

# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



## PRODUCTINFO (CD) May 3, 2024

Artist **Jack Hammer**  
Title **On The Dancefloor With Jack Hammer**  
Label **Bear Family Records**  
Catalog no. **BCD17711** Price code: AH  
EAN-Code **4000127177117**  
Format **1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet**  
Genre **Rock 'n' Roll, Rhythm 'n' Blues**  
No. of tracks **32** approx. 78:00 min.  
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## INFO:

- **Bear Family Records® presents the versatile Jack Hammer in its popular 'Dancefloor' series.**
- **Between 1956 and '66 Hammer developed from a classic American R'n'R style singer/songwriter (he wrote *Great Balls Of Fire* along with Otis Blackwell) to the 'Twistin' King' in Europe and later to an impressive soul singer.**
- **This CD contains rare early studio recordings (including a previously unreleased track) and rather unknown live tv recordings.**
- **His hits include *Kissin' Twist* or *The Wiggle and Wigglin' Fool*.**
- **In the 36-page color booklet with rare photos, illustrations and in-detail discographical info, Chicago music journalist Bill Dahl provides details on Hammer's international career.**

## From the Bill Haley sound to the dancefloor king

Jack Hammer's early recordings are reminiscent of the traditional rock 'n' roll sound of Bill Haley. Hammer was also a sought-after songwriter who was involved in classics of the genre such as *Great Balls Of Fire* and *Milkshake Mademoiselle*. But Jack Hammer's career took adventurous paths. In the early 1960s, he moved to Europe, where he celebrated his biggest hits on the Ronnex label. He invented a new dance with *The Wiggle*, and hits such as *Kissin' Twist* and *Wigglin' Fool* guaranteed him international recognition. The CD contains all the hits as well as a number of rarities, from an unreleased track from 1959 to rare live tv recordings from German television in 1963. A series of fine soul recordings, made between 1965 and '66 in the USA and Great Britain, round off the overall picture.

## The adventures of Jack Hammer

The impressive career of songwriter, singer and dancer Jack Hammer, who performed in the USA, Great Britain, France, Belgium and Germany, is impressively presented here on 32 tracks. Jack Hammer's detailed biography with many previously unknown details researched by Bill Dahl can be read in the 36-page color booklet. Rare photos, illustrations and a meticulous discography complete the booklet. Together with the remastered recordings in crystal-clear sound, this release is an experience!

## TRACKLISTING:

### CD:

Football Rock **The Jumpin' Jaguars (with Jack Hammer -piano):** Knock-Kneed Nellie From Knoxville **The Jumpin' Jaguars (with Jack Hammer -piano):** Shut The Door, Baby Girl, Girl, Girl Earth Cousins (with Tony Middleton) Little-Bitty Goose Pimples  
Mean And Evil Me Good And Gravy (as Tommy Hawke) A Bouquet Of Teardrops (as Tommy Hawke) Let's Twist Again (as Tommy Hawke) Juliette Kissin' Twist Melancholy Boy Boogie Woogie Twist Twistin' King Crazy Twist  
Twist Talk (as Jack Hammer & Girl Friend) Come Twist Around The Clock Twist And Shout Twist, Turn And Twirl  
The Wiggle The Wigglin' Fool Stop-Slop Fire Baby Can't You Do It Ali Ben Ghazi (Bossa Nova) Sugar Boy  
Jumping At The Eden Saloon (Live, with Paul Würges Combo) Die schöne Lola (Be-Bop-A-Lula) (Live, with Max Greger Orchestra)  
Workin' Man Down The Subway Switch Blade Operator

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## ALSO AVAILABLE:

**Various Artists:**  
**One The Dancefloor With A Twist Again**  
**23 More Tunes To Twist It Up!**

BCD17667 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127176677



**Joey Dee & The Starliters:**  
**On The Dancefloor With Joey Dee & The Starliters**

BCD17547 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127175472



**Various Artists:**  
**On The Dancefloor With A Twist**  
**25 Tunes To Twist It Up!**

BCD17666 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127176660



**Various Artists:**  
**On The Dancefloor With A Bop!**  
**36 Tunes To Bop The Blues Away**

BCD17693 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127176936



**Various Artists:**  
**On The Dancefloor With A Fingersnap**  
**31 Pops To Make The Party Shake!**

BCD17718 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127177186



**Dion:**  
**On The Dancefloor With Dion DiMucci**

BCD17740 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127177407



**Various Artists:**  
**Happy Birthday, Baby!**  
**32 (Un-) Happy Tunes For Your Birthday Party**

BCD17695 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127176950

