

George Gershwin produced melodies the way an apple tree bears fruit – naturally, prolifically, inevitably. One of Broadway’s most celebrated composers before he was out of his teens, Gershwin used to say that he had more tunes in his head than he could ever put on paper. In his short, driven life, he wrote hundreds of songs, as well as some of the world’s most popular orchestral pieces (“Rhapsody In Blue” and “An American In Paris”) and a path-breaking opera, *Porgy and Bess*. Gershwin was the first – and perhaps the greatest – “crossover” artist; his vibrant, inspired, exuberantly diverse music combined great melodies and classical stylings with the syncopated rhythms and forceful energy of jazz. No wonder he influenced artists ranging from Leonard Bernstein and Miles Davis to Paul Simon and Diane Warren, who pays tribute to Gershwin with an essay. *The Essential George Gershwin* celebrates a man who continues to inspire musicians – and listeners – anywhere his music is played.



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DISC 1

1. **PRELUDE NO. 2 FOR PIANO**
George Gershwin
2. **I GOT RHYTHM**
Ethel Waters
3. **OH LADY, BE GOOD**
Buck & Bubbles
4. **SUMMERTIME**
Billie Holiday
5. **NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT**
Maxine Sullivan and Her Orchestra
6. **THEY CAN'T TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME**
Fred Astaire
7. **SWANEE**
Al Jolson
8. **LIZA**
Benny Goodman
9. **SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME**
Frank Sinatra
10. **'S WONDERFUL**
Dinah Shore and Buddy Clark
11. **DO IT AGAIN**
Jane Russell
12. **SOON**
Dorothy Kirsten
13. **FASCINATING RHYTHM/
SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME**
Morton Gould, His Piano and Orchestra
14. **THE MAN I LOVE**
Billie Holiday and Her Orchestra

15. LET'S CALL THE WHOLE THING OFF

Fred Astaire

16. LOVE IS HERE TO STAY

Gene Kelly

17. HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOING ON?

Felicia Sanders

18. BLUES

Harry James and His Orchestra

19. BUT NOT FOR ME

Doris Day

20. A FOGGY DAY

Rosemary Clooney

21. I'LL BUILD A STAIRWAY TO PARADISE

Georges Guétary

22. THIRD MOVEMENT (ALLEGRO AGITATO)

Oscar Levant

DISC 2

1. OF THEE I SING OVERTURE

Buffalo Philharmonic

2. THEY ALL LAUGHED

Tony Bennett

3. OF THEE I SING

The Hi-Lo's

4. PROMENADE (WALKING THE DOG)

The Los Angeles Philharmonic

5. I'VE GOT A CRUSH ON YOU

Ella Fitzgerald

6. SOMEBODY LOVES ME

Alberta Hunter

7. LOVE WALKED IN/ EMBRACEABLE YOU

Maureen McGovern

8. MINE

Dick Hyman

9. ISN'T IT A PITY

Mel Tormé

10. INTRODUCTION AND JAZZBO BROWN

André Kostelanetz and
His Orchestra

11. IT AIN'T NECESSARILY SO

Aretha Franklin

12. BESS, YOU IS MY WOMAN NOW

Robert McFerrin and Adele
Addison

13. I LOVES YOU, PORGY

Miles Davis

14. MY MAN'S GONE NOW

Sarah Vaughan

15. THERE'S A BOAT DAT'S LEAVIN' SOON FOR NEW YORK

Cab Calloway

16. WHO CARES?

Tony Bennett

17. RHAPSODY IN BLUE

George Gershwin

18. STRIKE UP THE BAND

André Kostelanetz and
His Orchestra

19. HOME BLUES

Michael Feinstein

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