

# **BEAR FAMILY RECORDS**

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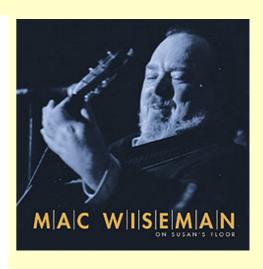
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FORMAT 4-CD Box Set (LP size) with 60-page hardcover book

GENRE Bluegrass
TRACKS 114

PLAYING TIME 303:36

ISBN-CODE



### **KEY SELLING POINTS**

- Bear Family is the acknowledged home of Bluegrass reissues! We did it first...and we do it best!
- Now here's the second installment of our MAC WISEMAN retrospective, including his ultra-rare recordings for Dot, Rural Rhythm, MGM, RCA, Churchill, and his own Wise Records!
- Backing musicians include the Osborne Brothers and Bluegrass stalwarts like Josh Graves...
   all in top form!
- Photos from Mac himself, photographer Les Leverett and a detailed interview bring this amazing period of Bluegrass history to life!

## SALES NOTES

These were, in many ways, MAC WISEMAN's golden years. He was bringing his music to a worldwide audience and recording many of the songs for which he became well known at home and overseas. This 4-CD retrospective of his career from 1965 to 1979 begins with his ultra-rare Canadian LP for his own Wise Records, featuring his first recordings of *Molly Bawn* and *Bringing Mary Home*. Then within the space of a few weeks he recorded a 20-song LP of vintage country, bluegrass, and folk songs for Rural Rhythm together with three conceptualized LPs for Dot, including a bluegrass LP with the OSBORNE BROTHERS. All are here complete, reissued for the first time.

After one single on MGM, Mac signed a long-term contract with RCA, and was produced by the legendary Cowboy Jack Clement. Under Jack's guidance, he recorded songs like *On Susan's Floor, It Rains Just The Same In Missouri*, and *Wrinkled Crinkled Wadded Dollar Bill* as well as novelty songs like *Johnny's Cash And Charley's Pride* and *You Can't Go In The Red Playing Bluegrass*. At the same time, Mac was recording LPs that featured the best of Nashville's new songwriters together with established favorites from long ago.

As a postscript this box also includes Mac's recordings for Churchill Records between 1977 and 1979, featuring his hit single of *My Blue Heaven* with big band leader Woody Herman, as well as some of the most challenging songs he ever recorded.

Today, Mac Wiseman is one of the few survivors from the early days of bluegrass. He connects the music to the folk and parlor songs that preceded it, and sings with the same unaffected sincerity. That's why so many generations know him as THE VOICE WITH A HEART.

In addition, this exclusive set includes 114 recordings, plus an extensive hardcover book with an essay by Colin Escott that includes interviews with Mac, as well as a complete discography and many previously unpublished photos.



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### TRACK LISTING

#### **CD 1:**

- Maple Sugar Sweetheart
- 2. Bringing Mary Home
- 3. Legend Of The Irish Rebel
- 4. The Ghost Of Bras D'or
- 5. Prince Edward Island Is Heaven To Me
- 6. What A Waste Of Good Cornlikker
- 7. My Nova Scotia Home
- 8. When Its Apple Blossom Time In Annapolis Valley
- 9. My Molly Bawn
- 10. Atlantic Lullaby
- 11. My Cape Breton Home
- 12. Pistol Packin' Preacher
- 13. Wreck Of The Old 97
- 14. Little Mohee
- 15. Corinna, Corinna
- 16. Sittin' On Top Of The World
- 17. How Many Biscuits Can You Eat
- 18. Ring Those Golden Bells
- 19. I Saw Your Face In The Moon
- 20. I'll Be All Smiles Tonight
- 21. The Waltz You Saved For Me
- 22. Just Over In The Gloryland
- 23. My Grandfather's Clock
- 24. Little Blossom
- 25. There's More Pretty Girls Than One
- 26. Rovin' Gambler
- 27. Sourwood Mountain
- 28. Midnight Special
- 29. Mary Of The Wildmoor
- 30. The Black Sheep
- 31. Bringing In The Georgia Mail
- 32. Turkey In The Straw

#### CD 2:

- 1. We Live In Two Different Worlds
- 2. Tragic Romance
- 3. I'll Be All Smiles Tonight
- 4. This Is Where I Came In
- 5. You're The Best Of All The Leading Brands
- 6. Don't Make Me Go To Bed And I'll Be Good
- 7. The Bluebirds Are Singing For Me
- 8. New Black Suit
- 9. How Lonely Can You Get
- 10. Since The Day You Went Away
- 11. Darling Little Joe
- 12. A Million, Million Girls
- 13. The Letter That Never Came
- 14. Wreck Of The C&O #5
- 15. The Black Sheep
- 16. The Legend Of The Haunted Woods
- 17. Put My Little Shoes Away
- 18. The Letter Edged In Black
- 19. Ballad Of The Lawson Family
- 20. The East Bound Train
- 21. My Mother's Old Sunbonnet
- 22. May I Sleep In Your Barn Tonight Mister
- 23. Molly Bawn
- 24. White Silver Sands
- 25. When It's Springtime In The Rockies
- 26. Little Bird
- 27. You're The Only Star In My Blue Heaven

#### CD 3:

- 1. A Maiden's Prayer
- 2. Just A Baby's Prayer At Twilight
- 3. At The Rainbow's End
- 4. Lonely City Park
- 5. This Is Where I Came In
- 6. Me And My Memory
- 7. The Isle Of Capri
- 8. Forever And Ever
- 9. Got Leavin' On Her Mind
- 10. She Simply Left
- 11. The Things You Have Turned To
- 12. Johnny's Cash And Charley's Pride
- 13. Mama, Put Your Little Shoes Away
- 14. Crystal Chandelier
- 15. All I Have To Offer You (Is Me)
- 16. Wrinkled, Crinkled, Wadded Dollar Bill
- 17. Ring Of Fire
- 18. Me And Bobby McGee
- 19. Ballad Of A Teenage Queen
- 20. Guess Things Happen That Way
- 21. The Day The World Stood Still
- 22. The Easy Part's Over
- 23. Big River
- 24. The Little Folks
- 25. Sweet Sadness
- 26. I'll Still Write Your Name In The Sand
- 27. I'd Rather Live By The Side Of The Road
- 28. Sing Little Birdie
- 29. Colours

#### CD 4:

- 1. Song Of The Wildwood
- 2. At The Crossroad
- 3. Let Time Be Your Friend
- 4. On Susan's Floor
- 5. Let's All Go Down To The River
- 6. Sunny Side Of The Mountain
- Eight More Miles To Louisville
   Keep On The Sunny Side
- 8. Keep On The Sunny Side9. Will The Circle Be Unbroken
- 10. A Tragic Romance
- 11. It Rains Just The Same In Missouri
- 12. City Of New Orleans
- 13. Catfish John
- 14. You Can't Go In The Red Playin' Bluegrass
- 15. It Comes And Goes
- 16. Dixie Hummer
- 17. I've Got To Catch That Train
- 18. Never Going Back Again
- 19. Goodbye Mexico Rose
- 20. Dancing Bear
- 21. Scotch And Soda
- 22. Me And The Boys23. Two Hundred Dollars
- 24. 45s 8x10s
- 25. My Blue Heaven (& Woody Herman)
- 26. If I Could Be With You (It Must Be True) (& Woody Herman)