



# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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ARTIST	LEON McAULIFFE
TITLE	Take Off, and more
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16854
PRICE-CODE	AH
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 168542
ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-308-7
FORMAT	CD with 44-page booklet
GENRE	Country / Western Swing
TRACKS	26
PLAYING TIME	65:13



## KEY SELLING POINTS

- First ever anthology of Dot recordings by the greatest ever western swing steel guitar stylist!
- Originator of several classic country instrumentals, all featured here: *Steel Guitar Rag*, *Panhandle Rag* and *Take It Away Leon!*
- Classic Fifties recordings in fabulously restored sound!

## SALES NOTES

Leon McAuliffe, the steel guitar-playing Tulsa bandleader, was one of the biggest names in western swing... a star long before he even had his own band. As a member of the legendary Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, he was not only in the best western swing group ever but also in one of the most progressive and blues oriented. McAuliffe carried on in the same vein when he went out on his own.

In 1957, McAuliffe signed to Dot. He stayed just over a year, but those recordings have always carried a legendary mystique and have long been sought after by collectors. Bear Family has gathered all of them in this collection, including two previously unissued sides and many classic tracks that have been unavailable since their original issue. Included are fantastic versions of McAuliffe signature tunes like *Steel Guitar Rag*, *Panhandle Rag*, *Take It Away Leon*, the rocking *Johnny Cake Road*, the hard driving instrumental classic *Honky-Tonk*, and jumping swing blues like *One O'Clock Jump* and *Summit Ridge Drive*. Plus... of course... western swing standbys like *Maiden's Prayer!* Beside McAuliffe's own influential and exciting steel guitar work, he's ably joined by legendary musicians like Cecil Brower and Keith Coleman on fiddle, guitarist Billy Dozier, saxophonist Rudy Martin, pianist Pee Wee Calhoun and bassist Teddy Adams. Although the emphasis is on instrumental selections, there are several excellent vocals by McAuliffe himself.

## TRACK LISTING

1. Take It Away, Leon
2. Steel Guitar Polka

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3. My Love
4. Lone Star Rag
5. South Rampart Street Parade
6. Honky Tonk
7. Silver Bells
8. Sweetheart
9. Summit Ridge Drive
10. Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
11. Along The Navajo Trail
12. One O'Clock Jump
13. Hear Me Now
14. Maiden's Prayer
15. What's The Use
16. Under The Double Eagle
17. Steel Guitar Rag
18. Carroll County Blues
19. Blue Man's Blues
20. Panhandle Waltz
21. Panhandle Rag
22. Cimarron Rag
23. Red Skin Rag
24. Little Girl Ask Your Mama
25. Johnny Cake Road
26. There's That Smile Again