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50 Years Ago: Historical European Tour Of The Nashville Stars

- An incredible document of a ground-breaking tour!
- Audio and video of RCA Nashville's bold attempt to introduce country music to Europe!
- Plus bonus recordings of RCA's Nashville stars singing in German!

INFORMATION

1964 was a year of unrest in the USA. The Americans were deeply shocked by the assassination of president John F. Kennedy in Dallas a few months earlier. A black loudmouth by the name of Cassius Clay caused unease among the white middle-class by making a lot of fuss about his potency. Racial conflicts were smoldering everywhere – not only in the Southern States. And to top it all, America's youth was raving about a noisy musical group from England – of all places. Everyone surrendered helplessly to the 'British Invasion,' triggered off by the arrival of the Beatles in New York on 7 February 1964. Thus it was a bold venture by the American RCA to strike a counterblow. On 3 April, a select group of Country stars boarded the airplane at New York's John F. Kennedy airport, taking off to Hamburg with the aim to conquer Europe. This sensational troupe was headlined by **Jim Reeves**, the top dog in Nashville with 25 top ten hits in the 'Billboard' charts (*Four Walls, He'll Have To Go*). On his side was **Bobby Bare**, about to conquer his European fans with Detroit City. Also on board of the Lufthansa Boeing 727-200 was **Chet Atkins**, celebrated guitar virtuoso and successful RCA producer, along with the **Anita Kerr Singers** who supplied the modern musical background to the Nashville sound.

TELDEC, partner of the American RCA in Germany, welcomed their guests as "the sound of tomorrow. Everybody that has made a name for himself as a Western artist in Nashville, the musical center of the USA." They were hoping for an upsurge in sales from RCA records which were distributed from Hamburg to the European mainland. So the group of musicians trekked from Hamburg, Frankfurt, Munich, Vienna, Hannover and Essen via Berlin to Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo and Brussels. Jim Reeves subsequently made a quick trip to London.

The BEAR FAMILY RECORDS box-set 'Nashville Stars On Tour' documents this historical event – also for a tragical reason: On 31 July 1964, superstar Jim Reeves died in an airplane crash in Tennessee with his single-engined Beechcraft Debonair.



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TRACKLISTING

CD 1 – The Stockholm Concert (Part 1):

JIM REEVES' BLUE BOYS: Steel Guitar Rag / Introduction • ANITA KERR SINGERS: Oh Lonesome Me • I'll Hold You In My Heart • Georgia On My Mind • BLUE BOYS: Wheels • BOBBY BARE: Shame On Me • 500 Miles Away From Home • Medley Of Impersonations • Detroit City • Jambalaya • BLUE BOYS: San Antonio Rose • CHET ATKINS: Alabama Jubilee • Windy And Warm • Drown In My Own Tears • Wildwood Flower • Yes Ma'am • My Town • Medley: Greensleeves / Streets Of Laredo • Chets chats • Show Me The Way To Go Home • Yankee Doodle Dixie • The Peanut Vendor • Tiger Rag • Gravy Waltz

CD 2 – The Stockholm Concert (Part 2):

JIM REEVES: Billy Bayou • I Love You Because • Bimbo • Four Walls • Yonder Comes A Sucker • He'll Have To Go • Adios Amigo • I Can't Stop Loving You • Mexican Joe • Danny Boy

CD 3 – The German Concert:

THE ANITA KERR SINGERS: Night Train To Memphis • BOBBY BARE: 500 Miles Away From Home • CHET ATKINS: Windy And Warm • JIM REEVES: Billy Bayou • THE ANITA KERR SINGERS: Georgia On My Mind • BOBBY BARE: Shame On Me • CHET ATKINS: Java • The Peanut Vendor • JIM REEVES: Welcome To My World • THE ANITA KERR SINGERS: Oh Lonesome Me • BOBBY BARE: Detroit City • CHET ATKINS: Wildwood Flower • JIM REEVES: Four Walls • He'll Have To Go • CHET ATKINS: Greensleeves • Streets Of Laredo • GROUP: Auf Wiedersehn

Broadcast, October 10, 1964: THE ANITA KERR SINGERS: Night Train To Memphis • CHET ATKINS: Steel Guitar Rag • JIM REEVES: Adios Amigo • GROUP with GUS BACKUS: Deep In The Heart Of Texas

Broadcast, November 21, 1964: CHET ATKINS: Oh Susanna • BOBBY BARE: 500 Miles Away From Home • Tennessee Waltz • THE ANITA KERR SINGERS: Singing The Blues • BILL RAMSEY: Cigarettes And Whiskey And Wild, Wild Woman (German) • CHET ATKINS: High Noon • JIM REEVES: Mexican Joe • THE ANITA KERR SINGERS: Tumbling Tumbleweeds • GROUP with BILL RAMSEY: Deep In The Heart Of Texas

Broadcast, December 19, 1964: BOBBY BARE: Detroit City • THE ANITA KERR SINGERS: Oh Lonesome Me • CHET ATKINS: Alabama Jubilee (Leevee Walking) • Oh Susanna Square Dance • JIM REEVES: San Antonio Rose • THE ANITA KERR SINGERS: On Top Of Old Smokey • GROUP with VICO TORRIANI: Deep In The Heart Of Texas • Interview by Kitty Prins with Jim Reeves

CD 4 – The German Language Recordings:

ANITA KERR SINGERS: Jenny Darling • Singapur (La-Di-Da-Songs) • Bye, Bye Baby (Bye Bye Blackbird) • Cowboy's Heimweh (Home On The Range) • BOBBY BARE: Rosalie • Alle glauben daß ich glücklich bin • WILLIE NELSON: Whisky Walzer • Little Darling (Pretty Paper) • JIM ED BROWN: I Heard From A Memory Last Night • BOBBY BARE: Good Old Tennessee • Das Haus auf der Sierra • Wilder Wolf und Brauner Bär (So ist das Leben) • Molly Brown • ANITA KERR SINGERS: Sentimental Cowboy • I'm Happy Baby • JIM ED BROWN: Mickey • Renate und Karin • Golden Girl • Schöne Mädchen, die können nicht treu sein • STU PHILLIPS: Irgendwann sagt man Goodbye • Ol' Kentucky • SKEETER DAVIS: G. I. Johnny

DVD – The Oslo Concert, plus:

The arrival at Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam, Holland, on Friday April 17, 1964 • Jim Reeves sings *I Love You Because* in the airport lounge with his guitar • The Njardhallen Sportshall, Oslo, Norway, Wednesday April 15, 1964: BLUE BOYS: Steel Guitar Rag • ANITA KERR SINGERS: Oh Lonesome Me • I'll Hold You In My Heart • Georgia On My Mind • BOBBY BARE: Shame On Me • 500 Miles Away From Home • Jambalaya • Detroit City • CHET ATKINS: Alabama Jubilee • Wildwood Flower • Yes Ma'am • Malaguena • Greensleeves / The Streets Of Laredo • CHET ATKINS & BLUE BOYS: Peanut Vendor • Tiger Rag • JIM REEVES: I Love You Because • Bimbo • Four Walls / The Blue Canadian Rockies / Four Walls • Yonder Comes A Sucker • Adios Amigo





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Holding a flag in the background: Alex Grob, from the RCA staff of Dr. Peter Baumberger (RCA Geneva, third from left)

Far left: Teldec PR director G. Bräunlich

Far right: Peter A. Ingwersen (director of RCA Hamburg)

