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SALES NOTES

There is no shortage of legendary figures in country music. Arguably, none has been more influential than Jimmie Rodgers. In a career that spanned less than six years (1927-1933), Rodgers recorded 110 songs. 108 of those were subsequently recorded by other artists, a tradition that began in the late 1920s and continues to this day. That is a 'cover ratio' unmatched by any of country music's historic figures, including Hank Williams.

Rodgers' influence extended far beyond songwriting. The Singing Brakeman also provided a blues-infused approach to performance that became a stylistic template for the careers of countless country singers. Rodgers' recordings remind us that hybrid music began well before Elvis Presley and Sun Records.

On the 75th anniversary of Jimmie Rodgers' death, Bear Family Records documents the extent of his influence by gathering together a remarkable collection of cover recordings by artists ranging from country icons like Gene Autry, Jimmie Davis, Hank Snow, Lefty Frizzell, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Marty Robbins, Bill Monroe, Merle Haggard and Ernest Tubb to pop and rock legends like Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Rick Nelson, Jerry Lee Lewis and Jerry Garcia. Comprising a total of 159 tracks on six CDs, this unprecedented collection begins to do justice to Jimmie Rodgers' staggering legacy. The mini-box also offers Bear Family's usual lavish production values and attention to detail, including rare vintage photographs and detailed notes by music historians Carey Ginell, Tony Russell, and Dave Samuelson

A companion piece to Bear Family's six-disc collection of Jimmie Rodgers' own recordings (BCD 15540), this is the ultimate and richly deserved tribute to Rodgers' influence within and beyond country music. For fans of either country or popular music, this collection is truly essential fare.



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TRACK LISTING

CD 1:

- 1. Rex Griffin: Sweet Mama Hurry Home
- W. Lee O'Daniel & His Hillbilly Boys: Yodeling Ranger
- 3. Gene Autry: Hobo Bill's Last Ride
- 4. Bill Boyd: The Wind Swept Desert (Desert Blues)
- 5. Buddy Jones: Any Old Time
- The Callahan Brothers: T. B. Blues No. 2 (T. B. Blues)
- 7. The Monroe Brothers: In My Dear Old Southern Home (Dear Old Sunny South By The Sea)
- 8. Red River Dave (Dave McEnery): Daddy And Home
- Cliff Carlisle: Blue Yodel No. 6
- Bob Wills: Never No More Hard Times Blues (No Hard Times)
- 11. Gene Autry: Blue Yodel No. 5
- 12. The Sons Of The Pioneers: The Yodeling Cowboy
- Roy Acuff & his Smoky Mountain Boys: Mule Skinner Blues (Blue Yodel #8)
- Darby & Tarlton: Once I Had A Sweetheart (Soldier's Sweetheart)
- The Nite Owls: Frankie And Johnny (You'll Miss Me In The Days To Come)
- **16.** Hank, The Yodeling Ranger: Polka Dot Blues (Gambling Polka Dot Blues)
- 17. The Shelton Brothers: She Was Happy Till She Met You
- 18. Dwight Butcher: Nobody Knows But Me
- 19. Bob Wills: Mississippi Delta Blues
- 20. Doc Hopkins: Mother The Queen Of My Heart
- 21. Brown's Musical Brownies: The One Rose (That's Left In My Heart)
- 22. Bill Cox: California Blues (Blue Yodel No. 4)
- 23. Gene Autry: High Powered Mama
- 24. Lummie Lewis & His Merrymakers: Travelin' Blues
- **25.** Harry Hillard: I'm Looking For A Brand New Mama (Looking For A New Mama)
- 26. Howard Keesse & Loy Bodine: A Sailor's Plea

CD 2:

- Roy Bledsoe: She's In The Jailhouse Now (In The Jailhouse Now)
- 2. Rice Brothers Gang: My Carolina Sunshine Girl
- 3. Gene Autry: Pistol Packin' Papa
- **4. Tune Wranglers:** Sweetest Girl in the World (My Blue Eyed Jane)
- Pie Plant Pete (Claude Moye): Waiting for the Railroad Train (Waiting for A Train)
- 6. Bill Monroe: Blue Yodel No. 7
- 7. The Light Crust Doughboys: Prairie Lullaby
- 8. Roy Rogers: Hadie Brown (My Little Lady)
- Monroe Brothers: The Old Man's Story (Why There's A Tear In My Eye)
- 10. Bill Cox: My Rough And Rowdy Ways
- **11. Clayton McMichen:** Prohibition Blues (Prohibition Has Done Me Wrong)

- 12. Ross' Rhythm Rascals: Tuck Away My Lonesome Blues
- 13. Cliff Carlisle: Memphis Yodel
- 14. Joe Steen: Ben Dewberry's Final Run
- **15. Bob Wills & The Texas Playboys:** Mean Mama Blues (Jimmie' Mean Mama Blues)
- 16. Dwight Butcher (Slim Oakdale): No Hard Times
- 17. Jimmie Davis: Roll Along Kentucky Moon
- 18. Gene Autry: In The Jailhouse Now, No. 2
- 19. Jack & Leslie: Mississippi River Blues
- 20. Harry Hillard: Blue Yodel No. 9
- 21. Texas Ruby: Blue Yodel No. 1 (T For Texas)
- 22. Frankie Marvin (Frankie Wallace): Away Out On the Mountain
- 23. Buell Kazee: Gambling Blues (Those Gambler's Blues)
- 24. Howard Keesee: My Little Old Home Down In New Orleans
- Jess Hillard: Blue Yodel No. 10 (Ground Hog Rootin' In My Baxk Yard)
- 26. Beverly Long: The Soldier's Sweetheart

CD 3:

Pop & Blues:

- Nat Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra: Blue Yodel No. 1 (T For Texas)
- Nat Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra: Away Out On The Mountain
- 3. Tal Henry: My Little Old Home Down In New Orleans
- 4. King Oliver: Everybody Does It In Hawaii
- 5. Memphis Sheiks: In The Jailhouse Now
- 6. Gene Kardos: In The Jailhouse Now
- 7. George Hall: The One Rose (That's Left In My Heart)
- 8. The Rhythm Wreckers: Never No Mo' Blues
- 9. John Sellers: Let Me Be Your Sidetrack
- Harry Belafonte: Muleskinner (Blue Yodel No. 8 -Muleskinner Blues)
- 11. John Jackson: T.B. Blues
- 12. Harmonica Frank Floyd: Blue Yodel No. 6
- **13. Brenda Boykin & Home Cookin':** Blue Yodel No. 1 (T For Texas)

French versions:

- **14. Roy Gonzales:** Anuiant et blue (Lonely And Blue)
- Rayne-Bo Ramblers: Dor, baby, dor (Sleep Baby Sleep)

Australian Artists:

- 16. Tex Morton: Dreaming With Tears In My Eyes
- 17. Glenn Davis: Let Me Be Your Sidetrack
- 18. Hawking Brothers: Old Pal Of My Heart



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- Rick & Thel Carey: She Was Happy Till She Met You
- 20. Buddy Williams: Dear Old Sunny South By The Sea
- 21. Slim Dusty: Any Old Time
- 22. Reg Lindsay: Jimmie The Kid

German versions:

- 23. Peter Alexander & Bill Ramsey: Missouri Cowboy (Blue Yodel No. 8 – Muleskinner Blues)
- **24. Roland Heinrich & die Rumtreiber:** Das Land meines Kindheitstraums (Land Of My Boyhood Dreams)
- **25.** Roland Heinrich & die Rumtreiber: Ich such mir eine neue Frau (I'm Looking For A New Mama)
- **26. Roland Heinrich:** Und jetzt ist er im Knast (In The Jailhouse Now)

CD 4:

- 1. Webb Pierce: In The Jailhouse Now
- Hank Snow: I've Ranged, I've Roamed, I've Traveled
- 3. Ernest Tubb: I'm Free (From The Chain Gang Now)
- 4. Lefty Frizzell: Sleep, Baby, Sleep
- 5. Slim Rhinehart: For The Sake Of Days Gone By
- 6. Jack Guthrie: Blue Yodel, #3 (Evening Sun Yodel)
- 7. Gary Williams: Hobo's Meditation
- 8. Jimmie Skinner: Jimmie Rodgers' Last Blue Yodel
- 9. Johnny Cash: The Mystery Of Number Five
- 10. Bill Monroe: Sailor's Plea
- 11. Hank Snow: My Good Gal's Gone Blues
- 12. Lefty Frizzell: Blue Yodel, #2 (My Lovin' Gal Lucille)
- 13. Wilf Carter: Cowhand's Last Ride
- 14. Patsy Montana: Treasures Untold
- 15. Merle Travis: Blue Yodel #1 (T For Texas)
- 16. Gary Williams: Jimmie's Texas Blues
- 17. Jim Reeves: Waiting For A Train
- 18. Tommy Duncan: Never No' Mo' Blues
- 19. Red Foley: I'm Sorry We Met
- 20. Hank Snow: Ninety Nine Years Blues
- 21. Lefty Frizzell: Why Should I Be Lonely
- 22. Jimmie Skinner: I Miss The Mississippi And You
- Dwight Butcher: Old Love Letters (Bring Memories Of You)
- 24. Jimmy Hinchee: Rock All The Babies To Sleep
- 25. Gary Williams: Gambling Bar Room Blues
- 26. Ernest Tubb: The Wonderful City
- 27. Slim Rinehart: Mississippi Moon
- Lonnie Donegan: Blue Yodel #8 (Mule Skinner Blues)
- 29. Jack Elliott: Whippin' That Old T. B.
- 30. Pete Seeger: Blue Yodel #1 (T For Texas)

CD 5:

- 1. Merle Haggard: Down The Old Road To Home
- 2. Hank Snow: Land Of My Boyhood Dreams
- 3. Grandpa Jones: Lullaby Yodel
- 4. Jerry Lee Lewis: Waiting For A Train

- The Fendermen: Blue Yodel #8 (Mule Skinner Blues)
- 6. Hank Snow: Everybody Does It In Hawaii
- 7. Jessie Clifton: Long Tall Mama Blues
- 8. Elton Britt: (When It's) Peach Pickin' Time In Georgia
- 9. Bob King: You And My Old Guitar
- 10. Molly O'Day: (15) Years Ago
- 11. Hank Snow: Home Call
- 12. Jack Guthrie: When The Cactus Is In Bloom
- 13. Marty Robbins: My Mother Was A Lady
- 14. Jimmie Skinner: Moonlight And Skies
- 15. Ernest Tubb: The Drunkard's Child
- 16. Hank Snow: Southern Cannon Ball
- 17. Gary Williams: In The Hills Of Tennessee
- 18. Lefty Frizzell: I'm Lonely And Blue
- 19. Merle Haggard: Train Whistle Blues
- 20. Dolly Parton: Blue Yodel #8 (Mule Skinner Blues)
- 21. Wilf Carter: Whisper Your Mother's Name
- Rick Nelson: Big Chief Buffalo Nickel (The Desert Blues)
- 23. Gary Williams: My Time Ain't Long
- 24. Claude King: Pistol Packing Papa
- 25. Dick Curless: Waiting For A Train
- **26. Jimmie Skinner:** Somewhere Down Below The Mason Dixon Line
- 27. Hank Snow: Blue Yodel, #12 (Daybreak Blues)
- 28. Ernest Tubb: Why Did You Give Me Your Love
- 29. Eddie Noack: My Old Pal
- Grandpa Jones: Brakeman's Blues (Yodeling The Blues Away)
- **31. Connie Francis & Hank Williams, Jr.:** Blue Yodel #8 (Mule Skinner Blues)

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- 1. Dean Mitchell: Blue Yodel #11
- 2. Dean Mitchell: I'm Lonesome Too
- 3. Dean Mitchell: I've Only Loved Three Women
- 4. Dean Mitchell: Take Me Back Again
- 5. Dean Mitchell: That's Why I'm Blue
- 6. Dean Mitchell: What's It
- 7. Dean Mitchell: Yodeling My Way Back Home
- 8. Bono: Dreaming With Tears In My Eyes
- 9. Alison Kraus: Any Old Time
- 10. Dickey Betts: Waiting For A Train
- **11. Mary Chapin Carpenter:** Somewhere Below The Mason Dixon Line
- 12. David Ball: Miss The Mississippi And You
- 13. Bob Dylan: My Blue Eyed Jane
- 14. Willie Nelson: Peach Picking Time In Georgia
- 15. Steve Earle: In The Jailhouse Now
- Jerry Garcia, David Grisman, John Kahn: Blue Yodel #9
- 17. Iris DeMent: Hobo Bill's Last Ride
- 18. John Mellencamp: Gambling Bar Room Blues
- 19. Van Morrison: Mule Skinner Blues
- 20. Aaron Neville: Why Should I Be Lonely
- 21. Dwight Yoakam: T For Texas

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Roll Along Kentucky Moon - Roll Along Kentucky Moon - Hobo's Meditation - Hobo's Meditation - My Time Ain't Long - Ninety Nine Year Blues - Mississippi Moon - Mississippi Moon - Down The Old Road To Home - Blue Yodel #10 - Home Call - Mother The Queen Of My Heart - Rock All My Babies To Sleep - Whippin' That Old T. B - Whippin' That Old T. B - No Hard Times - No Hard Times - Long Tall Mama Blues - Peach Pickin' Time Down In Georgia - Gambling Bar Room Blues - I've Only Loved Three Women - In The Hills Of Tennessee - Prairie Lullaby - Miss The Mississippi And You CD 6:

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MERLE HAGGARD Same Train - A Different Time BCD 15740 AH ISBN:978-3-89795-294-2

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