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ARTIST TITLE

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- This excellent 4 CD set celebrates 41 years of top-rate music from the great singer Bill Ramsey!
- A jazzman from Cincinnati, Ramsey made his home and his records in Germany and gained a fine 'Schlager' image!
- Here are 100 unforgettable tracks of high class swing, jazz, and blues songs!
- And Ramsey's music always featured top soloists and excellent orchestras!
- Listen to over 5 hours of high class interpretations of standards and classics!
- 'Ramsey Swings' is the perfect CD set to mark Bill Ramsey's 80th birthday!

INFORMATION

An American from Cincinnati, Bill Ramsey came to Europe via the US military – and stayed to make records and a career as a singer, comedian, TV host, and more. During the '50s, '60s, and '70s he was one of the most popular stars of light music in Germany. It is often forgotten that he is also one of the most excellent jazz, swing, and blues singers of his time.

BEAR FAMILY sets this straight with a fabulous 4 CD set showing the artist in his true light and cementing his real importance through more than 5 hours of music from 41 years of his career; that's 100 great songs!

His first recording *Wumba-Tumba-Schokoladeneisverkäufer* (i.e. 'Wumba-Tumba Chocolate Ice-cream Man', the German adaptation of *The Purple People Eater*) was a German hit single from the late '50s that turned into an unwanted stylistic burden. Bill Ramsey can tell you a thing or two about being derided by (mostly) self-appointed critics, but his jazz music is appreciated by the true experts and by an audience of connoisseurs. His fans will love the songs that are here – song after song of standards (from *Caldonia* and *Watermelon Man* to *Over The Rainbow*), immortal classics (*Round Midnight*, *Trouble In Mind*, *Moon River*), fascinating cover versions (*The Wind Cries Mary*, *Hi-De-Ho*, *Motherless Child*, *Proud Mary*) and more. Here, Ramsey is accompanied by top orchestras and excellent soloists – the musicians always acknowledged the singer's clearly-evident talent and they loved to accompany him.

'Ramsey Swings' is an unsurpassable overview of the career of one of the most brilliant singers in Germany. An ice-cream man he may be – but this set shows what he is really all about!



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TRACKLISTING

CD 1:

Caldonia • Outskirts Of Town • Swing Low Sweet Chariot • Basin Street Blues • Big Fat Mama (1) • When The Saints • Do Nothin' Till You Hear From Me • Hollerin' And Screamin' • Give Me The Simple Life • Big Fat Mama (2) • It Won't Be Long • Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child • Worksong • Kansas City • Gonna Build A Mountain • Watermelon Man • I'd Rather Drink Muddy Water • I Didn't Know What Time It Was • Round Midnight • Cotton Fields • Just Squeeze Me • Moon River (1) • Honeysuckle Rose • Angel Eyes • Joshua Fit De Battle Of Jericho (1) • Lazy Afternoon • The More I See You

CD 2:

If There's Anything That I Can Do • Big Fat Mama (3) • What You Gonna Do Now Girl • Route 66 (1) • Sophisticated Lady (1) • It's The Same Old Story • The Bright Lights And You Girl • God Bless The Child • Boom, Boom • Feed Me • Joshua Fit De Battle Of Jericho (2) • Trouble In Mind • When I Laid Eyes On You • What You Gonna Do Now Girl • After You've Gone • You Are There • I Got It Bad • You Are The Sunshine Of My Life (1) (slow) • Sunshine On My Shoulders • Straighten Up And Fly Right • Put Your Hand In The Hand • I Concentrate On You • I'm Beginning To See The Light • What'd I Say • My Lean Baby

CD 3:

Stormy Monday • Isn't She Lovely • Goody Goody • Over The Rainbow • I Got To Follow You • Lady Be Good • Lulu's Back In Town • That Old Black Magic • Mood Indigo • Sophisticated Lady (2) • I'm Beginning To See The Light • It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing • Do Nothing Till You Hear From Me • Don't Get Around Much Anymore • Satin Doll • I Cover The Waterfront • Blues Improvisation • Can't Help It • Fly Me To The Moon • Gone With The Wind • Satin Doll • Flamingo • Moon River (2) • Tenderly

CD 4:

Sometimes In Winter • Something Lingers • The Wind Cries Mary • The Shadow Of Your Smile • Where Do The Children Play • Simple Song Of Freedom • Cool Rain • In My Hole • Thunder and Lightning • Hi-De-Ho • The Old Ones • Route 66 (2) (Rock) • Sunshine On The Mountain • Tides • Real Life Man • Get It Together • This Time It's Your Fault • Danny Boy • Nature Boy • Alone Again • Claire • You've Got A Friend • Harvard Blues • Proud Mary (Rubato Anfang)



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