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STREET DATE FEBRUARY 16, 2004

ARTIST	Various
TITLE	November 6, 1954 at 'Town Hall Party'
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BVD 20027
PRICE-CODE	AT
EAN-CODE	4000127200273
ISBN-CODE	3-89916-023-1
FORMAT	DVD
GENRE	Country / Rock 'n' Roll
TRACKS	17
PLAYING TIME	approx. 85 mns.



SALES NOTES

A little about 'Town Hall Party'.....

'Town Hall Party' was California's largest country music barndance, running from early 1952 until early 1961. The show was broadcast every Saturday night from a theatre made up to look like an old barn in the Compton suburb of Los Angeles. Crowds numbering up to 2000 would fill the old Town Hall to see and hear the top country artists of the day. The first hour was broadcast live over KFI and reached a wider audience when NBC syndicated the show on radio. The broadcast was extended to three hours when KTTV-TV televised the show. Jay Stewart (who later hosted the TV quiz show 'Let's Make a Deal'), and Tex Ritter were the MCs and the house band featured a Who's Who of West Coast country music, including Joe Maphis, Merle Travis, Skeets McDonald, Johnny Bond and Tommy Duncan. Artists appearing on the show included The Collins Kids, Carl Perkins, Jim Reeves, Patsy Cline, Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, Wanda Jackson and Johnny Cash. The show was so popular that, in 1958, Columbia Records issued the 'Town Hall Party' album featuring various cast members.

A little about these DVDs ...

Unlike previous DVDs, which compiled various performances by specific artists, these new releases present the complete shows, thus capturing the atmosphere and excitement that captivated audiences almost half a century ago.

Among these releases are the two shows featuring Johnny Cash as special guest, which were broadcasted on November 15, 1958 and August 8, 1959. Accompanied by The Tennessee Two, these appearance were first presented by Bear Family as an edited compilation but considerable public demand has resulted the two shows released in their entirities on two seperate DVDs, accompanied by the regular members of the Town Hall Party cast. Now's let's turn back the clock and watch the artists, hear the music and enjoy the shows that haven't been seen since their original date of broadcast.

TRACK LISTING

Tommy Duncan: Medley of Country Songs - Mom And Dad's Waltz / The Waltz You Saved For Me / Lady Of Spain/
When Irish Eyes Are Smiling - Merle Travis & Joe Maphis: Cannon Ball Rag - Joe Maphis & Quincy Snodgrass: The
Audience Song - Wesley Tuttle: Footprints In The Snow - Tex Ritter: There's A New Moon Over My Shoulder - Rangers
Quartet: Rock Of Ages - Dick Stubbs, Fiddlin' Kate, Billy Hill: (Instrumental) - Joe Maphis & Rose Lee Maphis: Half As
Much - Merle Travis & Judy Hayden: John Bolin - Wesley Tuttle: Tennessee Waltz - Judy Hayden, Rose Lee Maphis,
Marylin Tuttle: Rock-A-Bye-Boogie - Les 'Carrot Top' Anderson: The Bonny Hop - Wesley Tuttle: That Little Boy Of Mine
Johnny Bond: It Makes No Difference Now - Joe Maphis, Fiddlin' Kate, Merle Travis: Turkey In The Straw - Larry Collins
& Joe Maphis: Mutt And Jeff Boogie



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RECORDING DETAILS

MUSICIANS Merle Travis: lead guitar; Freddie Hart: rhythm guitar; Joe Maphis: guitar; Les 'Carrot Top' Anderson: steel guitar; Dick Stubbs: steel guitar; Bud Dooley: bass; Pee Wee Adams: drums; Kate 'Fiddlin' Kate' Warren: fiddle; Billy Hill: fiddle; Ray Klein: accordion; Jimmy Pruett: piano

ALSO AVAILABLE :

ARTIST	TITLE	NUMBER	FORMAT
Johnny Cash	At 'Town Hall Party'	BVD 20001 AT	DVD
Eddie Cochran	At 'Town Hall Party'	BVD 20002 AT	DVD
Gene Vincent	At 'Town Hall Party'	BVD 20003 AT	DVD
Bob Luman	At 'Town Hall Party'	BVD 20004 AT	DVD
The Collin Kids	At 'Town Hall Party'	BVD 20005 AT	DVD
Jenks 'Tex' Carman	At 'Town Hall Party'	BVD 20006 AT	DVD
Marty Robbins	At 'Town Hall Party'	BVD 20007 AT	DVD
Various	Halloween At 'Town Hall Party' October 31, 1959	BVD 20026 AT	DVD