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**ARTIST** Various

TITLE Acadian All Star Special

The Pioneering Cajun Recordings
Of J.D. Miller: The Fais Do Do and
Feature Recordings, Crowley, Louisiana

The 1940s And '50s

LABEL Bear Family Records

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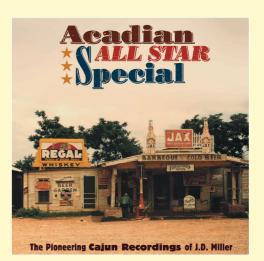
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- A roots music classic from BEAR FAMILY!
- The dawn of modern Cajun music!
- Records so rare that just a few copies exist of most of them!
- Very few of these recordings ever reissued on 45, LP, or CD until now!
- Songs include the original version of *Diggy Liggy Lo* plus *Big Texas*...the song that Hank Williams adapted into *Jambalaya*.

# **INFORMATION**

This was a set years in the making. It took ages to figure out exactly how many classic Cajun recordings had been made by legendary record producer J.D. Miller in the 1940s and '50s, and then it took even longer to find them and painstakingly restore the sound. Finally, Cajun music expert Lyle Ferbrache tried to track down as many of the survivors and relatives as possible for the extensive book. But it was well worth the wait! The result is a classic roots music collection done as only BEAR FAMILY can do it!

From 1946 to 1959, J.D. Miller released all forms of French language records, from the beautiful fiddle and guitar records of Oran 'Doc' Guidry and Leroy 'Happy Fats' Leblanc to the raucous recordings of Robert Bertrand and the Lake Charles Playboys. Many very rare recordings are reissued here for the first time, and those include the first recordings of Jimmy Newman. Also included are such rarities as *War Widow Waltz* by Laura Broussard, Terry Clement's original version of *Diggy Liggy Lo*, and Papa Cairo's *Big Texas*, the song that Hank Williams adapted into the one Cajun song everyone knows, *Jambalaya*. This is a marvelous part of American music that came close to being lost for all time!



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# TRACK LISTING

### **CD 1:**

HAPPY, DOC & THE BOYS: La Cravat • Gabriel Waltz • Don't Hang Around • My Sweetheart's My Buddy's Wife • Setre Chandelle • Allons Dance Colinda • Is It Too Late To Cry • Somehow You Don't Care • LEE SONNIER & HIS ACADIAN ALL STARS: Dans Les Grand Meche • Chere Catan • LeBLANC & ADAMS AND THE VERMILLION PLAY BOYS: Chere Petite Brun • Vermillion Two Step • HAPPY, DOC & THE BOYS: Fais Do Do Breakdown • Chere Cherie • New Jolie Blond • Dans La Platin • JIMMY DURBIN & THE COUNTRY BOYS: Drunkard Waltz • Fais Do Do Two Step • JIMMY CHOATES & HIS MELODY BOYS: Chere Meon • Petite Negress • LEE SONNIER & HIS ACADIAN ALL STARS: La Blues De Cajin • Chere Eci Et Cher Laba • HAPPY, DOC & THE BOYS: Bayou LaFourche • Sothe Fermon • VETERAN PLAYBOYS: Eunice Waltz • Chinaball Special

#### CD 2:

AUSTIN PETE & HIS EVANGELINE PLAYBOYS: Chatatinia Waltz • Evangeline Playboys Special • CHUCK GUILLORY & BOYS: Oakdale Waltz • Walfus Two Step • CHUCK GUILLORY & RHYTHM BOYS: Chuck's Waltz • Teiyut Two Step • LEE SONNIER & HIS ACADIAN ALL STARS: War Widow Waltz • Cankton Two Step • AUSTIN PETE & HIS EVANGELINE PLAYBOYS: High Point Two Step • Redell Waltz • HAPPY & DOCTOR AND THE HADACOL BOYS: La Valse De Hadacol • Crowley Two Step • AMIDIE BREAUX & THE ACADIAN ACES: Jole Blonde • Acadian Two Step • Criminal Waltz • Poor Hobo • ALDUS ROGER & LAFAYETTE PLAYBOYS: The Lafayette Playboys Waltz • Hix Wagon Wheel Special • CLEVELAND MIRE & THE JOLLY BOYS: Prison Waltz • Hudson Breakdown • LIONEL CORMIER & HIS SUNDOWN PLAYBOYS: Welcome Club Waltz • Sundown Playboys Special • LOUIS SPELL & HIS FRENCH SERENADERS: The Fifty Cent Song • Lover's Waltz • LEE SONNIER & HIS ACADIAN ALL STARS: Along The River • Acadian All Star Special

### **CD 3:**

PEE WEE BROUSSARD & HIS MELODY BOYS: The Waltz That Carried Me To The Grave • The Pee Wee Special • PAPA CAIRO & HIS BOYS: Big Texas (English) • Big Texas (French) • PEE WEE BROUSSARD & HIS MELODY BOYS: Chere Tu Tu • Creole Stomp • AMI-DIE BREAUX & HIS BAND: Hey, Mom! • Hard Luck Waltz • JIMMY NEWMAN & THE RHYTHM BOYS: (I Know Now That) I've Made A Big Mistake • I Don't Know What I'm Going To Do • PEE WEE BROUSSARD & HIS MELODY BOYS: Le Valse De Bayou Blanc • M&S Special • ABE MANUEL & HIS LOUISIANA HILLBILLIES: Country Gentleman (French) • I've Got Your Heart Locked Up (French) • TERRY CLEMENT & HIS RHYTHMIC FIVE: Le Valse De Te Maurice • Diggy Liggy Lo • ABE MANUEL & HIS LOUISIANA HILLBILLIES: Hippy-Ti-Yo • Country Girl • ALDUS ROGER & LAFAYETTE PLAYBOYS: Love Sick Waltz • Mardi Gras Dance • AUSTIN PETE & THE LOUISIANA RHYTHMAIRES: Prison Two Step • La Valse De Chagrin • St. Landry Waltz • Janot Special • ROBERT BERTRAND & THE LAKE CHARLES PLAYBOYS: Lost Love Waltz • Drunkard's Two Step



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