The CD is accompanied by a 36-page color booklet containing the background story written by Chicago music journalist Bill Dahl, as well as a wealth of illustrations!

TRACKLISTING:

CD:

Joyce Hahn: I Gotta Know Ray Campi & His Rockabilly Rebels: Honey Bop Betty Hutton: Hot Dog! That Made Him Mad Sunny Gale: Hot Dog! That Made Him Mad Terry White: Cool Love Annisteen Allen: Fujiyama Mama Eileen Barton: Fujiyama Mama Lydia & Her Melody Strings: Just A Queen For A Day The Collins Kids (Larry & Lorrie): Party Rikki Henderson: Let's Have A Party Naltz Shirley Jean Wiley: Long Tall Sally Terry V Shane Fenton & The Fentones: Sparkling Brown Eyes Thelma Blackmon: I Wanta Waltz Terry White: Mean Mean Man Rosie Flores: Rock Your Baby Vicky Young: Riot In Cell Block No. 9 Brenda Lee: Kansas City Skeeter Betty McQuade: Tongue Tied Davis: Right Or Wrong (I'll Be With You) J Ann C Trio: Funnel Of Love Fabian: Tongue Tied Bobby Bare: So Soon Connie Francis: Fallin' Jenny Luna: Stupid Cupid Chuck Berry & His Combo: Brown Eyed Handsome Man Roy Orbison: Candy Man Bix Bryant & The Raiders: Let's Have A Party Ria Valk: Santo Domingo (Fernando, Alfredo En José) Rosie Flores with Rumble On The Beach: I Gotta Know (unissued live recording) Lou Ann Barton: Mean Mean Man

The Ladybirds: Man We Had A Party

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