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ARTIST	Bill Monroe
TITLE	Far Across The Blue Water ... Bill Monroe in Germany (1975 & 1989)
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16624
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TRACKS	
PLAYING TIME	CDs: 198:12 DVD: 92:45



SALES NOTES

In 1975 and 1989, Bill Monroe and his Blue Grass Boys came to Germany. For European fans, these were two rare chances to see the Father of Bluegrass Music in person, and Monroe did not disappoint anyone on either occasion. In fact, the presence of so many ecstatic fans spurred Monroe and his band to give unsurpassed performances.

The 1975 shows featured one of Bill Monroe's best line-ups: Kenny Baker on fiddle, Ralph Lewis on guitar, Bob Black on banjo, and Randy Davis on bass. They played many of Monroe's best-known songs, including *Muleskinner Blues*, *Footprints In The Snow*, *Roll In My Sweet Baby's Arms*, *Doin' My Time* and a medley with the E. L. Hillbillies.

The 1989 tour came after several bouts of ill-health, but Monroe performed with all his old vigor. He played just one showdate in Germany, at Streekermoor, near Oldenburg, and didn't disappoint his many European fans, some of whom had come from the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, and Sweden to hear him. Recordings from the 1989 show include *The Old Brown County Barn*, *Uncle Pen*, *Cheyenne*, *My Little Georgia Rose*, and *Jerusalem Ridge*.

Both shows were recorded and catch the country music giant at his late-career peak.

Bill Monroe's death in September 1996 makes these rare in-person performances all the more valuable. Bluegrass is more popular than ever now, but in these previously unavailable sound and video recordings we hear how its originator meant it to be played

TRACK LISTING

CD 1: Neusuedende

Introduction - Roustabout (Ralph Lewis, vocal) - The Bluegrass Breakdown - Muleskinner Blues - Footprints In The Snow - Kentucky Mandolin - I'm Working On A Building - The Road Of Life - Grey Eagle - Festival Waltz - Uncle Pen - The Truck Drivin' Man (Ralph Lewis, vocal) - In The Pines (Bill Monroe & Ralph Lewis, vocal) - Shuckin' The Corn - Roll In My Sweet Baby's Arms - Doin' My Time (Ralph Lewis, vocal) - Flint Hill Special - Little Joe - You Won't Be Satisfied That Way

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CD 2: Neusuedende

Bill Monroe: McKinley's March - I Saw The Light - Orange Blossom Special - Orange Blossom Special - Orange Blossom Special - Blue Moon Of Kentucky - My Little Georgia Rose - Down Yonder - Wabash Cannonball - You'll Find Her Name Written There - Swing Low Sweet Chariot / I Saw The Light - John Henry - Molly And Tenbrooks - Fraulein - Medley (Sittin' On Top Of The World / Hand Me Down My Walkin' Cane / Good Old Mountain Dew / Careless Love / Blue Moon Of Kentucky) (Bill Monroe and the E.L. Hillbillies)

Bill Monroe & His Bluegrass Boys - 1975

Bill Monroe: mandolin, lead & tenor vocal; Ralph Lewis: guitar; Bob Black: banjo; Randy Davis: bass; Kenny Baker: fiddle

CD 3: Streekermoor

My Sweet Blue Eyed Darling - The Old Home Town - Sugar Loaf Mountain - Muleskinner Blues - Blue Moon Of Kentucky - Southern Flavor - A Beautiful Life - The Old Brown County Barn - Uncle Pen - Cheyenne - Footprints In The Snow - My Little Georgia Rose - Walls Of Time - Jerusalem Ridge

CD 4: Streekermoor

Raw Hide - Down Yonder - In The Pines - Bluegrass Breakdown - There's An Old, Old House - I Saw The Light - On And On - Soldier's Joy - Wayfaring Stranger - Molly And Tenbrooks - Roll In My Sweet Baby's Arms - Sally Goodin' - So Long And Goodbye - John Henry - Wheel Hoss

DVD: Streekermoor

Introduction by Klaus Grotelüschen - My Sweet Blue Eyed Darling - The Old Home Town - Sugar Loaf Mountain - Muleskinner Blues - Blue Moon Of Kentucky - Southern Flavour - A Beautiful Life - The Old Brown County Barn - Uncle Pen - Cheyenne - Footprints In The Snow - My Little Georgia Rose - Walls Of Time - Jerusalem Ridge - Raw Hide - Down Yonder - In The Pines - Bluegrass Breakdown - There's An Old, Old House - I Saw The Light - On And On - Soldier's Joy - Wayfaring Stranger - Molly And Tenbrooks - Roll In My Sweet Baby's Arms - Sally Goodin' - So Long And Goodbye - John Henry - Wheel Hoss - Bonus: Interview with Bill Monroe, conducted by Jim Skurdal

Bill Monroe & His Bluegrass Boys, 1989

Bill Monroe: mandolin, lead & tenor vocal; Tom Ewing: acoustic guitar, lead vocal; Blake Williams: banjo, baritone vocal; Billy Rose: acoustic bass; Clarence 'Tater' Tate: fiddle, bass vocal

ALSO AVAILABLE :

TITLE	NUMBER	FORMAT
Blue Moon Of Kentucky - 1936-1949	BCD 16399 FL	6-CD-Box-Set (LP-size) with 88-page hardcover book
Bluegrass 1950 - 1958	BCD 15423 DH	4-CD- Box-Set (LP-size) with 48-page hardcover book
Bluegrass 1959 - 1969	BCD 15529 DH	4-CD- Box-Set (LP-size) with 28-page hardcover book
Bluegrass 1970 - 1979	BCD 15606 DI	4-CD- Box-Set (LP-size) with 32-page hardcover book
LESTER FLATT & BILL MONROE Live At Vanderbilt	BCD 16614 AH	CD with 32-page booklet