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Street Corner Symphonies


- Doo-Wop is one of the foundation stones of Rock 'n' Roll.
- BEAR FAMILY will issue the definitive story of Doo-Wop from 1939-1963!
- The first five volumes covering 1939-1953 are out now!
- Every Doo-Wop hit! Every neglected classic! Every ground-breaking record!
- Detailed song-by-song notes and amazing rare photos from the golden era!

INFORMATION

Like Rap, Doo-Wop music was an urban American art-form. It was sung on street-corners, in stairwells of tenement apartments, in high school toilets... and it was preserved for posterity in recording studios. Most of the performers were African American, and many of the songs were romantic – in sharp contrast to the bleak reality of urban African American life at the time. Doo-Wop had its origins in the black pop and gospel groups of the pre-World War II era, but it flourished in the years after World War II and became a major contributing force to the evolution of Rock 'n' Roll. In fact, some eminent cultural historians cite records like *Sixty Minute Man* and *Gee* as among the first Rock 'n' Roll records. Both of those classics, along with many more, are on BEAR FAMILY's definitive history of Doo-Wop, 'Street Corner Symphonies.' As always, you can trust BEAR FAMILY to get it right.

Starting in 1939 with pre-Doo-Wop acts like the Golden Gate Quartet, the Ink Spots, and the Mills Brothers, 'Street Corner Symphonies' will take the story until the end of the Doo-Wop era in 1963. The first five volumes cover the years 1939 to 1953: in other words, Doo-Wop's true golden era. There are simply too many hits to list – just look at the track listing! Suffice to say that these were the records that provided the soundtrack to the Rock 'n' Roll revolution... and the records that changed American and global popular music forever.

This series has been compiled and annotated by R&B music's foremost scholar, Chicago's Bill Dahl, and every song comes with detailed notes and illustrations. There have been plenty of Doo-Wop compilations, even a few Doo-Wop boxed sets, but this series is the last word on the genre. Truly definitive! Every hit, every underground classic, every song that lit up the airwaves at the dawn of rock 'n' roll. Every shoop, every doop, every doo-doo-wah!

ARTIST	Various
TITLE	Street Corner Symphonies The Complete Story Of Doo Wop Volume 1 – 1939-1949
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 17279
PRICE-CODE	AR
EAN-CODE	 4 000127 172792
ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-650-7
FORMAT	1 CD digipac with 84-page booklet
GENRE	Rock 'n' Roll
TRACKS	30
PLAYING TIME	87:01





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**ARTIST
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**Street Corner Symphonies
The Complete Story Of Doo Wop
Volume 2 – 1950**

LABEL
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BCD 17280
AR



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GENRE
TRACKS
PLAYING TIME

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1 CD digipac with 84-page booklet
Rock 'n' Roll
30
83:06



**ARTIST
TITLE**

Various
**Street Corner Symphonies
The Complete Story Of Doo Wop
Volume 3 – 1951**

LABEL
CATALOG #
PRICE-CODE
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Bear Family Records
BCD 17281
AR



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TRACKS
PLAYING TIME

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Rock 'n' Roll
32
89:07





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The Complete Story Of Doo Wop
Volume 4 – 1952

LABEL
CATALOG #
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BCD 17282
AR



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FORMAT
GENRE
TRACKS
PLAYING TIME

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1 CD digipac with 84-page booklet
Rock 'n' Roll
31
85:23



**ARTIST
TITLE**

Various
Street Corner Symphonies
The Complete Story Of Doo Wop
Volume 5 – 1953

LABEL
CATALOG #
PRICE-CODE
EAN-CODE

Bear Family Records
BCD 17283
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32
87:54





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THE INK SPOTS: If I Didn't Care • THE CATS AND THE FIDDLE: I Miss You So • THE MILLS BROTHERS: Till Then • THE 5 RED CAPS: I Learned A Lesson I'll Never Forget • DEEK WATSON & HIS BROWN DOTS: Sentimental Reasons • DUSTY BROOKS & HIS FOUR TONES: Play Jackpot • THE GOLDEN GATE QUARTET: Atom And Evil • THE DELTA RHYTHM BOYS: Just A-Sittin' And A-Rockin' • THE JUBALAIRES with Andy Kirk & His Orchestra: I Know • THE BASIN STREET BOYS with Eddie Beal's Fourtet: I Sold My Heart To Tvieleshe Junk Man • THE CATS 'N' JAMMER THREE, Vocal by Bill Samuels: I Cover The Water-Front • THE MELODY MASTERS: My Baby • THE FOUR ACES: I Wonder, I Wonder, I Wonder; Part 2 • THE FOUR VAGABONDS: P.S. I Love You • THE RAVENS: Ol' Man River • BILL JOHNSON & HIS MUSICAL NOTES, Vocal: Gus Gordon: Don't You Think I Oughta Know • THE FIVE BARS: I'm All Dressed Up With A Broken Heart • THE SCAMPS: Solitude • THE BIG THREE TRIO: After Awhile • THE ORIOLES: It's Too Soon To Know • THE DEEP RIVER BOYS: Recess In Heaven • THE FOUR ROCKETS: Loch Lomond • THE DIXIEAIRES: Go Long • THE FOUR BLUES: It Takes A Long Tall Brown Skinned Gal • THE FOUR TUNES: You're Heartless • THE CHARIOTEERS: A Kiss And A Rose • THE FOUR KNIGHTS: Wrapped Up In A Dream • THE SYNCOPATORS: River Stay Away From My Door • THE ROBINS: If It's So Baby • THE SHADOWS: I've Been A Fool

Volume 2 • 1950

THE RAVENS: Count Every Star • JOHNNY OTIS ORCHESTRA; Vocal By: The Robins: Turkey Hop, Part 1 • THE BEAVERS: I'd Rather Be Wrong Than Blue • THE DOMINOES: Do Something For Me • THE CLOVERS: When You Come Back To Me • THE CAP-TANS: Chief, Turn The Hose On Me • THE DELTA RHYTHM BOYS: If You See The Tears In My Eyes • THE ORIOLES: At Night • THE THREE RIFFS: Jumping Jack • STEVE GIBSON AND THE RED CAPS: I'll Never Love Anyone Else • THE WHISPERS: I've Got No Time • THE FOUR BUDDIES: I Will Wait • THE FOUR TUNES: Old Fashioned Love • THE STRIDERS: Cool Saturday Night • THE CATS AND THE FIDDLE: Do You Love Me • THE COLEMANS: I Don't Mind Being All Alone • THE BLENDERS: Gone (My Baby's Gone) • THE SHADOWS: I'll Never, Never Let You Go • THE DOZIER BOYS: She's Gone • THE FOUR BLUES: As Long As I Live • THE RAVENS: I Don't Have To Ride No More • THE MASTERKEYS: Mr. Blues • THE CAROLS: Please Believe In Me • THE MILLS BROTHERS: Nevertheless • THE 5 LARKS: My Heart Cries For You • THE FLAMES: Young Girl • THE FOUR ACES: Who Was There To Blame • KING ODOM FOUR: Lover Come Back To Me • THE RIVALDS: Rival Blues • THE JUBALAIRES: A Dream Is A Wish Your Heart Makes

Volume 3 • 1951

THE DOMINOES: Sixty-Minute Man • THE FIVE KEYS: The Glory Of Love • THE FOUR BUDDIES: Sweet Slumber • THE CLOVERS: Don't You Know I Love You • THE SWALLOWS: Will You Be Mine • THE ORIOLES: Baby Please Don't Go • THE RAVENS: Gotta Find My Baby • THE LARKS: My Reverie • THE CARDINALS: Shouldn't I Know? • THE HOLLYWOOD'S FOUR FLAMES: Wine • THE MELLO-MOODS With The Schubert Swanston Trio: Where Are You (Now That I Need You) • THE MARSHALL BROTHERS: Who'll Be The Fool From Now On • BOBBY NUNN with The Robbins (sic) : That's What The Good Book Says • BILLY BUNN & HIS BUDDIES: I'm Afraid • THE CAP-TANS: Asking • THE SULTANS: Lemon Squeezing Daddy • THE HEARTBREA-

KERS: Heartbreaker • THE FOUR DOTS: My Dear • THE FOUR KNIGHTS: Walkin' And Whistlin' Blues • THE BLENDERS: Little Small Town Girl (With The Big Town Dreams) • THE VICTORIANS: I Guess You're Satisfied • THE RHYTHM KINGS: I Gotta Go Now • THE 4 DEEP TONES: Just In Case You Change Your Mind • THE FALCONS FEATURING GOLDIE BOOTS: How Blind Can You Be • THE ROYALS: Give Me One More Chance • THE DRIFTERS: Honey Chile • THE VARIETEERS: I'll Try To Forget I Loved You • KING ODOM FOUR: Rain Is The Tears Of Angels • STEVE GIBSON & THE ORIGINAL RED CAPS: Would I Mind • THE FOUR TUNES: May That Day Never Come • THE CLOVERS: Fool, Fool, Fool • THE DOMINOES: I Am With You

Volume 4 • 1952

THE DOMINOES: Have Mercy Baby • THE CARDINALS: The Wheel Of Fortune • THE VOCALEERS: Be True • THE '5' ROYALES With Charlie Ferguson, His Tenor & Orchestra: Baby Don't Do It • BILLY BUNN & HIS BUDDIES: That's When Your Heartaches Begin • THE CLOVERS: One Mint Julep • THE SERENADERS: But I Forgive You • THE ROYALS: Every Beat Of My Heart • THE RAVENS: Rock Me All Night Long • THE LARKS Featuring Eugene Mumford: Hold Me • THE FOUR KNIGHTS: That's The Way It's Gonna Be • THE SWALLOWS: Beside You • THE FOUR BUDDIES: You're Part Of Me • THE ORIOLES With Buddy Lucas Orchestra: Don't Cry Baby • THE FOUR TUNES: Let's Give Love Another Chance • THE FOUR JACKS: The Last Of The Good Rocking Men • THE MARYLANDERS With Buddy Lucas & His Band Of Tomorrow: Make Me Thrill Again • THE FOUR BLAZES: Rug Cutter • THE SULTANS: Don't Be Angry • THE DIAMONDS: A Beggar For Your Kisses • THE DU-DROPPERS With Ben Smith's Quintet: Can't Do Sixty No More • THE ENCHANTERS: I've Lost • THE CHECKERS: Flame In My Heart • THE FIVE KEYS: Serve Another Round • THE MEL-O-DOTS Featuring Ricky Wells: One More Time • THE FIVE CROWNS: You're My Inspiration • THE HEARTBREAKERS: Rockin' Daddy-O • THE FOUR FLAMES: Later • THE DOMINOES: That's What You're Doing To Me • THE FIVE SHARPS: Stormy Weather • THE CLOVERS: Ting-A-Ling

Volume 5 • 1953

CLYDE MCPHATTER & THE DRIFTERS: Money Honey • THE ORIOLES: Crying In The Chapel • THE SPANIELS: Baby, It's You • THE CHECKERS: White Cliffs Of Dover • THE MOONGLOWS With Red Holloway Orch.: Baby Please • THE VOCALEERS: Is It A Dream • THE CROWS: Gee • THE CORONETS: Nadine • THE CRICKETS: You're Mine • THE '5' ROYALES With Charlie 'Little Jazz' Ferguson & His Orch.: Too Much Lovin' (Much Too Much) • THE HARP-TONES: A Sunday Kind Of Love • THE FLAMINGOS with Red Holloway's Orch.: Golden Teardrops • THE CLOVERS: Good Lovin' • THE ROBINS: (Now And Then There's) A Fool Such As I • THE CASTELLES: My Girl Awaits Me • THE FOUR TUNES With Sid Bass Orch.: Marie • BILLY WARD & HIS DOMINOES: These Foolish Things Remind Me Of You • THE WANDERERS: We Could Find Happiness • THE DU DROPPERS: I Wanna Know • THE BUCCANEERS With The Joe Whalen Trio: Dear Ruth • THE PRISONAIRES: Just Walkin' In The Rain • THE ROYALS: Get It • THE CARDINALS: Lovie Darling • THE FLAIRS: I Had A Love • THE FIVE KEYS: My Saddest Hour • THE PLATTERS: Hey Now • THE VELVETS: I • THE FIVE ECHOES With Fats Cole's Band: Baby, Come Back To Me • THE SWALLOWS: Nobody's Lovin' Me • VANN WALLS & THE ROCKETS: Big Leg Mama • THE HORNETS: I Can't Believe • THE SPIDERS: You're The One