



BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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ARTIST TITLE

Roy Acuff & The Smoky Mountain Boys
The King Of Country Music
The Complete Foundational Recordings
1936-1951

LABEL CATALOG # PRICE-CODE EAN-CODE

Bear Family Productions
BCD 17300
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FORMAT

9-CD / 1 DVD Box-Set (LP-size)
with 184-page hardcover book

GENRE

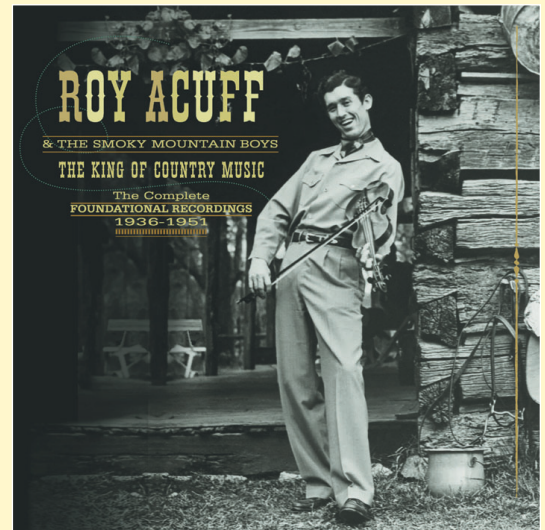
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TRACKS

228

PLAYING TIME

656:05 min.



- "He's the biggest singer this music ever knew. You booked him and you didn't worry about crowds. For drawing power in the South, it was Roy Acuff, then God." (Hank Williams)
- Roy Acuff's recordings for VOCALION/ARC/COLUMBIA RECORDS, 1936-1951, complete for the first time!
- The records that revolutionized country music from the artist who took the Grand Ole Opry coast-to-coast, and played a major role in launching the Nashville music industry.
- Many songs that now form part of bedrock American music, including *Great Speckle Bird*, *Wabash Cannon Ball*, *Freight Train Blues*, *The (House Of The) Rising Sun*, *Will The Circle Be Unbroken*, *Beneath That Lonely Mound Of Clay*, *The Precious Jewel*, *Wreck On The Highway*, *Fireball Mail*, *Night Train To Memphis*, *The Prodigal Son*, *Low And Lonely*, *Pins And Needles In My Heart*, *I Saw The Light*, *We Live In Two Diff'rent Worlds*, and *Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain*.
- Nine CDs plus a DVD, with a 184-page book, including hundreds of photos, many previously unseen!

INFORMATION

Defiantly and unapologetically country, Acuff's roots were in Appalachian music, but during the 1940s, he became one of the nation's top stars, touring ceaselessly, appearing in movies, and minting hit after hit. Later in life, his achievement earned him the distinction of becoming the first living inductee into the Country Music Hall of Fame. He also starred on the Grand Ole Opry from 1938 until a few weeks before his death in 1992.

Roy Acuff's ARC-COLUMBIA recordings are one of the cornerstones of tradition-based American music. These nine CDs comprise every surviving "take" of every surviving recording he made for ARC/COLUMBIA – a total of 228 performances. A bonus DVD includes the complete 'Grand Ole Opry' movie from 1940.

The recordings feature stellar work from Acuff's Smoky Mountain Boys, including Clell 'Cousin Jody' Summey, Tommy Magness, Tommy Jackson, Benny Martin, and of course Pete 'Bashful Brother Oswald' Kirby. The Smoky Mountain Boys' 1948 instrumental LP, 'Old Time Barn Dance,' is included complete as well.



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TRACKLISTING

CD 1:

Singing My Way To Glory • Charmin' Betsy • The Great Speckled Bird • My Mountain Home Sweet Home • Gonna Raise A Ruckus Tonight • Wabash Cannon Ball • Freight Train Blues • You've Gotta See Mama Every Night • Gonna Have A Big Time Tonight • Yes Sir, That's My Baby • You're The Only Star (In My Blue Heaven) • Please Don't Talk About Me, When I'm Gone • All Night Long • New Greenback Dollar • Steamboat Whistle Blues • She No Longer Belongs To Me • When Lulu's Gone • Doin' It The Old Fashioned Way • An Old Three Room Shack • Red Lips (Kiss My Blues Away) • Trouble Trouble (take 1) • Trouble Trouble (take 2) • Sailing Along • Steel Guitar Chimes • Lonesome Valley

CD 2:

Sad Memories • Steel Guitar Blues • Old Fashioned Love • My Gal Sal • The Great Speckled Bird #2 (take 1) • Tell Mother I'll Be There • Down In Union Country • The Rising Sun • What Would You Do With Gabriel's Trumpet • Shout, Oh Lulu • Goodbye Brownie • Blue Ridge Sweetheart • One Old Shirt • Bonnie Blue Eyes • The Automobile Of Life • Smoky Mountain Rag (instrumental) • Wabash Blues (instrumental) • That Beautiful Picture • The Great Shining Light • Honky Tonk Mamas • Haven Of Dreams • Answer To 'Sparkling Blue Eyes' • Smoky Mountain Moon • Fly, Birdie, Fly • Ida Red • Beautiful Brown Eyes • Mother's Prayers Guide Me • Living On The Mountain, Baby Mine • A Vagabond's Dream

CD 3:

Old Age Pension Check • Eyes Are Watching You • I'm Building A Home • Railroad Boomer (take 1) • Railroad Boomer (take 2) • Walkin' In My Sleep • Wonder Is All I Do • Drifting Too Far From The Shore • Come Back Little Pal • Will The Circle Be Unbroken • Coming From The Ball • When I Lay My Burden Down • Beneath That Lonely Wound Of Clay • The Streamlined Cannonball • Weary River • Just To Ease My Worried Mind • Farther Along (take 1) • Farther Along (take 2) • Blue Eyed Darling (take 1) • Blue Eyed Darling (take 2) • The Precious Jewel (take 1) • The Precious Jewel (take 2) • The Broken Heart • Would You Care • Lonesome Old River Blues (take 1) • Lonesome Old River Blues (take 2) • What Good Will It Do • Mule Skinner Blues

CD 4:

Be Honest With Me • Worried Mind • Things That Might Have Been • You're My Darling • It Won't Be Long (Till I'll Be Leaving) • Just Inside The Pearly Gates • I Know We're Saying Goodbye • Brother Take Warning • The Great Judgement Morning • Stuck Up Blues • Lying Woman Blues • You Are My Love • Branded Wherever I Go • No Letter In The Mail • Are You Thinking Of Me Darling • I Called And Nobody Answered • Wreck On The Highway • Fire Ball Mail • I'll Reap My Harvest In Heaven • Night Train To Memphis • The Prodigal Son • Low And Lonely • Write Me Sweetheart • I Didn't Want You To Know • Roll On Buddy • Weary Lonesome Blues • Come Back Little Darling • They Can Only Fill One Grave

CD 5:

Live And Let Live • Don't Make Me Go To Bed And I'll Be Good • The Heart That Was Broken For Me • Not A Word From Home • Do You Wonder Why • I'll Forgive You But I Can't Forget • Blues In My Mind • (I Heard A) Silver Trumpet • Easy Rockin' Chair • It's Too Late Now To Worry Anymore • Wait For The Light To Shine • Radio Station S-A-V-E-D • We Planted Roses On Our Darling's Grave • Money Won't Buy This Soul Of Mine • No One Will Ever Know • I Think I'll Go Home And Cry • We Live In Two Different Worlds • Pins And Needles (In My Heart) • Golden Treasure • I Gambled And Lost (take 1) • I Gambled And Lost (take 2) • Let Me Be The First To Say I'm Sorry (breakdown & take 1) • Let Me Be The First To Say I'm Sorry (take 2) • All The World Is Lonely Now (2 breakdowns) • All The World Is Lonely Now (take)

CD 6:

That Glory Bound Train • Waiting For My Call To Glory • Gone, Gone, Gone (But Not Forgotten) • Tell Me Now Or Tell Me Never (take 1) • Tell Me Now Or Tell Me Never (take 2) • I Talk To Myself About You (take 1) • I Talk To Myself About You (take 2) • Freight Train Blues (false start & take) • (Our Own) Jole Blon (false start, breakdown + take) • (Our Own) Jole Blon (2 breakdowns + take) • Tennessee Central (Number Nine) • Wabash Cannon Ball (2 breakdowns + take) • Wabash Cannon Ball (false start + take) • There's A Big Rock In The Road (take 1) • There's A Big Rock In The Road (take 2) • Po' Folks (All The Time) (take 1) • Po' Folks (All The Time) (take 2) • I Wish I Had Kissed You Goodbye (breakdown + take) • Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain (false start + breakdown) • Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain (breakdown + take) • Don't Wait 'Til Judgement Day • The Devil's Train (take 1) • The Devil's Train (false start + take) • Short Changed In Love (breakdown, false start + take)



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CD 7:

When They Take That Last Look At Me (take 1) • When They Take That Last Look At Me (take 2) • This World Can't Stand Long (take 1) • This World Can't Stand Long (take 2) • I Saw The Light • Heartaches And Flowers • The Songbirds Are Singing In Heaven (breakdown) • The Songbirds Are Singing In Heaven (2 false starts + breakdown) • The Songbirds Are Singing In Heaven (take 1) • Unloved And Unclaimed (false start + take) • Unloved And Unclaimed (take 2) • I Had A Dream • Thank God (breakdown + take) • You'll Reap These Tears • It's Just About Time • I'll Always Care • It's So Hard To Smile • The Waltz Of The Wind • A Sinner's Death • The Midnight Train (take 1) • The Midnight Train (false start + take 2) • The Midnight Train (take 3)

CD 8:

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord (take 1) • Were You There When They Crucified My Lord (breakdown + take) • Sweeter Than The Flowers • Tennessee Waltz • (breakdown + take) • Tennessee Waltz (breakdown + take) • The Pale Horse And His Rider • Gray Eagle • Dance Around Molly • Black Mountain Rag • Pretty Little Widow (breakdown + take) • Smoky Mountain Rag • Lonesome Indian • Bully Of The Town • Polk County Breakdown • Jesus Died For Me • If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again (take 1) • If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again (false start + take) • The Day They Laid Mary Away (take 1) • The Day They Laid Mary Away (take 2) • It's All Right Now

CD 9:

Baldknob Arkansas (false start + take) • Baldknob Arkansas (take 2) • A Plastic Heart (take 1) • A Plastic Heart (take 2) • Advice To Joe (take 1) • Advice To Joe (take 2) • When My Money Run Out (I Lost All My Friends) (take 1) • When My Money Run Out (I Lost All My Friends) (take 2) • When My Money Run Out (I Lost All My Friends) (take 3) • Your Address Unknown • The Southbound Train • Pliney Jane • Waltz Of The Wind • Waltz Of Broken Vows (breakdown + take) • Cheating • Don't Hang Your Dirty Linen On My Line (take 1) • Don't Hang Your Dirty Linen On My Line (take 2) • Don't Hang Your Dirty Linen On My Line (take 3) • I'll Be Alone (breakdown + take) • Doug MacArthur • In The Shadow Of The Smokies • She Isn't Guaranteed • Wonder Is All I Do π Thy Burdens Are Greater Than Mine • Ten Little Numbers • Just A Friend • My Tears Don't Show

DVD:

Elviry (Weaver) leading the school kids: Red River Valley • **Uncle Dave Macon, his son Dorris & the Smoky Mountain Boys with Rachel:** Swing Your Partner • **Roy Acuff and the Smoky Mountain Boys with Rachel:** Down In Union County • **Roy Acuff and the Smoky Mountain Boys with Rachel:** Wabash Cannonball • **Uncle Dave Macon with his son Dorris:** (Take Me Back To) That Old Carolina Home • **Weaver Brothers and Elviry:** Just Tell Them That You Saw Me • **Roy Acuff and the Smoky Mountain Boys with Rachel:** The Great Speckled Bird • **Elviry and cast:** Down Home In Union County (reprise)