

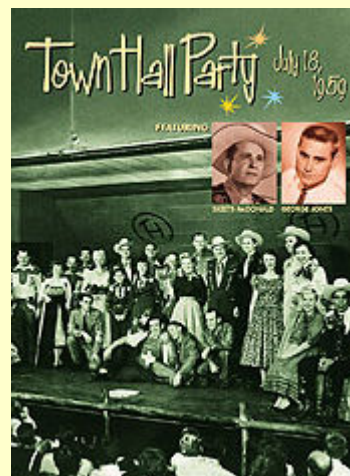


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ARTIST	VARIOUS
TITLE	Town Hall Party July 18, 1959
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BVD 20035
PRICE-CODE	AT
ISBN-CODE	3-89916-098-3
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 200358
FORMAT	DVD
GENRE	Country
TRACKS	30
PLAYING TIME	approx. 89 mns.



SALES NOTES

'Town Hall Party' was among the first of the country music shows to be seen on U.S. television, making its debut in early 1952 and running until early 1961. Staged every Saturday in a theatre in Compton, a suburb of Los Angeles, the stage was made up to look like an old barn, thus continuing the traditions of the various live shows that were first heard on the radio airwaves three decades earlier.

Although Nashville was fast establishing itself as the commercial home of country music, the West Coast had a vast, ready audience for such a show. The area had first become the new home for the Dust Bowl migrants of the 1930s and, a few years later during the war years, a further influx was made up of workers seeking jobs in the munitions and defence plants. These were all people who loved country music and, consequently, a brand new country scene was born with its own sound, artists, clubs, record labels, radio shows and, in due course, television programmes.

'Town Hall Party' was created with its own cast of regular performers and musicians, boasting a house that was virtually a 'who's who' of the West Coast scene comprising such as such as Joe Maphis, Merle Travis, Skeets McDonald, Johnny Bond and Tommy Duncan. Jay Stewart (who later hosted the TV quiz show 'Let's Make a Deal'), and Tex Ritter were the MCs. The weekly show presented an equally impressive guest list, attracted both by the show's tremendous popularity but also by the fact that fledgling television was becoming a vitally important media for exposing their talents to brand new audiences. Among the many guests to appear included Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, Eddie Cochran, The Collins Kids, Freddie Hart, Wanda Jackson, George Jones, Merle Lindsay, Bob Luman, Carl Perkins, Jim Reeves, Marty Robbins, Hank Snow and Gene Vincent,

With an audience numbering up to 2000, 'Town Hall Party' was first broadcasted live over local radio station KFI, but reached a greater audience when NBC syndicated the show on radio. The broadcast was extended to three hours when KTTV-TV televised the show. The show was so popular that, in 1958, Columbia Records issued the 'Town Hall Party' album featuring various cast members.

Now 'Town Hall Party' is reborn on DVD. Launched in 2002, this continuing DVD series present both individual artists' performances, compiled from different appearances on 'Town Hall Party', and complete cast shows selected from specific dates. Completely remastered, and presented with full colour booklets, these releases fully captured the atmosphere, artistry and sounds of a bygone country music age.

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TRACK LISTING

1. Introduction by **Jay Stewart**
2. **Johnny Bond, Rose Lee Maphis & Cast:** Lil' Liza Jane
3. **Johnny Bond:** We're Diggin' For Gold
4. **Billy Mize & Cliff Crofford:** Waterloo
5. **Rose Lee Maphis:** I Don't Want It On My Conscience
6. **Johnny O'Neill:** Jambalaya
7. **Jeannie Sterling:** What A Difference A Day Makes
8. **Gordon Terry:** Johnson's Old Grey Mule
9. **George Jones:** I'm Ragged But I'm Right
10. **George Jones:** Treasure Of Love
11. **George Jones:** White Lightnin'
12. **George Jones:** The Girl I Love
13. **Jimmy Pruett:** Boogie Woogie
14. **Jimmy Pruett:** Casey Jones
15. **Skeets McDonald:** Mona Lisa
16. **Billy Mize:** Blue Boy
17. **Martha Carson:** Let The Light Shine On Me
18. **Johnny O'Neill:** She's My Truly Fair
19. **Charlie Williams:** I Got Stripes
20. **Rose Lee Maphis:** Bury Me Beneath The Willow Tree
21. **Gordon Terry & Harold Hensley:** Old Joe Clark
22. **Leon 'Quincy Snodgrass' Silby:** Bile 'em Cabbage Down
23. **Jeannie Sterling:** Lonesome Road
24. **George Jones:** Medley
25. **George Jones:** Seasons Of My Heart
26. **George Jones:** Who Shot Sam
27. **George Jones:** You Gotta Be My Baby
28. **Billy Mize:** Steel Guitar Rag
29. **Johnny Bond:** The Long Tall Shadow
30. **Martha Carson:** Do Lord Remember Me
31. **Skeets McDonald:** Hawaiian Sea Breeze

ALSO AVAILABLE:

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 Collins Kids At 'Town Hall Party' Vol.1	BVD 20005 AT	DVD
The Collins Kids At 'Town Hall Party' Vol.2	BVD 20010 AT	DVD
The Collins Kids At 'Town Hall Party' Vol.3	BVD 20015 AT	DVD
Jenks Tex Carman At 'Town Hall Party'	BVD 20006 AT	DVD
Marty Robbins At 'Town Hall Party'	BVD 20007 AT	DVD
Halloween At 'Town Hall Party' October 31, 1959	BVD 20026 AT	DVD
'Town Hall Party' November 6, 1954	BVD 20027 AT	DVD
'Town Hall Party' November 29, 1958	BVD 20028 AT	DVD
'Town Hall Party' June 6, 1959	BVD 20029 AT	DVD
'Town Hall Party' February 14, 1959	BVD 20030 AT	DVD
'Town Hall Party' August 8, 1959	BVD 20031 AT	DVD
'Town Hall Party' November 15, 1958	BVD 20032 AT	DVD

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