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ARTIST TITLE

Leon McAuliffe
Tulsa Straight Ahead
Gonna Shake This Shack Tonight

LABEL
CATALOG #
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Bear Family Records
BCD 16987
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ISBN-CODE
FORMAT
GENRE
TRACKS
PLAYING TIME

978-3-89916-424-4
1 CD digipac with 52-page booklet
Country / Rockabilly
31
87:05



- 31 tracks of his classic period 1949 - 1955
- 4 previously unissued recordings, incl. a take of *Panhandle Rag*
- All songs are taken from the original sources

INFORMATION

Steel guitarist Leon McAuliffe will forever be associated with the King of Western Swing Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys, with whom he recorded the all-time classic *Steel Guitar Rag*.

McAuliffe led his own successful band from 1946 until the early 1970s. In addition to being a trend setting steel guitarist and an appealing vocalist, he was a formidable bandleader and arguably fronted among the best bands the music produced. McAuliffe recorded for various labels over the years, but his classic period was the six years he spent with Columbia. From his first release on the label, the all-time instrumental classic *Panhandle Rag*, he waxed some of the best, tightest, most swinging and assured western swing ever recorded.

These recordings highly sought after not only by western swing fans but by fans of early rock 'n' roll and rockabilly for the many jump and boogie tracks that anticipated the coming of those styles a few years later.

Bear Family has here collected the cream of McAuliffe's six year tenure with Columbia, including a never-issued alternate take of *Panhandle Rag*, and several other unissued tracks. Highlights include the unissued first – and considerably hotter – version of the hard-swinging blues *Hard-Hearted Girl*. There are steel guitar classics like *Mr. Steel Guitar* and *Cimarron Rag*.

A fantastic take on the early rock 'n' roll classic *Sh-Boom*, as well as what was arguably the best among the twenty-odd versions of the 1950 smash *Rag Mop*.



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TRACK LISTING

Panhandle Rag • Hard-Hearted Girl (1) • Hear Me Now • Rag Mop • Cimarron Rag • Take It Away, Leon • Sh-Boom (Life Could Be A Dream) • Run 'Em Off • No One For Me • The Three Bears • Bonaparte's Retreat • Blue Guitar Stomp • What've You Got • Birmingham Bounce • I've Never Lived In Tennessee • Eating Right Out Of Your Hand • Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy • Tulsa, Straight Ahead • Jelly Bean Rag • Mr. Steel Guitar • Hard-Hearted Girl (2) • Redskin Rag • Wished You Would • Somebody Else Is Beatin' My Time • This Side Of Town • Twin Fiddle Rag • Blacksmith Blues • What, Were And When • Smooth Sailing • There's A Right Way, A Wrong Way • Daylight

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