

## THE CASH BOX



## POPULAR

**LIBERACE** At The Hollywood Bowl—Columbia CL 600—(1-12" LP) List: \$3.95

CORNISH RHAPSODY; RHAPSODY BY CANDLELIGHT; ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME BAND; EL CUMBANCHERO; CLAIR DE LUNE; CEMENT MIXER; BEER BARREL POLKA.

Liberace has a great hold on the public through his keyboard work and his record sales are always in the high figures. However, never did his personality come through as it does on this record in which he introduces each number. His relaxed and intimate humor puts the audience in a highly receptive mood. His choice of pieces for inclusion in this concert guarantees an hour of enjoyment. Liberace is a great showman. This is an actual tape of his concert at the Hollywood Bowl. This is the first half of the concert, the second half to be released in the near future.

**"THREE GUYS ON A NOTE"**—Vic Damone, Ralph Marterie, Rusty Draper—MG 25201 (10" LP) List: \$2.98

YOU TURNED THE TABLES ON ME; LAZY RIVER; LOUISE; BUMMIN' AROUND; SERENADE IN BLUE; THAT OLD FEELING; THERE'S NO YOU; THIS LOVE OF MINE.

The polished Ralph Marterie band sets up a superb backing for both Vic Damone and Rusty Draper as the crooners hand in smooth readings of four songs each. All of the tunes are old favorites and they're beautifully handled by the songsters. Good package for dancing. Terrific selection of material. Marterie hands in some fancy work on the horn.

**"SNUGGLED ON YOUR SHOULDERS"**—LeRoy Holmes and the MGM Strings—MGM E 246 (10" LP) List: \$2.98

I'M IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE; ALL OF ME; SNUGGLED ON YOUR SHOULDER; TWO CIGARETTES IN THE DARK; SO BEATS MY HEART; LINGER IN MY ARMS; I SURRENDER DEAR; TWO SLEEPY PEOPLE.

LeRoy Holmes, who made his mark on the music biz this year with a beautiful instrumental version of "The High And The Mighty" theme, sends up a pretty selection of mood music presented by MGM's String Ork. LP contains eight of the best loved romantic melodies.

**"LISTENING TIME"**—with Walter Scharf and Stephen Make and their Orchestras (10" LP) List: \$2.98

SCHARF: I LOVE YOU SO; TRAVELIN' LIGHT; SUSAN, ELIZABETH. MAKE: FIDDLIN' RAG; VERA CRUZ; ROWENA'S WALTZ; DANCE OF THE CASTENETS.

Some delightful mood music, original material for the romantic music lover, is presented by Walter Scharf, long an accomplished composer for film and Stephen Make a polished arranger and instrumentalist. Here the musicians offer their own compositions, and they're indeed inviting. A variety of themes from the novelty type of "Fiddlin' Rag" to the lush romantic type of "I Love You So". Delightful LP for a relaxing half hour at home.

**"MAMBO MANIA"**—PEREZ PRADO and his Orchestra—RCA Victor LPM 1075 (12" LP) List: \$3.98

CHERRY PINK AND APPLE BLOSSOM WHITE; A LA BILLY MAY; SKOKIAAN; APRIL IN PORTUGAL; MAMBO IN SAX; THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY; MARILYN MONROE MAMBO; ST. LOUIS BLUES MAMBO; TOM CAT MAMBO; BALLIN' THE JACK; MAMBO DE CHATTANOOGA; MAMBO A LA KENTON.

Perez Prado, who is directly responsible for bringing the mambo to the United States and who since has been a sensation on the musical front, dishes up an LP that's just the "MOST". It's a big, fat, 12" waxing some of the best stuff the "Prez" has done in the past few years, plus a couple of new things. No one can match the sound, style and explosive excitement of the Prado band. He's still the tops. If anyone is gonna want to buy a 12" mambo LP, this "Mambo Mania" platter will be the one. Prado is about the biggest name in mambo, which should help this LP sell for a long, long time to come. "Crazy" cover photo of the "Prez" giving out with one of his grunts, should attract heaps of customers.

## CLASSICAL

**MASCAGNI**: "Cavalleria Rusticana" Highlights — Jussi Bjoerling, Zinka Milanov, Margaret Roggero, Robert Merrill (Side 1)

**LEONCAVALLO**: "I Pagliacci" Highlights—Leonard Warren, Victoria de los Angeles; Robert Merrill; Jussi Bjoerling, Paul Franke. RCA Victor LM 1828 (12" LP) List: \$3.98

**GOUNOD**: "Faust" Highlights — Jean Borthayre; Boris Christog, Robert Jeantet, Martha Angelici, Nicola Gedda, Victoria de los Angeles. RCA Victor LM 1825 (12" LP) List: \$3.98

**ROSSINI**: "Barber Of Seville" Highlights—Nicola Monti, Gino Bechi, Victoria de los Angeles, Nicola Rossi-Lemeni, Melchiorre Luise. RCA Victor LM-1826 (12" LP) List: \$3.98

**VERDI**: "Il Trovatore" Highlights—Nicola Moscona, Zinka Milanov, Margaret Roggero, Jussi Bjoerling, Leonard Warren, Paul Franke, Fedora Barbieri. RCA Victor LM-1827 (12" LP) List: \$3.98

**WAGNER**: "Tristan And Isolde" Highlights — Kirsten Flagstad, Blanche Thebom, Ludwig Suthaus, Wilhelm Furtwangler. RCA Victor LM 1829 (12" LP) List: \$3.98

Last week, as part of RCA Victor's January "Operatic Highlights Month", the diskery released a new recording of the "Highlights From 'Samson and Delilah'". This week, Victor issues five other LP's containing the highlights of six operas which previously were available only in their full-length versions. The six highlights, listed above are from operas most frequently performed at the Met here in New York. They are also six of the most loved operas containing many of the most beautiful of all arias. Each LP is treated by an all star cast. And most of the performers are today's top stars at the Met although many of the LP's were recorded in Europe. Victor's release of seven operas so far this month, is probably the epitome of treats for opera enthusiasts. And at the new prices, they'll probably go like hot cakes. This is stock that'll sell ten years from today.

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**RACHMANINOFF**—"Symphony No. 2" Capitol Records P8293 (1-12" LP) List: \$4.98

William Steinberg conducting The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

William Steinberg's offering of the popular Rachmaninoff Symphony #2 is beautifully done. Steinberg captures the composer's emotional conflicts, the colorations of his moods and the beauty of its melodies. From the opening note, the conductor leads his orchestra through haunting passages that stir the listener. Striking color portrait of Steinberg with baton in hand makes the sleeve an attention catcher.

**STRAUSS**: "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks". "Death and Transfiguration"—Capitol P8291 (1-12" LP) List: \$4.98

William Steinberg conducting The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

Two works of contrasting moods, both from the pen of Richard Strauss, are the subjects offered by William Steinberg and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. The gay, impish and bustling "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks" and the moody, stirring and dramatic "Death and Transfiguration" are thrillingly performed. As ever Richard Strauss seems to have written with High Fidelity in mind. The sound on this release will excite the music lover and the hi-fi fan. Anyone not owning these works will find this an excellent version.

## JAZZ

**DINAH WASHINGTON**—"DINAH JAMS"—EmArcy MG 36000 (12" LP) List: \$3.98

LOVER COME BACK TO ME; SUMMERTIME; ALONE TOGETHER; COME RAIN OR COME SHINE; NO MORE; I'VE GOT YOU UNDER MY SKIN; THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE; YOU GO TO MY HEAD.

You just can't beat Dinah Washington. She's definitely one of jazzdom's top songstresses and the queen of blues. When Dinah sings, she sings from the toes. And you can feel it on this LP. Capably assisted by such top jazz names as Clifford Brown, Maynard Ferguson, Clark Terry, Max Roach, Keter Betts, George Morrow and others, Dinah leans into her inimitable renditions of eight of the greatest of all the standards. Audience can be heard applauding. Session was waxed in the Summer of '54 in Hollywood. A real thrill. Should do big things over the counter.

**MAMBO MOVES GARNER**—Erroll Garner—Mercury Records MG-20055 (1-12" LP) List: \$3.98

MAMBO GARNER; NIGHT AND DAY; MAMBO BLUES; OLD BLACK MAGIC; CHEROKEE; RUSSIAN LULLABY; BEGIN THE BEGUINE; MAMBO NIGHTS; SWEET SUE.

If the only item recorded here was Mambo Garner it would still be worth the price of admission. It is a most exciting recording with the scintillating Garner and the bongo star, Candido, passing the ball back and forth for an exhausting entry. The salesman won't have to go beyond this part of the LP to sell it. However, it is not the only item. Standards such as "Night and Day", "Old Black Magic", "Begin the Beguine", etc., are wonderful bonus values. And there's "Mambo Nights", another Garner original. One offering more delightful than the other. This should be a very strong seller.

**THE ARTISTRY OF BUDDY DeFRANCO**—Norgran Records MGN-1012 (1-12" LP) List: \$5.98

TITORO; YOU GO TO MY HEAD; MINE; GERRY'S TUNE; AUTUMN LEAVES; NOW'S THE TIME.

The fluid clarinet work of Buddy DeFranco provides a variety of moods as Buddy drives and glides. Buddy's wonderful tones and improvisations make this a grand piece of wax. His particular fans and jazz fans in general will go for it.

**THE BERYL BOOKER TRIO**—Cadence CLP 1000 (10" LP) List: \$3.00

TENDERLY; BODY AND SOUL; NIGHT AND DAY; MY FUNNY VALENTINE; MY IDEAL; I DON'T KNOW WHY.

A collection of unbeatable standards performed in delightful manner by the Beryl Booker Trio makes for a delectable package. Miss Booker's nimble fingering and jazz phrasing paint gay or mellow moods with equal clarity and feeling. Strong package for the jazz fan who likes to follow the melody line.

**"THE SWING ERA" Vol. 1. "X" Vault Originals LVA-3030 (1-10" LP) List: \$2.98**

KING PORTER STOMP; BLUE RHYTHM FANTASY; BIG BOY BLUE; MY MARIE; THE HARLEM TWISTER; CHINA BOY; TWILIGHT IN TURKEY; A STUDY IN BROWN.

Latest in the series of "X" Vault Originals offers Teddy Hill, whose reputation in the swing days never equaled that of the Goodman's and Miller's. The Hill etchings represents a period in the late 30's. Deck includes some interesting and enjoyable items.

**"HOT HORN" Muggsy Spanier—Decca Records DL5552 (1-10" LP) List: \$2.98**

WHEN MY DREAM BOAT COMES HOME; MY WILD IRISH ROSE; JUDY; OH, DOCTOR OCHSNERI; CARELESS LOVE; WASHINGTON AND LEE SWING.

Muggsy Spanier, an integral part of the history of jazz from Chicago to the present, is offered here on an LP that features the Spanier "hot" trumpet and fine support by a wonderful group of sidemen. Deck swings and offers solid fuel for the adherents of "hot" jazz.

## CHILDREN

**"SPARKY'S MAGIC PIANO"**—Capitol H 3003 (10" LP) List: \$2.98

**"RUSTY IN ORCHESTRVILLE"**—Capitol H 3007 (10" LP) List: \$2.98

**"FOUR CLASSICS FOR CHILDREN"**—Capitol H 3223 (10" LP) List: \$2.98

Capitol issues three LP's for children this week. The Sparky LP is a clever story designed to encourage the child pianist when he reaches a discouraging point in his studies. It shows the youthful pianist the results of his efforts years hence. The "Rusty In Orchestrville" album serves to introduce the youngster to all the musical instruments and at the same time to some of the familiar classics too. The "Four Classics" LP is designed to familiarize children with four of the great classics. This is done interestingly by a narrator who tells a story behind each classic. Parents will go for these in a big way. Three good LP selections that have already been issued in 78 form.