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## **NEW RELEASES**

AND RE-RELEASES

Alty (J) AY22-0013

"X'MAS FROM GREAT OLD FRIENDS"

Same as Stash ST-125.

(Yuze)

Atlantis (E) ATSD-2 "DUKE ELLINGTON" (CONCERT AT CARNEGIE HALL 1952" (2-LP Set)

Same as FDC-1005/1006 "DE - 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

CBS Sony (J) 30AP-3200 "NEW YORK CITY STORY"

"Take The A Train" (same as on Columbia includes (Yuze) CS-8515.

Blue Note BT-85129

"MONEY JUNGLE"

Same as the "old" Money Jungle but 4 additional titles: Rem Blues / A Little Max (Parfait) / Switch Blade / Backward Country Boy Blues These additional titles are issued for the first time. And worth observation is that the sound on all selections are now superior due to remix with (Nielsen) digital technique. DEMS: George Wein is on the sleeve completely mistaken about the three titles as now being issued for the first time. It seems traditionally to be a very hard thing to do correct liner notes.

Century 20 EL-5503

Contains the following DE tracks: 21Jan51 (Metropolitan Opera House): The Mooche / Ring Dem Bells / Take The A Train / 27Jun53: Blue Jean Beguine / Whitout A Song / Jun53: Hy'a Sue / Just Squeeze Me

Squeeze Me
The 27Jun53 selections previously on Joyce LP-1079, and the last two selections previously on Joyce LP-4015. (Moulé)

Circle CLP-104

"DE AND HIS ORCHESTRA" "VOLUME FOUR"

1Dec43 It Don't Mean A Thing (3 takes) / Johnny
Come Lately (2 takes) / Creole Love Call (3 takes) /
Somebody Loves Me / Jack The Bear / Harlem Air Shaft (3 takes) (Towers) tills, the rourth volume in the series, is just as interesting as the previous ones. Jack Towers reports that the producers, George H. Buck, Jr. and Wendell Echols, plan to have all nine volumes out by the end of 1987.

Doctor Jazz FW-40359

"NEW MOOD INDIGO"

SIDE A: 18May65: The New Mood Indigo (-24) / 3Jul62: Jump For Joy (-1) / The Feeling Of Jazz (-4) / 29Mar66: West Indian Pancake (-2) / Veldt Amour (-3) Amour (-3)
SIDE B: 10May66: Wings And Things (-?) / 5Jan66:
In The Alley / Sassy / UPH / Portrait Of Pea /
3Jul62: Mack The Knife (-2)
DEMS: "Mood Indigo" is the same as 12F (in the Radio is the same as 12F (in the Radio DEMS: "Mood Indigo" is the same as 12F (in the Radio Denmark series), but on the sleeve said to be from Japan, June 1964. "Joy" is the same as 2E, and earlier issued on M.F.D. (2536-D). "Feeling" is the same as 4D and 37G, and is NOT the same as the M.F.D. version. "Pancake" was not broadcast. The next title is originally as "Veldt-Amor", and the same as 27E. "Wings" is in our files as from 10May66, but in the liner notes as from 29Mar66. Then follows 4 titles by 'The Mercer Ellington Septet' (RN, JH PG HC, Chick Corea(p) AB LBsn), which however means Mercer is not blowing his horn. which however means Mercer is not blowing his horn. "Pea" is here not the same take as in 13F. "Mack" is the same as 4E.

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## SCUSSIONS - ADDITIONS CORRECTIONS

On the Victor issue of BLACK, BROWN & BEIGE doesn't Rex Stewart play on the "WEST INDIAN DANCE"? All discographies, including Wax Works, show that Rex was not on the date and in fact joins the band a days later. Apparently it is a case of someone putting down wrong information, and everybody else repeating the error. Maybe Rex missed part of the repeating the error. Maybe Rex missed part of the Dances. (Towers) DEMS comment: The original Victor BB&B recording Sheets state only four trumpet men (TJ RN SH CA). Why? (Rex' name is added on the 4Jan45 recording date).

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(location and date undisclosed), for Feather to take the special copy home with him to England. Trumpeter Cootie Williams, "who was still in the studio and for some reason playing the trombone", was persuaded to play some blues, with Ellington at the piano, for the other side of the "Rugcutter" acetate. Feather concludes: "The autographed copy of these two numbers is still the only one in existence and remains in my possession after a half-century." As a result of Feather's claim, there is plenty of room for speculation. (Stratemann) DEMS: New find. Note: "Wax Works" entry 41-25 has the date as 6Sep41.

Harris of the Duke Ellington Society's New Tolk Chapter. Interastingly, Leonard Feather, in "The Jazz Years" (Quartet Books Ltd., 1986), gives an account of the production of just such an acetate of "Rugcutter" that leaves us with the question if TWO such recordings might exist. As told by Feather, Ellington agreed to sing and play the "novelty song onto an acetate at the end of a recording session (location and date undisclosed), for Feather to take

Pablo 2308-247 (DEMS86/4-1): The error regarding GUITAR AMOUR in the "DE IN THE UNCOMMON MARKET" album was not made lightly or politely, but carelessly. It was, you might say, a case of falling asleep at the switch! But I am glad Herr Renberg was alert because the album has not yet been issued in asleep at the switch! But I am glad Herr Renberg was alert, because the album has not yet been issued in the U.S. and I think it will be possible to correct both this and the mistake made in the label copy of IN A SENTIMENTAL MOOD. One advantage Herr Renberg had over me was that Duke's spoken introductions were not on the tape from which I worked, but this is not offered as an excuse, because I am very familiar with PARIS BLUES, more so than with GUITAR AMOUR. (Dance) GUITAR AMOUR.

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## HE ELLINGTON SOLOISTS

(11):

DUKE ELLINGTON and JIMMY BLANTON

Duke Ellington's affectionate acknowledgement of the stride/ragtime piano stylings of his early hero, James P. Jphnson, would seem to be well-confirmed by the confident, two-fisted piano work during Bars 57 to 72 of this extract. But the spacious voicing of, and blues-inspired dissonances built into his vibrantly orchestral six-part chords (in Bars 58 and 61 respectively - repeated in Bars 66 and 69) are pure Duke. And, all the while, those sparkling exchanges with Jimmy Blanton go on.

The final 32 bars (73 to 88) display a definite shift of solo responsibility; Blanton's neatly-constructed, highly rhythmic and satisfying melodic variations are complemented by Duke's bell-like interjections within the brittle treble range of the piano - again in spreadeagled five-part chording, executed with that incisive tone that could originate from no other jazz pianist than Ellington.

The concluding sections of this performance-score will appear in the next issue of our Bulletin. (Rattenbury)

PITTER PANTHER PATTER

"SAD NEWS:" Tony Watkins died on June 28, 1986 in his home in Philadelphia.

Tom Whaley, Duke's long time copyist, arranger and friend, died on September 5, 1986 in New York City.

#### **NEW RELEASES**

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Overseas (J) UXP 790 V

"SWING JAZZ" "BEST COLLECTIONS"

Three DE items included: "Take The A Train", "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Sultry Susset" (dates and "Sultry Sunset" (dates not yet (Yuze) traced).

Overseas (J) UXP 791 V

"JAZZ VOCAL" "BEST COLLECTION"

Icludes one DE item, "Do Nothin' Till You Hear From Me" (origin not yet traced) (Yuze) Hoefsmit: I belive the date to be 26Aug63 and the same as on Rosetta 1313 (see below).

Pablo Live (J) 28MJ-3547 "DUKE ELLINGTON "IN THE UNCOMMON MARKET"

"DUKE ELLINGTON

Same as Pablo 2308-247.

Rosetta RR-1313

"DINAH WASHINGTON" "WISE WOMAN BLUES"

Includes one DE item: 26Aug63: Do Nothin' Till You Hear From Me See comments above for Overseas 791. (Hoefsmit)

Sierra Recorda (E) FEDB-5027 "REPLAY - DE"

Same as Allegiance AV-5007.

Tobacco Road B-2650

"DUKE ELLINGTON"

Alamo / In A Jam / Night Train / Bakiff / Just A-Settin' And A-Rockin' / Whitout A Song / I Miss Your Kiss / Moon Mist / Solid Old Man / Brown Betty / Hu-

moresque / How High The Moon / Cotton Tail / Lime-The sequence "Brown Betty...Limehouse Blues" naturally suggests Carnegie Hall, 13Nov48. The other tracks might be 1945/46 AFRS transcriptions. (Moulé)

#### TO THINGS

Up-To-Date UTD-2009

"DE - THE STUDIO SERIES VOL.8 1933-1967"

17Feb33 Blackbird Medley, Pt.2 (-C) / 1934 (from film s/t): Sophisticated Lady / 2Nov40 Junior Hop (-1) / 11Nov40 Charlie The Chulo ("-2") (see below) / 30Jun53 Basin Street Blues (mx 11623) / 1Jul53 Don't Ever Say Goodbye ("Untitled") (mx 11626) / 15Msy55 Look what I've Got For You ("The Blues") (mx 14096) / Commercial Time (mx 14097) / 18May55 Body And Soul (mx 14304) / 19May55 Once In A Blue (mx 14103) / So Long (mx 14105) / 29Jan57 Blues A La Willie Cook (no mx) / Slow Blues Ensemble (no mx) / Three Trumps ("Spacemen") (no mx) / 1967 Five Variations On A Single Commercial Theme DEMS: Here is another UTD release with extremely interesting things. All selections are new on LP except for 'Junior Hop -1', pre- viously issued on Time-Life STBB-21, and 'Charlie The Chulo -2' is an edited version using the start of take-2 spliced together with take-1 going into breakdown. The date 15Msy55 is both in DESCR and DEMSSR/1/6 as 17Msy55 edited version using the start of take-2 spliced together with take-1 going into breakdown. The date 15May55 is both in DESOR and DEMS84/1-6 as 17May55. "Look What I've Got.." is arranged by Rick Henderson, and "Commercial Time" is composed by Rick Henderson. The out of sequence mx no. for 'Body & Soul' was assigned at the session'. 'So Long', with vocal by JGsm, is what might be called a 'variation/extension' of the melody 'Blue Moon'. The 29Jan57 selections are from a so called 'Stockpile recording session', in this case with small band combinations. For the 'Five Variations ...', made for "Hot Shoppes" commercial use, we have no additional details - the theme, however, is very familiar, but at this time we are unable to tell the true title. true title.

### DISCUSSIONS/ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS (otd.)

S.R.O. C-38-7680 (compact disc)(see DEMS86/4-2) appeared first as a LP with catalogue number LRC YX-7361-SL, but without the following three tracks: "Wings And Things/C Jam Blues/Hawk Talks". (Moulé)

DEMS86/4-4 (Stratemann): According to the tape box in the Mercer-collection (a tape apparently made by CBC) Harry Carney and Mercer Ellington were invited by Henry (sic) Whiston (sic), CBC. Recording date 20Dec66.

There's an audio from a Canadian interview TV program circulating among collectors, with the following data: MAY, 1970, CBC-TV, Toronto, Canada, FRONT PAGE CHALLENGE. I have my doubts about the date, as Ellington mentions the fact that he is "stealing one of the men" from the program's house band. This, it seems to me, is a reference to Fred Stone, who initially joined the Ellington band for just one week, in April, while they were playing the Imperial Room of Toronto's Royal York Hotel (as they were again in May, of course). do you, or does anyone, have a precise date for the program? Aasland comment: I have the date as 3May70 for a CBC-TV recording originating from Toronto, but unfortunately not the name of the program consisting of a 10' Duke interview. There is another interview made earlier, 8Apr70, but originating from Vancover. Can anyone clarify? -(Strateman) There's an audio from a Canadian interview

The "Wax Works of DE, Vol.III" was years ago ready for publication but postponed. To meet with the heavy demand from many many members Benny Assland has finally been convinced to admit publication of the Chronological Section in the Bulletin, though not fully updated with the latest LP releases. There are however so many discographical values that we are quite certain that you will have a real good time investigating the material. The first eight pages are attached to this issue. Continuation will follow. For this first portion we will put your attention to the entry "45-7" where the various "The Mooche" release markings are left out. In this case we would appreciate help from our readers.



N.Y.C., 29 Nev 44

5) LIGHTER ATTITUDE (EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION)

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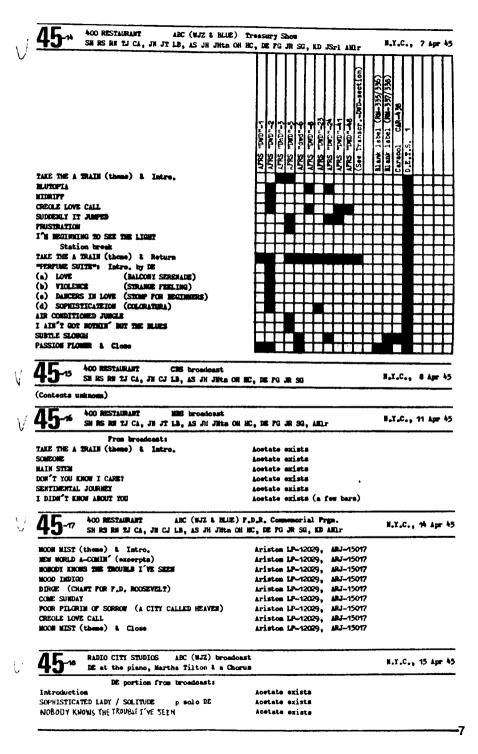
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KRAFT MUSIC HALL **HBC** broadcast Hollywood, 18 Jan 45 DE portion from broadcasts Bing Crosby chats with UE about the Enquire Concert. FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (pDE with John-Soott Trotter's Oroh.) AFRS "MUSIC HALL" 111, Bonsard 601 APRS recordings Unknown location Hollywood, Jan/Peb 45 Full band, exact personnel not known. Vos: Lene Horne, JSrl AFRS "JUBILIZE" 117 TAKE THE A TRAIN (theme) & Intro. AFRS "JUBILEE" 117 SUDDENLY IT JUMPED AFRS "JUBILEE" 117 I'M RECIMING TO SEE THE LIGHT AFRS "JUBILEE" 117 IT DON'T MEAN A THING AFRS "JUBILEE" 117 I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT YOU AFRS "JUBILEE" 117 I GET A KICK OUT OF YOU AFRS "JURILEE" 147 MIDRIFF AFRS "JUNILEE" 117 BLUE SKIES AFRS "JUBILEE" 117 TAKE THE A TRAIR (theme) & Close APRS "JUBILEE" 117 CAPITOL STUDIOS Recording Session Hollywood, 24 Feb 45 SOWNY CREER & DUKE'S MEN: 1J. 80 OH, DE PG RedCallender SG Note: DE - "Duke Brecks", confirmed by both ON & SG. MOOD INDIGO BUG IN A RUG THE MOOCHE THE MODEL CARDY LAMB CASA MANANA (Restaurant) AFRS Recording RS RH 1J CA, JR LB, AS JRts JR OH, DE FG JR MBwn, JSci ED ARLy (NC out) Culver City, 3 Her 45 TAKE THE A TRAIN (thome) & Intro. AFRS "EDDIE CONDON" 38 I'M REGIMNING TO SEE THE LIGHT APRS "EDDIE COMDON" 36 I AIR'T GOT HOTHIR' BUT THE BLUES AFRS "EDDIE COMDON" 38 BLUE SKIES AFRS "EBDIE COMPON" 38 BILLY BAND'S SUPPER CLUB RPAS "THE LAMPLIGHTER JAZZ SHOW" broadcast Mollywood, 19 Her 45 DE RS BB guests, In the Jum Bends Bud Wilson, Joe Sulliven, Relie Garber and Zutty Singulton Untitled BLUES & Intro. (DE cart) Acetate exists SOMEDAY SWEETHEART Acetate exists Coast Grand promo Acetate exists MUSCAT RAMBLE (DE out) Acetate exists Duke intro. Acetate exists (pDE, Sullivan out) MOOD INDIGO Acetate exists THE SHELK OF ARABY Acetate exists (DE out)

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# Duke's Canadian connection

### Genius of jazz made to feel welcome here

N the early 1970s, when the Duke Ellington band was playing the O'Keele Centre on one of its last tours, the tenor saxophone its last tours, the tenor saxophone soloist Paul Gonsalves came down from the stage and stood before a middle-aged woman in the audience, affectionately serenading her as the band accompanied him. While Gonsalves played and the woman shyly smiled, Ellington dedicated the number: "For Mrs. Anger, our dear friend."

She was the widow of Mr. Jus-

She was the widow of Mr. Justice Harry Dell Anger of the Omtario Supreme Court, who had formed a friendship with Ellington many years before. After her husband's death Mrs. Anger and her son, also a lawyer, became the guiding spirits behind the Duke Ellington Society in Toronto and Ron Anger became one of the most learned Ellington scholars

anywhere. Once, after a Massey Hall con-cert in 1960, the whole band attended a meeting of the society at the Angers' North Toronto home. The Angers were among many friends Ellington made in his long friends Ellington made in his long years of association with Canada — an association that will be examined this spring when the International Conference Of The Duke Ellington Study Groups meets in Canada for the first time (at the Inn on the Park, May 16-

Duke's Presence And Influence In Canada is the conference theme. Ellington frequently tour-ed Canada, from 1931 on, but in Toronto he found an exceptionally warm welcome. He came often to Shea's theatre, the Royal

York, the CNE, even Simpsons Arcadian Court - and developed an intense local following. He would often meet Toronto musicians (as he recalled later in typically ambiguous



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ambiguous
phrase) "to
sit and drink their gorgeous
Canadian rye all night while
benefiting from their critique of
my recent recordings."
In the 1940s and 1950s three
diac jockeys at the CBC — Elwood Glover, Dick McDougall
and Byng Whitteker — were a



Duke Ellington always had a special relationship with Canada

kind of Ellington fan club. "Toronto was a unique place in those days," Ellington wrote in his autobiography, Music Is My Mistress (1973). "Artistic per-spectives were adjusted to a strong natural state of individuality. Everybody in Canada seemed to listen to what they individually enjoyed, and nobody could tell them what to like, or what was popular, or what was the In thing. Even today, it is very hard to brainwash a Canadian."

The international Ellington conferences — this will be the fifth annual — combine scholar-ship and music. At the last one (at Rutgers University in New Jersey) a Danish scholar discussed his research on the chronology of Ellington compositions, someone gave a paper on Ellington's use of trombones, someone else showed obscure Ellington films.

There are always musicians — some of them survivors of the Elsome of them survivors of the Eliington band, some of the jazz
players who felt Ellington's influence. Clark Terry, who played
with Ellington, will be at the
Toronto conference; so will Ray
Bryant, the wonderful U.S. pianist who now lives in Toronto. The host organization will be the Toronto chapter of the Duke Ell-Ington Society, which (as Elling-ton once noted) "has always owed a greet deal of its health" to the Angers.

In the mid-1950s the band

played, with great success, at the young Stratford Shakespearean Festival. That event stirred Ellington's imagination, and he set to work with Billy Strayhorn on a suite called Such Sweet Thunder (from A Midsummer Night's Dream — "I never heard so Dream - "I never heard so musical a discord, such sweet

First performed in 1957, Such Sweet Thunder was dedicated to Stratford and to Ellington's Canadian friends. The individual tunes carried titles such as Sonnet For Caesar and Sonnet To Hank Cinq. In one piece Ellington brought together three trombones (the witches from Macbeth) and a baritone saxophone Iago from Othello) because he imagined that Lago and the witches had something to say to each other. In a piece inspired by A Midsummer Night's Dream, Clark Terry represented Puck.

Such Sweet Thunder was written when the band was recovering from the worst period in its history, when Ellington — deserted by some of his best players — had begun to seem outdated and in relevant as well as unpopular. In retrospect the idea of using Shake-speare — an idea that had occurred to a good many composers be-fore Ellington — seems to have given him fresh energy.

It brought forth his inherent sense of drams and his habit of using the soloists in his band like characters in a play. Ellington had

called himself an "amateur play-wright" in the past. Such Sweet Thunder turned out to be one of the most durable of his ambitious exercises in program music.

Ten years later, in 1967, he was involved in a much more unusual event. Louis Applebaum, who had brought him to Stratford, asked him to perform with Ron Collier's orchestra on a record of music by three Canadian composers: Collier, Norman Symonds, and Gordon Delamont. He would be playing music he hadn't written, in arrangements he hadn't supervised, with a band he hadn't chosen. Ten years later, in 1967, he was

rangements he hadn't supervised, with a band he hadn't chosen.

Applebaum said he wanted to exploit Ellington's genius to bring attention to the music — and, of course, enhance the record. Ellington agreed. He flitted in two Toronto studio days between concerts in Chicago and Kalamazoo, played beautifully, and left behind a remarkable record. That was an important event in the lives of the other musicians. One of them, Fred Stone (who died last month), later played flugel-horn in Ellington's band. horn in Ellington's band.

Some of the visitors who arrive. from Europe, the United States and the Orient at the Inn on the Park may find it surprising that their hosts are emphasizing Ellington's Canadian connections; but those connections were significant to him. And, as he wrote, "Canada has a character and a spirit of its own, which we should recognize and never take for granted."

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