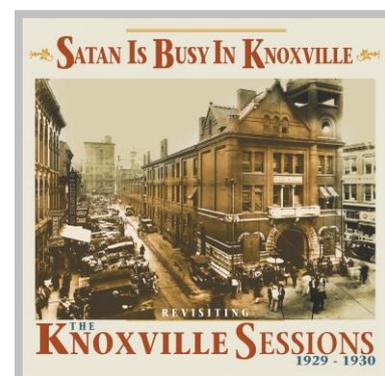


# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



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Artist **Various Artists**  
Title **Satan Is Busy In Knoxville**  
**Revisiting The Knoxville Sessions 1929 - 1930**  
Label Bear Family Records  
Catalog no. BCD17593 Price code: AB  
EAN-Code 4000127175939  
Format 1-CD with 44-page booklet  
Genre Country, Old Timey  
No. of tracks 27 approx. 78:00 min.  
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## INFO:

- Released in January 2023, 'Satan Is Busy In Knoxville: Revisiting The Knoxville Sessions, 1929-1930' distills onto a single CD the major recordings and the groundbreaking research found on Bear Family Records®' Grammy Award-nominated 4-CD box set, 'The Knoxville Sessions, 1929-1930: Knox County Stomp' (BCD 16097).
- 27 essential recordings from the historically significant location sessions conducted during 1929 and 1930 by the Brunswick/Vocalion labels in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- Influential releases of 'hillbilly music' as well as landmark recordings of Black Appalachian music.
- New essays by Jack Neely and James 'Sparky' Rucker in which those writers set the Knoxville sessions into historical context.
- Detailed track-by-track notes by Grammy Award-nominated writer Ted Olson, who produced this compilation.
- State-of-the-art sound engineering, these recordings - nearly a century old but painstakingly remastered in 2022 by Marcus Heumann - sound warm and clear.
- Memorable design work by Bear Family Records®' longtime artistic director Mychael Gerstenberger.

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'Satan Is Busy In Knoxville' contains new essays by Jack Neely and James 'Sparky' Rucker in which those writers set the Knoxville sessions into historical context and assess the enduring impacts of those sessions. The album also features detailed track-by-track notes by Grammy Award-nominated writer Ted Olson, who produced this compilation. Because 'Satan Is Busy In Knoxville' showcases the usual state-of-the-art sound engineering generally associated with releases from Bear Family Records®, these recordings – nearly a century old but painstakingly remastered in 2022 by Marcus Heumann - sound warm and clear. The album's booklet offers memorable design work by Bear Family Records®' longtime artistic director Mychael Gerstenberger and features 27 recordings by 25 different musical acts active in Appalachia at the cusp of the Great Depression. 'Satan Is Busy In Knoxville' presents a diverse and dynamic overview of Appalachia's vernacular music from that era. Representing a range of music genres and styles and showcasing both secular and sacred material, this album is thematically unified by the fact that all the recordings hail from commercial location sessions held in Knoxville, Tennessee, by the Brunswick/Vocalion labels.

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It documents timeless performances from the Knoxville sessions and makes a compelling case that key sides from those long-ago 78 RPM releases are among the most important recordings of American vernacular music from the period between the twentieth century's two world wars.

## TRACKLISTING:

### CD:

**Tennessee Ramblers:** Garbage Can Blues    **Southern Moonlight Entertainers:** Lost John    **Wise String Orchestra:** Yellow Dog Blues  
**Will Bennett:** Railroad Bill    **Haskell Wolfenbarger:** Sailing Out On The Ocean    **Ballard Cross:** The Wabash Cannon Ball    **Cal Davenport & His Gang:** Double Eagle March    **Senior Chapel Quartette:** In My Savior's Care    **Cal West:** Cal West's Yodel Blues, Part 1    **Smoky Mountain Ramblers:** Back To Old Smoky Mountain    **Perry County Music Makers:** I'm Sad And Blue    **Kentucky Holiness Singers:** I'm On My Way    **Appalachian Vagabond:** Peddler And His Wife    **Gibbs Brothers with Claude Davis:** Goodbye Dixie Dear    **Clayton & His Melody Mountaineers:** Lookout Valley Waltz    **Tennessee Chocolate Drops/Tennessee Trio:** Vine Street Rag    **Robert A. Gardner & Lester McFarland:** Asleep At The Switch    **Ridgel's Fountain Citians:** The Nick Nack Song    **Louis Bird:** It's Funny What Whiskey Will Do  
**Leola Manning:** The Arcade Building Moan    **Bess Pennington:** Jack And May    **Uncle Jimmy Thompson:** Lynchburg    **Etowah Quartet:** Walking With My Lord    **Maynard Baird & His Orchestra:** Postage Stomp    **Alex Hood & His Railroad Boys:** L & N Rag    **Tennessee Chocolate Drops/Tennessee Trio:** Knoxville County Stomp    **Leola Manning:** Satan Is Busy In Knoxville

## ALSO AVAILABLE:

**Various Artists:**  
**The Knoxville Sessions 1929 – 1930,**  
**Knox County Stomp**

BCD16097 DL  
4-CD box set (LP-size) with 156-page  
hardcover book  
EAN: **5397102160974**



**Various Artists:**  
**We Shall All Be Reunited**  
**Revisiting The Bristol Sessions 1927 - 1928**

BCD17592 AB  
1-CD with 44-page booklet  
EAN: **5397102175923**



**Various Artists:**  
**Tell It To Me**  
**Revisiting The Johnson City Sessions,**  
**1928 - 1929**

BCD17591 AB  
1-CD with 40-page booklet  
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**Various Artists:**  
**The Johnson City Sessions**  
**Can You Sing Or Play Old-Time Music?**

BCD16083 DK  
4-CD box set (LP-size) with 136-page  
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**Various Artists:**  
**The Bristol Sessions**  
**The Big Bang Of Country Music**

BCD16094 EK  
5-CD box set (LP-size) with 120-page  
hardcover book  
EAN: **4000127160942**



**Various Artists:**  
**Sea Conditions**  
**Swell Songs And Shanties For Breezy People**

BCD17563 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
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**Billy Jack Wills:**  
**Cadillac in Model 'A'**  
**Gonna Shake This Shack Tonight**

BCD17644 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: **4000127176448**



**Bill Carter:**  
**Ramblin' Fever**  
**The Complete Recordings 1953 - 1961**

BCD17650 AR  
2-CD (Digisleeve) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: **5397102176500**

