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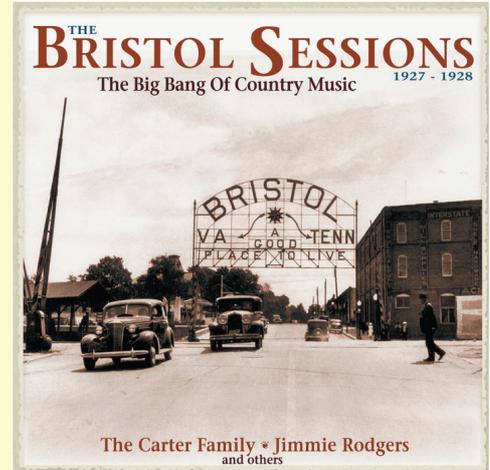
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The Big Bang Of Country Music

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- **"The single most important event in the history of country music."**  
(Johnny Cash, on the 1927 Bristol sessions)
- The foundation of country music! An unsurpassed storehouse of traditional American music!
- Features the first recordings by the Carter Family and Jimmie Rodgers.
- The legendary sessions issued complete for the first and only time, including the ultra-rare follow-up sessions from 1928!

## INFORMATION

The recording trip made by VICTOR RECORDS to Bristol, Tennessee in July-August 1927 was a defining moment in country music. Producer Ralph Peer found two acts that acquired national and international fame: Jimmie Rodgers and the Carter Family. But more than a hundred other recordings were made at the Bristol sessions of 1927 and '28. There were ballad singers, street evangelists, string bands, gospel quartets, harmonica virtuosos, Holiness preachers, blues guitarists and rural storytellers. A snapshot of rural American music was caught in an era of rapid change: pictures of a past almost beyond recall, but preserved for ever in these magnificent recordings.

The five CDs in this set gather every surviving recording from these sessions, including alternative takes. The accompanying 120-page, LP-sized hardcover book contains newly researched essays on the background to the sessions and on the individual artists, with many rare and unpublished photographs. Also included are complete song lyrics and a detailed discography, illustrated with reproductions of the original recording sheets.



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## TRACK LISTING

### CD 1:

ERNEST V. STONEMAN - E. KAHLE BREWER - WALTER MOONEY: The Dying Girl's Farewell • Tell Mother I Will Meet Her • ERNEST V. STONEMAN - MISS IRMA FROST - UNCLE ECK DUNFORD: The Mountaineer's Courtship • ERNEST V. STONEMAN - MISS IRMA FROST: Midnight On The Stormy Deep • ERNEST V. STONEMAN & HIS DIXIE MOUNTAINEERS: Sweeping Through The Gates • I Know My Name Is There • Are You Washed In The Blood? • No More Good-Byes • The Resurrection (takes 1 & 2) • I Am Resolved (takes 1 & 2) • ERNEST PHIPPS AND HIS HOLINESS QUARTET: I Want To Go Where Jesus Is • Do, Lord, Remember Me • Old Ship Of Zion • Jesus Getting Us Ready For That Great Day • Happy In Prison • Don't Grieve After Me • UNCLE ECK DUNFORD - HATTIE STONEMAN: What Will I Do, For My Money's All Gone • UNCLE ECK DUNFORD: The Whip-poor-will's Song • Skip To Ma Lou, My Darling • UNCLE ECK DUNFORD - ERNEST STONEMAN: Barney McCoy • BLUE RIDGE CORN SHUCKERS: Old Time Corn Shuckin', Parts 1 & 2

### CD 2:

JOHNSON BROTHERS: The Jealous Sweetheart (takes 1 & 2) • A Passing Policeman • Just A Message From Carolina • BLIND ALFRED REED: The Wreck Of The Virginian (take 1 & 2) • I Mean To Live For Jesus • You Must Unload • Walking In The Way With Jesus (take 1 & 2) • JOHNSON BROTHERS WITH TENNESSEE WILDCATS: Two Brothers Are We • The Soldier's Poor Little Boy • JOHNSON BROTHERS: I Want To See My Mother (Ten Thousand Miles Away) • EL WATSON: Pot Licker Blues • Narrow Gauge Blues • B.F. SHELTON: Cold Penitentiary Blues • Oh Molly Dear • Pretty Polly • Darling Cora • ALFRED G. KARNES: Called To The Foreign Field • I Am Bound For The Promised Land • Where We'll Never Grow Old • When They Ring The Golden Bells • To The Work • J.P. NESTER: Train On The Island • Black-Eyed Susie • BULL MOUNTAIN MOONSHINERS: Johnny Goodwin

### CD 3:

THE CARTER FAMILY: Bury Me Under The Weeping Willow • Little Log Cabin By The Sea • The Poor Orphan Child • The Storms Are On The Ocean • Single Girl, Married Girl • The Wandering Boy • ALCOA QUARTET: Remember Me, O Mighty One • I'm Redeemed • HENRY WHITTER: Henry Whitter's Fox Chase • Rain Crow Bill • THE SHELOR FAMILY: Big Bend Gal • Suzanna Gal • Sandy River Belle (takes & 1 & 2) • Billy Grimes, The Rover • MR. & MRS. J.W. BAKER: The Newmarket Wreck • On The Banks Of The Sunny Tennessee • JIMMIE RODGERS: The Soldier's Sweetheart • Sleep Baby Sleep • TENNEVA RAMBLERS: The Longest Train I Ever Saw • Sweet Heaven When I Die • Miss 'Liza, Poor Gal • WEST VIRGINIA COON HUNTERS: Greasy String • Your Blue Eyes Run Me Crazy • TENNESSEE MOUNTAINEERS: Standing On The Promises • At The River

### CD 4:

SMYTH COUNTY RAMBLERS: My Name Is Ticklish Reuben • Way Down In Alabama • ALFRED G. KARNES: Do Not Wait 'Till I'm Laid 'Neath The Clay • The Days Of My Childhood Plays • We Shall All Be Reunited • ERNEST PHIPPS AND HIS HOLINESS SINGERS: If The Light Has Gone Out In Your Soul • Went Up In The Clouds Of Heaven • I Know That Jesus Set Me Free • Shine On Me • Bright Tomorrow • A Little Talk With Jesus • HOWARD - PEAK (THE BLIND MUSICIANS): I Cannot Be Your Sweetheart • Three Black Sheep • CLARENCE GREENE: Good-night Darling • Little Bunch Of Roses • THE STONEMAN FAMILY: The Broken-Hearted Lover • UNCLE ECK DUNFORD: Angeline, The Baker • Old Shoes And Leggin's • THE STONEMAN FAMILY: We Parted By The Riverside • ERNEST STONEMAN'S DIXIE MOUNTAINEERS: Down To Jordan And Be Saved • There's A Light Lit Up In Galilee • THE STONEMAN FAMILY: Going Up The Mountain After Liquor, Parts 1 & 2 • The Spanish Merchant's Daughter • Too Late

### CD 5:

STAMPS QUARTET: I'll Be Happy • Like The Rainbow • Because I Love Him • Come To The Savior • Do Your Best, Then Wear A Smile • We Shall Reach Home • SMITH BROTHERS: My Mother Is Waiting For Me In Heaven Above • She Has Climbed The Golden Stair • PALMER SISTERS: We'll Sing On That Shore • Singing The Story Of Grace • Help Me To Find The Way • He'll Be With Me • TARTER & GAY: Brownie Blues • Unknown Blues • CAROLINA TWINS: Where Is My Mamma? • When You Go A'Courtin' • I Sat Upon The River Bank • New Orleans Is The Town I Like Best • She Tells Me That I Am Sweet • Mr. Brown, Here I Come • SHORTBUCKLE ROARK & FAMILY: I Truly Understand, You Love Another Man • My Mother's Hands