

# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



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Artist **Various Artists**  
Title **Santa Swings...The Windup**  
**27 Christmas Stockings Full Of Shellac Dust**  
Label Bear Family Records  
Catalog no. BCD17714 Price code: AB  
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Genre Christmas, Jazz, Swing  
No. of tracks 27 approx. 78:00 min.  
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## INFO:

- **Bear Family Records® went to the bottom of the shellac box for this Christmas collection.**
- **No jingling bells, no ho-ho's or weird reindeer voices.**
- **Instead, swinging jazz at its best, rousing swing of the '30s and '40s, highly danceable, elegant but cool, performed by seasoned jazz musicians.**
- **Featuring Glenn Miller, Paul Whiteman, Louis Armstrong, Charlie Barnet, Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, Putney Dandridge, Jimmy Ray, Stew Pletcher, Alvino Rey, Stuff Smith and many others.**
- **Annotations for each song in the liner notes in the accompanying booklet.**
- **Carefully compiled edition, remastered from the best possible sources.**

Shellac instead of stardust: when Santa Claus takes off his boots and unpacks the gramophone after his work is done: Bear Family Records® delves deep into the shellac box!

No intrusive bells, chumming ho-ho's or strangely distorted reindeer voices: Every year around the same time the displays of the department stores are bending with hastily and often suspiciously similar compiled 'swing' samplers, since *"swing is coming back."* Our journey through the depths of various shellac racks, however, brought to light quite a number of undiscovered treasures. Thus we could stand up for the true 'Spirit of Swing'. Thrilling music of the '30s and '40s, highly danceable, elegant but cool, performed by expert jazz musicians, at the time pressed onto a mélange of shellac, slate flour, soot and cotton flakes, to be played with a steel needle (or optionally cactus spikes for lower volume) at an unbelievable 78 RPM and .... extremely fragile. 'Windup', by the way, refers to the suitable playback device with a crank; from today's point of view, very sustainable and environmentally friendly!

Big names like Glenn Miller - with a very special Jingle Bells version, recorded live on Dec 24, 1941!!! - Paul Whiteman, Louis Armstrong, Charlie Barnet, Count Basie or Ella Fitzgerald as well as Putney Dandridge, Jimmy Ray, Stew Pletcher, Alvino Rey or Stuff Smith have expressed themselves in their own way on the subject of Christmas and be it that during *Jingle Bells* the horses run completely wild (*Jingle Bells* by Bill Harty, obviously vocalist Ella Logan is having fun).

Ranging from charming to irreverent, Bear Family Records® finally provides a great celebration for all fans of real swing music, as Las Vegas came much later. On 'Santa Swings The Windup' there are several premieres on modern audio media. For friends of high-quality vinyl, a solid selection of 14 tracks appears on long-playing record, pressed on red vinyl (BAF18074).

## TRACKLISTING:

### CD:

**Louis Prima and his New Orleans Gang:** What Will Santa Say (When He Finds Everybody Swingin') **Bob Crosby and his Bob Cats (vocal: Marion Mann):** Blow Blow Thou Winter Winds **The Ramblers Orchestra (vocal: Marcel Thielemans):** Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!  
**Louis Armstrong and his Orchestra:** I Hope Gabriel Likes My Music **Count Basie and his Orchestra (vocal: Helen Humes):** And The Angels Sing **Monette Moore and the Ebonaires Orchestra acc. by Phil Moore:** Peace, Sister, Peace **Glenn Miller and his Orchestra, Intro spoken and sung by Glenn Miller and Paul Douglas (vocals: Tex Beneke, Ernie Caceres and The Modernaires):** Theme, Introduction (Moonlight Serenade); Jingle Bells **Charlie Barnet and his Orchestra:** Ring Dem Bells **Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra (vocals: Jack Teagarden and Johnny Mercer):** Christmas Night In Harlem **Johnny Guarnieri with Slam Stewart:** Santa's Secret **Chick Webb and his Orchestra**

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(Vocal: Ella Fitzgerald): There's Frost On The Moon    Louis Armstrong and his Orchestra: Snow Ball    Putney Dandridge and his Orchestra: Santa Claus Came In The Spring    Jan Savitt and His Tophatters (vocal: Bon Bon): And The Angels Sing    Jimmy Ray and His Orchestra: I Told Santa To Bring Me You    Stew Pletcher and his Orchestra (vocal: Stew Pletcher, Red Norvo): I Hope Gabriel Likes My Music  
Joe Turner and His Memphis Men: Freeze And Melt    Teddy Wilson and his Orchestra: Sugar Plum    Bob Chester and his Orchestra (vocal: Betty Bradley): Winter Weather    Alvino Rey and his Orchestra (vocals: The Four King Sisters): Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town  
Ray McKinley and his Orchestra (vocals: Ray McKinley w. Jean Friley): Little Jack Frost Gets Lost    John Kirby and his Orchestra: Bounce Of The Sugar Plum Fairy    Vincent Lopez and his Suave Swing Orchestra (vocal: Penny Parker): (You're Just) As Cute As Christmas  
Stuff Smith and his Onyx Club Boys: Robins And Roses    Orchestra Bill Harty (vocal: Ella Logan): Jingle (Bingle) Bells    Don Redman and his Orchestra: Auld Lang Syne    Joel Cowan and Thorneil Swartz: Bells Of Auld Lang Syne

## ALSO AVAILABLE:

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



BCD17509 AB  
CD with 12-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102175091

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



BCD17508 AB  
CD with 12-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102175084

**Various Artists:**  
**Have Yourself A Swingin' Little Christmas**  
27 Jazz And R&B Chestnuts For Your Holiday Season



BCD17577 AB  
CD with 24-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102175770

**Various Artists:**  
**Yulesville!**  
33 Rockin' Rollin' Christmas Blasters For The Cool Season



BCD17608 AB  
CD with 28-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102176081

**Various Artists:**  
**Have Yourself A Swingin' Little Christmas**  
14 Jazz And R&B Chestnuts For Your Holiday Season



BAF18069 R  
12inch LP, green vinyl, 30cm  
EAN: 5397102180699

**Various Artists:**  
**Headin' For The Christmas Ball**  
14 Swing And R&B Christmas Crooners



BAF18070 R  
12inch LP, red vinyl  
EAN: 5397102180705

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



BCD17612 AB  
CD with 24-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102176128

**Various Artists:**  
**Headin' For The Christmas Ball**  
14 Swing And R&B Christmas Crooners



BAF18070 R  
12inch LP, red vinyl  
EAN: 5397102180705

**Various Artists:**  
**There's Trouble Brewin'**  
16 Serious Rockin' Crackers for your Christmas Hop



BAF18071 BAF  
12inch LP, green vinyl  
EAN: 5397102180712

**Various Artists:**  
**Here Comes Santa Claus**  
14 Swinging Chestnuts



BAF18072 BAF  
12inch LP, red vinyl  
EAN: 5397102180729

**Various Artists:**  
**Have Yourself Another Swingin' Little Christmas**  
More Fingerpoppin' Tunes For Your Holiday Season



BAF18073 BAF  
12inch LP, red vinyl  
EAN: 4000127180735

**Various Artists:**  
**Here Comes Santa Claus**  
29 Swinging Chestnuts



BCD17619 AB  
1-CD with 24-page booklet  
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More Fingerpoppin' Tunes For Your Holiday Season**



BCD17631 AB  
1-CD with 20-page booklet  
EAN: **4000127176318**

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BAF18074 BAF  
12inch LP, red vinyl  
EAN: **4000127180742**