

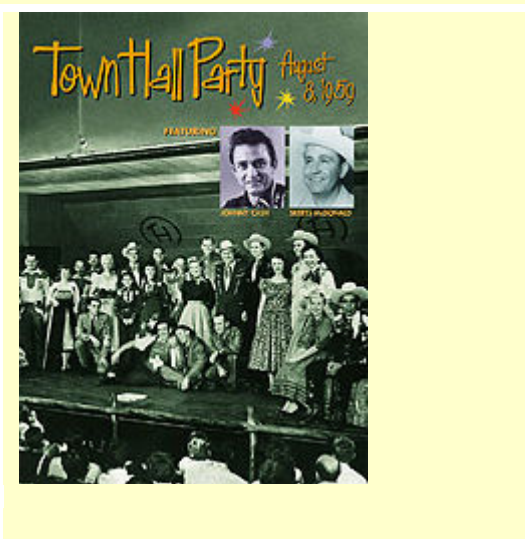


BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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STREET DATE FEBRUARY 16, 2004

ARTIST	Various
TITLE	August 8, 1959 at 'Town Hall Party'
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BVD 20031
PRICE-CODE	AT
EAN-CODE	4000127200310
ISBN-CODE	3-89916-024-X
FORMAT	DVD
GENRE	Country / Rock 'n' Roll
TRACKS	28
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

Joe Maphis, Johnny Bond & Gordon Terry: Hot Time In New Orleans Tonight - Joe & Rose Lee Maphis: Dim Light, Thick Smoke And Loud Music - Johnny Bond: We're Diggin' For Gold - Tex Ritter: Jealous Heart - Jeannie Sterling: The Wonder Of You - Billy Mize & Cliff Crofford: Waterloo - Gordon Terry: It Ain't Right - Johnny Cash & The Tennessee Two: Guess Things Happen That Way - Five Feet High And Rising - I Got Stripes - The Ways Of A Woman In Love - Big River - Frankie's Man Johnny - Jimmy Pruett: (Piano Instrumental) - Jay Stewart jokes with Squeakin' Deacon - Skeets McDonald: Mona Lisa - Martha Carson: Who Built The Ark - Charlie Williams: The Long Black Veil - Rose Lee Maphis: Please Mister Mailman - Tex Ritter: These Hands - Johnny Cash & The Tennessee Two: I Walk The Line - Pickin' Time



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-Folsom Prison Blues - Don't Take Your Guns To Town - I Was There When It Happened - Heartbreak Hotel (Elvis Impersonation) - I Got Stripes

RECORDING DETAILS

MUSICIANS

Joe Maphis: leader/guitar; Johnny Bond: guitar; Rose Lee Maphis: guitar; Quincy Snodgrass: guitar; Billy Mize: steel guitar; Skeets McDonald: bass; Billy Mize: steel guitar; Jimmy Pruett: piano; Cliff Crofford: trumpet

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