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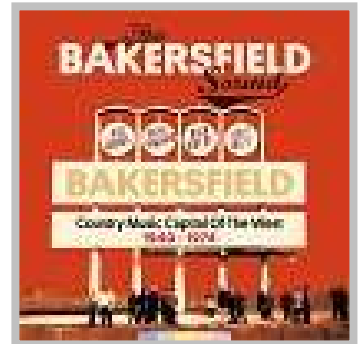


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INFO:

- **The compelling story of how a country music cottage industry transformed Bakersfield into the Country Music Capital of the West, sometimes called 'Nashville West', a serious challenge to Nashville's commercial country dominance.**
- **This first sprawling multi-disc anthology begins with 1940s field recordings of migrants, all the way through 1974, with profiles on each artist.**
- **Including a larger number of previously unreleased studio and live recordings, radio recordings and demos.**
- **A treasure trove of Bakersfield history presenting country music stars Merle Haggard and Buck Owens, guitar hero Don Rich and dozens of artists like Ferlin Husky, Dallas Frazier, Jean Shepard, Wynn Stewart, Tommy Duncan, Red Simpson, Kay Adams, Duck Curless, Joe Maphis, David Frizzell, The Gosdin Brothers, Clarence White a.m.o.**
- **From hits to deep cuts to alternate takes to album tracks to live material, this set dives deeper into the Bakersfield Sound than ever before.**
- **Full-color illustrated 220-page hardcover book with a plethora of photos, many shown here for the first time, and track-by-track commentary.**
- **In depth analysis by Grammy-nominated Bakersfield Sound historian Scott B. Bomar.**
- **Foreword by Foo Fighters guitarist Chris Shiflett.**

Buck Owens and Merle Haggard emerged from the dim lights, thick smoke and loud, loud music of Bakersfield, California's thriving honky-tonk scene of the 1950s and '60s and changed country music forever. But what is the 'Bakersfield Sound?' While twanging Telecasters and crying steel guitars come to mind, the music that emanated from Central California in that era reflected a variety of influences that was expressed in myriad ways.

"We represent the end results of all the years of country music in this town," Haggard once remarked about the California city that served as home base for the two Country Music Hall of Fame inductees. But how did the musical world from which Buck and Merle emerged come to be? How were the twin pillars of the Bakersfield Sound shaped by the city's larger musical community? Who were their influences, and what were the musical markers along their paths to success? In what ways did their achievements reshape the local scene from which they emerged?

This first sprawling multi-disc anthology of Bakersfield's country music heritage begins with 1940s field recordings of migrants who fled the ravages of dust and economic depression in search of a better life in California. It traces the development of the music they brought with them all the way through 1974, the last full year Merle Haggard made his home in Bakersfield, the year of Buck Owens' final Top 10 hit as a solo artist, and the year Bakersfield guitar hero Don Rich was killed in a motorcycle accident.

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Sometimes called 'Nashville West,' Bakersfield became hotbed that fostered the careers of Ferlin Husky, Herb Henson, Jimmy Thomason, Billy Barton, Fuzzy Owen, Lewis Talley, Tommy Collins, Dallas Frazier, Semie Moseley, Jean Shepard, The Farmer Boys, Wynn Stewart, Tommy Duncan, Billy Mize, Cliff Crofford, Bonnie Owens, Don Markham, Al Brumley, Tommy Dee, Jelly Sanders, Oscar Whittington, Johnny Barnett, Vancie Flowers, Bobby Durham, Bob Morris, Roy Nichols, Don Rich, Red Simpson, Kay Adams, Bobby Austin, Dick Curless, Joe & Rose Lee Maphis, Buddy Mize, Gary Paxton, The Gosdin Brothers, Ronnie Sessions, Gene Moles, Clarence White, Tony Booth, Freddie Hart, David Frizzell, and countless others.

Collected here are a diverse range of recordings that includes Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys in a Bakersfield radio studio in the mid-1940s; previously unknown live recordings of Buck Owens and the Buckaroos at the very last of Buck's legendary annual Toys for Tots shows before Don Rich's death; unreleased recordings by Red Simpson, Billy Mize, Bonnie Owens, and Johnny Bond; radio broadcasts from the stage of the legendary Blackboard Café; and an early Bill Woods vanity record that predates any of his previously-known recorded output.

Rare recordings from early pioneers Tex Butler, Tex Marshall, and Ebb Pilling give a glimpse into the early days of the Bakersfield Sound while dozens of rare records from local labels of the 1950s, '60s and '70s are collected together for the first time. Many of the selections presented here have never been reissued, and few have seen the light of day since their initial release. In some cases, only a handful of 78 or 45 RPM records were pressed, and the songs have been long forgotten until now. From songwriting legend Harlan Howard's first recording for Tally Records to his then-wife Jan Howard's first known demo recording in Lewis Talley's Bakersfield studio to Barbara Mandrell's very first solo recording on Mosrite Records to legendary bandleader Johnny Barnett's only known single (the first song written by Merle Haggard to have ever been released), this collection is a treasure trove of Bakersfield history. From hits to deep cuts to alternate takes to album tracks to live material, this set dives deeper into the Bakersfield Sound than ever before.

The accompanying 220 page book includes hundreds of photos, a foreword by Foo Fighters guitarist Chris Shiflett, in depth analysis by Grammy-nominated Bakersfield Sound historian Scott B. Bomar, profiles on each artist, and a track-by-track commentary that puts the sprawling 10 CD collection in context to illuminate the story of how a country music cottage industry transformed Bakersfield into the Country Music Capital of the West and ignited speculation that the city could become a serious challenge to Nashville's commercial country dominance.

TRACK LISTING:

CD 1: Lloyd Stalcup: The Cotton Picker's Song • Homer Pierce: Darlin' Baby • Jack Bryant: Sunny Cal • Mary Sullivan: Sunny California • Wayne 'Gene' Dinwiddle: Home In The Government Camp • King Family: Get Along Down To Town • Lloyd Reading: Home In San Antonio • Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys: Opening Theme / Seven Come Eleven • Get Along Home Cindy • Elwin Cross and his Arizona Wranglers: Back In Dear Old Oklahoma • The Maddox Brothers and Rose: Okie Boogie • Bob Manning (vocal: Billy Gray): Reading Your Letter With Tears In My Eyes • Leon Payne: Lost Highway • Tex Marshall & Bill Woods: Hittin' The Trail • Leo 'Tex' Butler: When The Leaves Come Tumbling Down • Bill Woods / Cliff Crofford: Have I Got A Chance With You • The Maddox Brothers and Rose: Water Baby Blues (Boogie) • Terry Preston: (A Pretty Woman Is A) Deadly Weapon • I Want You So • Herb Henson: Funny Book • Jimmy Thomason: Honey Baby • Your Love Was Like The Weather • Hillbilly Barton: You Made Me Love You • Ebb Pilling and his Ozark Squirrel Shooters: Ozark Polka • Bill Woods and his Orange Blossom Playboys with Hillbilly Barton: A Heart Break Ago • Fuzzy & Bonnie Owens: A Dear John Letter • Bill Woods & Rita Goodwin: Dear John • Billy Mize with Bill Woods and his Orange Blossom Playboys: Pusan • Ferlin Husky: Hank's Song • Joe Maphis & Rose Lee: Dim Lights, Thick Smoke (And Loud, Loud Music) • Jean Shepard & Ferlin Husky: A Dear John Letter

CD 2: Tommy Collins: You Better Not Do That • Dallas Frazier: Ain't You Had No Bringin' Up At All • Bud Hobbs: Louisiana Swing • Forest Lee & Clete Stewart: When I Hold You • Buck Owens: Down On The Corner Of Love • Dave Stogner with Al Brumley: Stepping Stones • Herb Henson & Joyce Yours: Out Of Line • Semie Moseley: When The Saints Go Marching In • Jean Shepard: Take Possession • The Farmer Boys: It Pays To Advertise • Wynn Stewart: Why Do I Love You So • Tommy Duncan: Crazy Mixed Up Kid • Johnny Taylor: Sad Sad Saturday Night • Wanda Jackson: I Gotta Know • Billy Mize: Who Will Buy The Wine • Al Coker with the Coker Family: Baby I Like Your Style • Louise Duncan: Wherever You Are • Sid Silver: Bumble Rumble • Andy Morris: I Need Her Love • Dusty Payne: I Want You • Fuzzy Owen: Your Every Thing (I Wish That She Could Be) • Bonnie Blue Bell: I Never Thought • Jan Howard: What Time Tomorrow • George Rich: Drivin' Away My Blues • Bill Woods: Ask Me No Questions • Fuzzy Owen: Beware Of A Stranger • Skeets McDonald: Keep Her Off Your Mind • Dave Stogner: Yes Sir • Harlan Howard: Fun On The Freeway • Cliff Crofford: A Night For Love • The Farmer Boys: Someone To Love • Buck Owens: Come Back To Me

CD 3: Reuben Chapman with Coy Baker & His Band: I'm Sorry Too • Don Thompson with Coy Baker & His Band: Empty Days And Lonely Nights • Phil Brown: You're A Luxury • unknown: Steady Lovin' • Johnny Bond: I Like That Kind • Henry Sharp: Crazy Moon • Gene Martin with the Desert Stars: Pair Of Empty Arms • Herb Henson: You'al Come • Lewis Talley: Letters Have No Arms • Buck Owens: Second Fiddle • Billy and Cliff: When • Billy Mize: You Can't Take Your Love Outta This Boy • Billy Kaundart: I Removed Your Ring • Larry Bryant: Keep Right On Tryin' • Buck Owens: Tired Of Livin' • Joe Hall: Cold Hearted Woman • Owen Charles: Stage Coach • Rip Goodman and Marcia: If I Could Only Tell You • George Latta: Our Hearts • Buck Owens: Til These Dreams Come True • Billy and Cliff: Living Up To My Name • Don Markham & The Marksmen: Goose, Pt. 1 • Bonnie Owens: Just For The Children's Sake • Wally Lewis: My Baby Walks All Over Me • Wynn Stewart: Playboy • Al Brumley: Someone's Gonna Get Hurt • Jackie Kelley: Door Of Temptation • Jelly Sanders: Fiddlin' Country Style • Buck Owens & Rose Maddox: Loose Talk • Jimmy Patton: What Will I Do (With All These Memories) • Tommy Dee: Loving You (On Someone Else's Time) • Custer Bottoms & Jack and Jerry: Why Tell Me

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CD 4: **Buck Owens:** King Of Fools • **The Marksmen:** Scratch • **Jerry Cornelius and the Golden Eagles:** It's My Turn To Cry • **Wayne Morris:** I Can't Stop Lovin' • I Pretend • **Bill Woods:** Truck Drivin' Man • **Billy Bledsoe:** My Last Night In Town • **Leon Hart:** New Home Sweet Home • **Kenny Hays:** Crossing My Fingers • Foolish Notions • **Georgia Lynn:** On Your Wedding Day • **Tommy Lewis:** Go Where You Wanta Go • **Vancie Flowers:** Private Party • **Buck Owens:** There's Gonna Come A Day • **Anita Cross:** Why Should I Cry Again • **Bonnie Owens:** Waggin' Tongues • **Rollie Weber:** Painting The Town • **Johnny Barnett:** Second Fiddle • Too Old To Hurt • **Merle Haggard:** Skid Row • **Bill Meyers:** Good-Bye Mr. Blues • **Buck Owens:** If You Ain't Lovin' You Ain't Livin' • **Bill Bledsoe:** Tell Me Why • **Bob Morris:** Put Your Arms Around Him • **Roy Nichols:** Silver Bells • **Buck Owens:** Act Naturally (live) • **Merle Haggard:** Life In Prison • **Bobby Durham:** My Past Is Present • Queen Of Snob Hill • **Vancie and Rita:** Tears In My Beer • **Rose Stassi:** Out Of My Mind

CD 5: **Buck Owens:** Close Up The Honky Tonks • **Merle Haggard & Bonnie Owens:** Slowly But Surely • **Bob Hortter:** Working Overtime • **Jim Witlock:** S.O.S. • **Buck Owens:** Fallin' For You • **Merle Haggard:** I'm Gonna Break Every Heart I Can (Capitol) • **Tommy Duncan:** I Wish I Hadn't Called You • **Jim Ward:** Red Wine • **Lewis Talley:** More Wine, More Women, More Song • **Merle Haggard & Bonnie Owens:** I'll Take A Chance • **Don Rich & The Buckaroos:** I'm Layin' It On The Line • **Buck Owens:** There Never Was A Fool • **Doyle Holly & The Buckaroos:** After You Leave Me • **Dee Mize (aka Buddy Mize):** Just Leave My World Alone • **Billy Mize:** Walking My Fool • **Liz Anderson:** (My Friends Are Gonna Be) Strangers • **Tommy Collins:** If You Can't Bite Don't Growl • **Jeanie O'Neal:** Alcohol And Tears • **Bobby Durham:** Home Is Where I Hang My Head • **Red Simpson:** Jeannie With The Light Brown Cadillac • **Merle Haggard:** Swinging Doors (alternate take) • **Kay Adams:** Roll Out The Red Carpet • **Dick Curless & Kay Adams:** Old Standby • **Buck Owens:** House Of Memories • Tiger By The Tail (live at Carnegie Hall) • **Vicki Lester:** Fool Me Again • **Ray Salter:** The Bad Guy Gets The Girl • **Billy Mize:** Pappy Was A Clever Man • **Jeanie O'Neal:** Correspondence Course In Love

CD 6: **Bobby Austin:** Apartment #9 • **Buck Owens:** Open Up Your Heart • **Dick Curless:** A Good Job Huntin' And Fishin' • **Gary Paxton:** Goin' Thru The Motions • **Red Simpson:** I'm Actin' Like My Old Self Again • **Kay Adams:** Little Pink Mack • **Doyle Holly:** The Dumb Thing • **Merle Haggard:** Someone Told My Story • **Red Simpson:** Diesel Smoke, Dangerous Curves • **Barbara Mandrell:** Queen For A Day • **Ronnie Sessions:** I Guess You're Finally Satisfied • **Merle Haggard:** Mixed Up Mess Of A Heart • **Joe and Rose Lee Maphis:** A Lifetime Of Love • **Del and Sue Smart:** I'm So Mad At Me • **Merle Haggard:** Drink Up And Be Somebody • **Wayne Wilson & Don Rich with The Buckaroos:** You'll Never Miss The Water (Til The Well Runs Dry) • **Bob Morris:** The First Thing I Think Of • **Faye Hardin:** Only The Strong Can Survive • **Merle Haggard:** You Don't Have Very Far To Go • **Bobby Austin:** I'm Not Looking For An Angel • **The Buckaroos:** Chicken Pickin' • **Doyle Holly & The Buckaroos:** A Foolish Notion • **Merle Haggard:** I Made The Prison Band • **Oscar Whittington:** 50 Year Waltz • **Del and Sue Smart:** Love That Just Won't Stop • **The Goddin Brothers:** Hangin' On • **Suzi Arden:** Who Do You Go To • **Ronnie Sessions:** There Never Was A Fool • **Merle Haggard:** Where Does The Good Times Go • **Joe Maphis:** Pickin' And Guitin' • **Rose Lee Maphis:** Country Girl Courtship • **Wayne Wilson:** I'd Rather Be Hurt By You

CD 7: **Buck Owens:** The Heartaches Have Just Started • **Gene Moles:** Fingerlickin' • **Al Brumley:** I'm Goin' Crazy • **Bill Handy with Jelly Sanders Combo:** Don't Leave Me Cryin' • **Leo Stephens:** Walking In My Sleep Crying Over You • **Tom Rose:** It's Over • **Buck Owens and Buddy Alan:** Let The World Keep On A Turnin' • **Merle Haggard:** Too Many Bridges To Cross Over • **Dean Sanford:** Too Young To Grow Old Over You • **Tommy Wiggins:** Calling All Lovers • **Larry Daniels & The Buckshots:** Buckshot • **Bonnie Owens:** Lead Me On • **Leon Copeland:** I'm Out Of My Mind • **Clarence White:** Buckaroo • **The Sanland Brothers:** Vaccination For The Blues • **Red Simpson:** You Put My World Back Together • **The Strangers (Merle Haggard):** Hammin' It Up • **Bob Ross:** Lucy Clowers • **Ronnie Sessions:** (I Used To Live) The Life Of Riley • **Barbara Cheatwood:** Married Man • **Billy Mize:** Make It Rain • **Cliff Crofford:** Mention My Name • **Buck Owens:** Sam's Place (live in London) • **Merle Haggard:** California Cottonfields • **Rodney Lay:** Not Going Back To Jackson • **Glenda Blackwell:** I Want To Live In Your House • **Tom Tall:** Pitty Pity Patter • **Judy Hall:** My Old Used To Be • **Ira Allen:** Love Is Me • **Faye Hardin:** Mistakes I've Made • **Harold Cox & The Sooners:** Pumpkin Center • **Jerry Dallas:** Tears Of Joy (Are A-Croppin' Out On Me) • **Stan Farlow:** Devil River

CD 8: **Merle Haggard:** Mama Tried (live in Muskogee) • **The Strangers:** Stealin' Corn • **Truitt Cunningham:** Forgive And Forget • **Buck Owens & Susan Raye:** Cryin' Time • **Buck Owens:** Bring Back My Peace Of Mind • **The Sanland Brothers:** Cowboy Convention • **Don Rich & The Buckaroos:** Guitar Pickin' Man • **Don Rich:** Your Heart Turned Left (And I Was On The Right) • **Buddy Alan (Sohn von Buck & Bonnie Owens):** A Whole Lot Of Somethin' • **Merle Haggard:** I'm A Good Loser • **Bobby Wayne:** California On My Mind • **Buck Owens:** Reno Lament • **The Hagers:** Your Tender Loving Care • **Henry Sharpe:** There Is No Easy Way • **Lewis Talley:** Because You Can't Be Mine • **Mike Beagles:** She Don't Care Now • **Dave Price:** Night Life Is My Weakness • **Merle Haggard:** Daddy Frank (The Guitar Man) • **Sharon Haley:** Heartbreak Mountain • **Mayf Nutter:** Never Ending Song Of Love • **Tony Booth:** Cinderella • **Red Simpson:** I'm A Truck • **Johnny Campbell:** Mr. Conscience • **Vancie Flowers:** How Dark Is My Journey • **Merle Haggard:** Bring It On Down To My House • **Kenni Huskey:** Number One Heel • **Sonny Anglin:** Today's Tomorrow's Yesterday • **Merle Haggard:** I'm Tired Of Your Understanding Ways • **Kenny Vernon:** I Bought The Shoes (That Just Walked Out On Me)

CD 9: **Buck Owens:** Arms Full Of Empty • **Susan Raye:** Love Sure Feels Good In My Heart • **Homer Joy:** Streets Of Bakersfield • **Merle Haggard:** I Know An Ending When It Comes • **Buck Owens:** Something's Wrong • **Doyle Singer & The Buckaroos:** Young Widow Brown • **Tide Cartwright:** Cheater's Ground • **Blackjack Duran:** I Laid Back Down • **Arlo Guthrie:** This Troubled Mind Of Mine • **Merle Haggard:** The Emptiest Arms In The World • **Kenny Johnson with the Country Mile:** Beer Drinkers Of America Unite • **Buck Owens & Susan Raye:** Sweethearts In Heaven • **Laurel Lee:** Mountain Of Fortune And Fame • **Red Simpson:** Bill Woods From Bakersfield • **Thad Tillotson:** Good Ole Country Sound • **Freddie Hart:** If You Can't Feel It (It Ain't There) • **Carlyle Graham:** Foolish Man • **Kay Austin:** The Lord Rested On Sunday • **Cliff Crofford:** Every Time I Hear The Fiddle Play • **Merle Haggard:** Holding Things Together • **David Frizzell:** I'm The Bartender's Best Friend • **Lawanda Lindsey:** I Ain't Hangin' Round • **Toby Keeney:** Going Back To Oklahoma • **Walt Pascoe:** That Little Glass Of Milk • **Roger Spanke:** Betty Jane • **Sandy Thomas:** Antique In My Closet • **Dennis Payne:** Do You Believe In Me • **Debi Hawkins:** Teach Me How To Love • **Merle Haggard:** Mirrors Don't Lie • **Tony Booth:** A Different Kind Of Sad

CD 10: **Buck Owens:** Y'all Come / Tall Dark Stranger (live at Toys for Tots) • **Tony Booth:** Lonesome 7-7203 (live at Toys for Tots show) • **Buddy Alan:** Fishin' on the Mississippi (live at Toys for Tots show) • **Susan Raye:** L.A. International Airport (live at Toys for Tots) • **Buck Owens, the Buckaroos and OMAC artists:** Johnny B. Goode (live at Toys for Tots) • **Bonnie Owens:** Number One Heel (take 14) • **Vancie & Rita:** Strange • Tears In My Beer • **Billy Mize:** Misery • The Name Of The Game Is Heartaches • **Red Simpson:** I'd Be A Good Time Charlie • Fit For A King • **Johnny Barnett:** Which One Is To Blame • **Junior Stonebarger with Jelly Sanders Band:** Release Me • **Fuzzy Owen, Bill Woods, Red Simpson & Band:** My Ears Should Burn (When Fools Are Talked About) • **Bill Woods, Don Rich, Don Markham & Band:** Truck Driving Man • **Tommy Collins:** Be Serious Ann • **Joe & Rose Lee Maphis:** Christmas Time's A Comin' • **Lewis Talley:** Blue Christmas • **Louise Lovett:** Lonely Christmas Call