NEW RELEASES

THE GOLDEN AGE OF LIGHT MUSIC

The Pianist in the Spotlight

In this collection it is the turn of pianists to take centre stage. Some of them will be familiar as famous solo artists, while others fronted their own groups or small ensembles which bear their name. Occasionally there are the unsung heroes whose work in orchestras often goes unnoticed, although they would surely be missed if they suddenly disappeared. Among the talented pianists spotlighted are famous names such as George Shearing, Semprini, Winifred Atwell and Roger Williams, together with some remembered from earlier times, including Billy Mayerl, Carroll Gibbons and the lady who died tragically young at the peak of her popularity, Raie Da Costa. Most are playing with top light orchestras like David Rose, Robert Farnon and George Melachrino.

The Lost Transcriptions - Vol. 1

What are ‘Transcriptions’ and why have they been ‘lost’? Generally speaking the term refers to recordings of live performances made for use by broadcasting organisations before the advent of audio tape. The majority of these discs were destroyed after use, and those that have survived (mostly in private collections) are of historical importance. This CD includes rare, long forgotten performances by the likes of Sidney Torch, David Rose, Percy Faith and George Melachrino. They were recorded by names familiar within broadcasting circles such as the BBC, Standard, World, Thesaurus and Lang-Worth, to name just a few. Another valuable source was the entertainment arms of the Armed Forces during World War 2, including the Overseas Recorded Broadcasting Service in Britain, and the Armed Forces Radio Service in the USA.
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1. Love Letters - Victor Young, arr. George Gereely
   GEORGE GREELEY, Piano and Orch. 3:33
2. Beautiful - Francis Craig
   ROGER WILLIAMS, HIS PIANO AND ORCH. 2:46
3. Because You’re Mine - S. Cahn, N. Brodsky, arr. P. Weston
   PAUL WESTON AND HIS ORCH. 2:52
   GEORGE SHEARING, Piano with BILLY MAY AND HIS ORCH. 4:34
5. Concerto - David Rose
   DAVID ROSE AND HIS ORCH. with DON FERRIS, Piano 2:48
6. The Way You Look Tonight (from film Swing Time) - Jerome Kern
   JOE “Mr Piano” HENDERSON, Piano with BILL SHEPHERD AND HIS ORCH. 2:19
7. Soft Sands - Lou Stein
   LOU STEIN, Piano - with BILL FONTAINE’S ORCH. 2:25
   NORRIE PARAMOR AND HIS ORCH. featuring NORRIE PARAMOR, Piano 2:07
   SEMPRINI, Piano and Orch. 3:00
10. Carnavalito - Edmundo Porteno Zaldivar
    PIERRE DORSEY, HIS PIANO AND ORCH. 2:45

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1. Strike Up The Band - George & Ira Gershwin, probably arranged by Sidney Torch
   RAF CONCERT ORCH. probably conducted by SIDNEY TORCH 1:45
   RAF CONCERT ORCH. probably conducted by SIDNEY TORCH 4:43
   PERY FAITH AND HIS ORCH. 1:58
4. The Butterfly And The Alligator - David Rose
   DAVID ROSE AND HIS ORCH. 3:00
5. If You Please (from the film ‘Dixie’) - Jimmy Van Heusen, arr. Sidney Torch
   SIDNEY TORCH AND HIS ORCH. 3:23
   RAF CONCERT ORCH. probably cond.by S.TORCH (solo violin Lou Whiteson) 3:47
7. The Peanut Vendor (El Manisero) - Moises Simons, Marion Sunshine, L. Wolfe Gilbert
   THE ORCH. IN KHAKI Conducted by GEORGE MELACHRINO 3:30
8. ‘The Man From The Country 4:50
9. ‘The Man About Town 4:31
10. ‘The Man From The Sea 4:47
11. Romantic Overture (Overture Romantique) - Kéler Béla
    THE ORCH. OF THE ROYAL MARINES Cond. by Captain F. VIVIAN DUNN, MVO ARAM RM 7:25