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**ARTIST
TITLE**

**Various
Big 'D' Jamboree**

LABEL
CATALOG #
PRICE-CODE
EAN-CODE

Bear Family Productions
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FORMAT
GENRE
TRACKS
PLAYING TIME

8-CD Box-Set (LP-size) + 168-page hardcover book
Country / Rock 'n' Roll
285
685:56



- The dawn of rock 'n' roll, like you've never heard it before – live from Texas 1950-1958!
- Hear stars like Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Gene Vincent, Wanda Jackson and many more performing live at the dawn of their careers, sometimes singing songs they never recorded!
- State-of-the-art live recording for the day. Incredible atmosphere. Fabulous performances!
- Unseen photos and newly researched biographies fill out this incredible time capsule!

INFORMATION

We all know that the Grand Ole Opry wanted nothing to do with rock 'n' roll, while the Louisiana Hayride gave national exposure to Elvis Presley, Johnny Horton, and others. Well, the Hayride wasn't alone. The Big 'D' Jamboree in Dallas started with Texas country music but embraced the new music, giving an all-important break to Carl Perkins, Gene Vincent, and many, many more. In a nearly two-decade run that began in the aftermath of World War II, the Saturday night extravaganza packed the Sportatorium, a metal wrestling arena in a seedy neighborhood south of downtown.

Broadcast locally on KRLD and nationally on CBS radio, the Jamboree was an exuberant cross-section of the most vibrant country and rock 'n' roll music of the time, showcasing everyone from talented but largely forgotten singers such as Riley Crabtree, Orville Couch and Helen Hall to national figures, including Johnny Cash, Sonny James, Hank Locklin, Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Wanda Jackson and Gene Vincent. Rockabilly stalwart Ronnie Dawson got his start on the Jamboree, years before overseas fans revived his career. Charline Arthur, "a Janis Joplin before her time," leaped from amplifiers and belted out soulful, hard-core country from the arena's wrestling-ring stage before vanishing into a tragic obscurity.

This incredible collection had its inception in the mid-1990s when Dallas's David Dennard, inspired by Dawson's re-emergence, set out in search of recordings from the historic show. Everyone he spoke to said no such recordings were made, but Dennard found discs made for broadcast to American service personnel. He issued some on his DRAGON STREET label, but a more comprehensive collection was needed, and this is it: eight CDs, almost 300 tracks, most live from the show, along with bonus studio recordings. Writers Kevin Coffey, Stanley Oberst, Jay Brakefield and Alan Govonar, in collaboration with Dennard, produced the accompanying 168-page book rich with information on the times, the artists and the songs.



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TRACK LISTING

CD 1:

OCTOBER 21, 1950: Falstaff Beer Advert • **The Big D Gang:** Opening Theme • **Billy Jack Saucier:** Devil's Dream • **Jimmy Fautheree:** I'm Moving On • **Jimmie Heap:** Carbon Copy • **Ramona Reed:** If I Could Only Learn To Yodel

SEPTEMBER 25 (?), 1954: **Sid Erwin:** This Ole House (fragment) • That's All Right • There's A Big Rock In The Road

APRIL 28, 1956: SHOW #2: Introduction • **The Texas Stompers:** The Poor People Of Paris • **Orville Couch:** So Doggone Lonesome • **Eddie Shelton:** Flint Hill Special • **Commodores:** Two Loves • Have I • Didn't It Rain • Shake, Rattle & Roll • **Nancy Castleberry:** Ivory Tower • **Joe Poovey:** Honolulu Rock-A Roll-A • **The Texas Stompers:** Red Wing Stomp

MAY 5, 1956: SHOW #6: Introduction • **The Texas Stompers:** Ain't She Sweet • **Orville Couch:** Folsom Prison Blues • **Sid King:** Booger Red • Ooby Dooby • **Eddie Shelton:** Salty Dog Blues • **Carl Perkins:** Slippin' And Slidin' • Blue Suede Shoes

BONUS TRACKS: **Helen Hall:** Nothing Can Change My Love For You • I Need You All The Time • How Long • One Brown, One Black • **Betty Lou Lobb:** Chime Bells • Wide Rolling Plains

CD 2:

MAY 19, 1956: SHOW #9: Introduction • **The Texas Stompers:** Double Eagle Stomp • **Cowboy Copas:** Tragic Romance • **Ferlin Husky:** Aladdin's Lamp • **Simon Crum:** Muki-Ruki • **Hank Locklin:** A Good Woman's Love • **Carl Perkins:** I Got A Woman • Everybody's Trying To Be My Baby

MAY 26, 1956: SHOW #41: Introduction • **The Texas Stompers:** River Road Two-Step • **Orville & Eddie:** Uncle Pen • **Sherry Davis:** Chime Bells • **Leon Payne:** Doorstep To Heaven • I Love You Because • **Hank Locklin:** Seven Or Eleven • **Billy Edwards:** When It's Night Time In Nevada

JULY 14, 1956: SHOW #12: Introduction • **The Texas Stompers:** Snow Deer Stomp • **Hank Locklin:** You Can't Never Tell • **Charline Arthur:** Welcome To The Club • **Billy Briggs:** Should I? • **Jerry Reed:** Mr. Whiz • **Sid King:** Ooby Dooby • **The Belew Twins:** Hot Dog Buddy Buddy • A Tear Fell

BONUS TRACKS: **The Belew Twins:** If You're Mine • Dontcha Wanna Be Happy • Don't Wantcha • **Johnny Hicks:** Baby Baby Baby • Action • Fancy Dan • Keep On A-Keepin' On • **Billy Edwards:** I Forgot To Remember To Forget • Singing The Blues • **Paul Blunt:** Always A Bridesmaid Never A Bride

CD 3:

AUGUST 11, 1956: SHOW #19: Introduction • **The Texas Stompers:** Bonaparte's Retreat • **Keith Boyle:** Cannonball Yodel • **Hank Locklin:** You Can't Never Tell • **The Belew Twins:** Crazy Arms • **Charline Arthur:** What About Tomorrow • **Johnny Cash:** So Doggone Lonesome • I Walk The Line • Get Rhythm

SEPTEMBER 1, 1956: SHOW #34: Introduction • **The Texas Stompers:** Alexander's Ragtime Band • **Sid King:** Ooby Dooby • When My Baby Left Me • **Nancy Castleberry:** The Wayward Wind • **Warren Smith:** Black Jack David • Hound Dog • Rock 'n' Roll Ruby • **The Texas Stompers:** River Road Two-Step

AUGUST 31, 1957: SHOW #54: Introduction • **Tommy Mitchell:** Rock Your Little Baby To Sleep • **The Rangers Quartet:** Ain't That Love • **Max & Alvis:** Honey Don't • **Leon Payne:** One By One • Teddy Bear • **Pat Smith:** Ma, He's Making Eyes At Me • **Marksmen Quartet:** You Hurt Me So • **Tennessee Ernie Ford:** Announcement

BONUS TRACKS: **Billy Jack Hale:** Honey Bee Love • Strange Desires • Me And Fred And Joe And Bill • If You Can't Live Down Live It Up • He Don't Love You Like I Do • The Chain Of Love • **Helen Hall:** They • Wee Bitty Baby

CD 4:

OCTOBER 5, 1957: SHOW #58: Introduction • **Gene Rambo:** Jailhouse Rock • **The Rangers Quartet:** Why Baby Why • This Ole House • **Tommy Mitchell:** Lotta Lovin' • **Pat Smith:** Rainbow • **Belew Twins:** A Red Cadillac & A Black Moustache • **The Texas Stompers:** Double Eagle Stomp • **Werley Fairburn:** All By Myself • **The Texas Stompers:** Cindy

DECEMBER 14, 1957: SHOW #68: Introduction • **Charles Goode:** Kisses Sweeter Than Wine • Somebody Loves Me • **The Belew Twins:** Black Slacks • Maybe Tomorrow • **Gene Vincent:** Bluejean Bop • Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On • Dance To The Bop • Lotta Lovin'

JANUARY 25, 1958: SHOW #73: Introduction • **Johnny Carroll:** Suzy Q • **The Belew Twins:** Should We Tell Him • **Tommy Mitchell:** I Beg Of You • **The Texas Stompers:** Liechtensteiner Polka • **Johnny Dollar:** Great Balls Of Fire • Jailhouse Rock • **Dee & Patty:** Parking • **Darrell Glenn:** Candy And Cake

BONUS TRACKS: **George McCoy:** The Wandering Kind • **Gene Rambo:** Baby Doll • **Pat Smith:** Right Now • **Johnny Hicks:** Draggin' The Drive-Ins • Gossip Of The Town • **Ronnie Dawson:** Why Did You Cry? • **Johnny Hicks:** The Guy That Looks Like Me • Holy Mack-Rel



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CD 5:

MARCH 1, 1958: SHOW #78: Introduction • **Lonnie Smithson:** Me And The Blues • **Johnny Dollar:** Jeannie, Jeannie, Jeannie • **Great Balls Of Fire** • **Orville Couch:** King For A Day • **Ballad Of A Teenage Queen** • **Tommy Mitchell:** Too Much • I Beg Of You • **Wanda Jackson:** No Wedding Bells For Joe • **The Texas Stompers:** Bonaparte's Retreat

MAY 10, 1958: SHOW #83: Introduction • **Orville Couch:** King For A Day • **Joe Poovey:** Move Around • **Darrell Glenn:** Congratulations To Me • **Billy Jack Hale:** Your Eyes • **Tommy Mitchell:** Glad All Over • **Lonnie Smithson:** Quarter In The Jukebox • **The Texas Stompers:** River Road Two-Step • **Belew Twins:** Should We Tell Him • **Paul Blunt:** Everywhere You Go

JUNE 14 (?), 1958: SHOW #88: Introduction • **Carolyn, Benny & Bobby Belew:** Oh Lonesome Me • **Johnny Carroll:** I'll Wait • **Orville Couch:** Overnight • **Darrell Glenn:** Hang Up That Telephone • **The Ferrell Brothers:** What Makes A Man Wander • She's No Angel • **Lonnie Smithson:** Quarter In The Jukebox • **The Texas Stompers:** Silver Bells

BONUS TRACKS: **Eddie McDuff:** A Thousand To One • **Orville Couch & Eddie McDuff:** Misery • **Johnny Dollar:** My Gal Friday • **Darrell Glenn:** Lovely Loretta • My Guiding Light • **Bob Kelly:** When We Get Together • **Eddie McDuff:** Easier Said Than Done • **The Belew Twins:** Cindy Lou • When The Party's Over

CD 6:

JULY 19, 1958: SHOW #93: Introduction • **Lonnie Smithson:** Quarter In The Jukebox • **Leon Payne:** Tell Her Lies And Feed Her Candy • **The Belew Twins:** Rockin' Bones • **Lawton Williams:** Casino On The Hill • **The Ferrell Brothers:** Go Away With Me • **Ocean Of Diamonds** • **Mitchell Torok:** Love Me Like You Mean It • **Billy Jack Hale:** Your Eyes • **Ronnie Dee:** Thirty Days • **Johnny B. Goode**

SUMMER 1958: SHOW #98: Introduction • **Lonnie Smithson:** Guess Things Happen That Way • **The Belew Twins:** This Little Girl Of Mine • **The Ferrell Brothers:** Ashes Of Love / Down South... • **Orville Couch:** Easy Does It • **The Belew Twins:** Oh Lonesome Me • **Billy Jack Hale:** Stairway Of Love • Your Eyes • **Tommy Mitchell:** Don't

AUGUST 30, 1958: SHOW #102: Introduction • **Lonnie Smithson:** Quarter In The Jukebox • **The Belew Twins:** I Can't Stop Loving You • **Billy Jack Hale:** Your Eyes • **Mitchell Torok:** Crazy Arms • **Carolyn Belew:** Blue Doll • **Carl Perkins:** That's All Right Mama • **Blue Suede Shoes** • **The Texas Stompers:** Silver Bells

BONUS TRACKS: **Eddie McDuff:** A New Love Was Born • Fire, Fire, Fire • **Orville Couch:** Convince Me • My Gal Specs • I'm In Love • **The Beavers:** Barbara Allen • **Joy King:** How Should I Your True Love Know? • **Orville Couch:** The Record • Bad Dream • **Chuck Jennings:** His And Hers • Home Away From Home

CD 7:

Bill Callahan: Milk Cow Blues • **The Shelton Brothers:** Deep Elm Boogie Woogie Blues • **Buster & Stoney:** I'm Tired Of You • **Roy Wiley:** Drivin' Nails In My Coffin • **Buddy Walker:** No Use To Be Apart • **Riley Crabtree:** Lonely World • **Johnny Hicks:** Mended One Broken Heart • **Gene O'Quin:** Blues Come Around • **Johnny Mathis:** Tell Me Why • **Billy Walker:** You Didn't Try And Didn't Care • **Dewey Groom:** Butane Blues • **Homer Zeke Clemons:** Operation Blues #2 • **Okie Jones:** Love Fever • **Jimmy Lee:** Bluest Feeling • If You Don't, Somebody Else Will • **Riley Crabtree:** Always Together Never Apart • **Paul Blunt:** Domino Gal • **Johnny Hicks:** Pick Up Blues • **Bobby Williamson:** My Gal Comes From Heaven • **Big Bill Lister:** Blowing The Suds Off My Beer • **Riley Crabtree:** I'll Make You Want Me • **Norman Perry:** After Your Wedding • **Joe Andrews:** Brain Cloudy Blues • **Sunshine Ruby:** Too Young To Tango • Datin' • **Skeeter Webb:** Was It A Bad Dream • **Ralph Sanford:** Oo-Ee-Baby • **Helen Hall:** Unwanted Love - Unwanted Heart • **Doug Bragg:** The Texas Special • **Joe Bill:** Do You Love Me Anymore? • **Jimmy Patton:** Teen Age Heart • **Jimmy Collie:** Conscience (Set Me Free)

CD 8:

Jimmie Collie: Cry Like A Baby • **Buck Griffin:** Let's Elope Baby • **Sonny James:** For Rent • **LaFawn Paul:** You've Turned Off The Music • Can't Get You Out Of My Mind • **Tommy Mitchell:** Do Baby Do • **Mac Curtis:** What You Want • **Johnny Carroll:** Band Stand Doll • **Eddie McDuff:** Bad Boy • **Lonnie Smithson:** No Surrender, No Retreat • Paul Revere • **Ronnie Dawson:** Summer's Comin' • **Lawton Williams:** Satan's Bell • **Frankie Miller:** Give A Purpose To My Love • **Tony Douglas:** Shrimpin' • **George Kent:** How Can I Write On Paper What I Feel In My Heart • Out Of My Arms And Into My Dreams • Packed And Ready • You're Just Not The Type • **Riley Crabtree:** Poison Mind • **Mitchell Torok:** Rio Grande • Heartbreaker Of The Year • I Wish That It Was Me • **George Kent:** Gossip Of A Friend • A Better Way To Die • The Shadow On The Wall • **Joe Paul Nichols:** Operator 10 • Shy Young Sue • **Eddie McDuff:** The Street Of Loneliness • **Jim & Louise:** Be Careful • **Sandra Salling:** What Do The Losers Do? • There's No One Loving Me Now • **Chuck Jennings:** I'd Rather Be Hurt By You • You Are A Little Heartache • **Janet McBride:** Yodelin' Jan