

■ Ever since the 1950s it has become almost a custom for successful recording artists to release an LP with Christmas or "Sacred Songs" for the holidays. This collection presents some of these original Christmas albums by twenty stars of American Pop, Swing, Country & Western, Folk and Rock & Roll. There is something here for every family member and every mood: ELVIS PRESLEY, CONNIE FRANCIS, FRANK SINATRA, ELLA FITZGERALD, THE KINGSTON TRIO, HARRY BELAFONTE, DEAN MARTIN, PAT BOONE, NAT 'KING' COLE, PERRY COMO, BOBBY DARIN, JIMMIE RODGERS, PAUL ANKA, FRANKIE AVALON, THE EVERLY BROTHERS, BILLY VAUGHN & HIS ORCHESTRA, BING CROSBY, THE ANDREWS SISTERS, JIM REEVES and JOHNNY CASH – they all are represented here with a Christmas album of their own. Some of the classic songs and hymns appear here several times in versions by different artists, but the different interpretations almost always turn them into "new songs". Merry Christmas!

■ Seit den 1950er Jahren ist es ein schöner Brauch, dass erfolgreiche Musiker eine LP mit Weihnachtsliedern oder sogenannten „Sacred Songs“ zum Fest der Liebe aufnehmen. Hier gibt es nun eine Sammlung mit Original-Weihnachtsalben von zwanzig Stars der amerikanischen Pop-, Swing-, C&W-, Folk- und Rock&Roll-Szene. Für jedes Familienmitglied und jede Stimmung dürfte etwas dabei sein: ELVIS PRESLEY, CONNIE FRANCIS, FRANK SINATRA, ELLA FITZGERALD, THE KINGSTON TRIO, HARRY BELAFONTE, DEAN MARTIN, PAT BOONE, NAT „KING“ COLE, PERRY COMO, BOBBY DARIN, JIMMIE RODGERS, PAUL ANKA, FRANKIE AVALON, THE EVERLY BROTHERS, BILLY VAUGHN & HIS ORCHESTRA, BING CROSBY, THE ANDREWS SISTERS, JIM REEVES und JOHNNY CASH – sie alle sind hier mit einem Weihnachtsalbum vertreten. Einige Klassiker gibt es natürlich mehrfach von den verschiedenen Interpreten zu hören, aber die unterschiedliche Interpretation macht fast immer ein „neues“ Lied daraus. Fröhliche Weihnachten!

CD 1 ■ **ELVIS' CHRISTMAS ALBUM** [1957]

■ **C. FRANCIS - CHRISTMAS IN MY HEART** [1959]

CD 2 ■ **A JOLLY CHRISTMAS FROM FRANK SINATRA** [1957]

■ **ELLA WISHES YOU A SWINGING CHRISTMAS** [1960]

CD 3 ■ **THE KINGSTON TRIO - THE LAST MONTH OF THE YEAR** [1960]

■ **HARRY BELAFONTE - TO WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS**
[1958]

CD 4 ■ **DEAN MARTIN - A WINTER ROMANCE** [1959]

■ **PAT BOONE - WHITE CHRISTMAS** [1959]

CD 5 ■ **NAT "KING" COLE - THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS** [1960]

■ **PERRY COMO SINGS MERRY CHRISTMAS MUSIC** [1956]

CD 6 ■ **BOBBY DARIN - THE 25TH DAY OF DECEMBER** [1960]

■ **JIMMIE RODGERS - IT'S CHRISTMAS ONCE AGAIN** [1959]

CD 7 ■ **PAUL ANKA - IT'S CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE** [1960]

■ **FRANKIE AVALON'S CHRISTMAS ALBUM** [1962]

CD 8 ■ **CHRISTMAS WITH THE EVERLY BROTHERS** [1962]

■ **BILLY VAUGHN & HIS ORCHESTRA - CHRISTMAS CAROLS**
[1958]

CD 9 ■ **BING CROSBY - MERRY CHRISTMAS** [1955]

■ **THE ANDREWS SISTERS - CHRISTMAS CHEER** [1950]

CD 10 ■ **JIM REEVES - WE THANK THEE** [1962]

■ **JOHNNY CASH - HYMNS FROM THE HEART** [1962]

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