

# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



## PRODUCT INFO (CD) July 3, 2020

Artist	Various Artists	
Title	Talking On The Telephone	
Label	Bear Family Productions	
Catalog no.	BCD17599	
EAN-Code	53971021759924	Price code: AB
Format	CD with 36-page booklet	
Genre	Rock 'n' Roll, Teen Pop	
No. of tracks	28	64:46 Min.
Release date	July 3, 2020	



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PRODUCTIONS 

## INFO:

- Contains 28 telephone-themed early rock & roll and teen pop records including rare and previously unissued tracks.
- Appeals to historians of popular culture as well as collectors of 50s music looking for something a little bit different.
- Contains the barely issued 'answer record' to the Big Bopper's mega-hit *Chantilly Lace*, as well as the fascinating backstory behind how this record was withdrawn following the Bopper's untimely death.
- Includes rare photos and detailed track notes by music historians Hank Davis and Roy Forbes.

Telephones have been part of our lives for over a hundred years. Like automobiles, which appeared at roughly the same time, telephones had a massive impact on how we live from the very start. Not surprisingly, people sang about telephones almost as quickly as the devices appeared. Previous 'Talkin' on the Telephone' collections have focused on hillbilly and R&B music (RWA 12524 and 12557). This long-awaited collection brings together Telephone Songs from the early days of rock & roll and teen pop music. Teenagers were becoming a force in the music business during the 1950s and rock & roll gave them a chance to sing about their newfound freedom. Talking on the telephone offered teenagers independence from parental oversight, and the birth of rock and roll gave them a chance to sing about it.

This collection brings together some extremely rare and long-forgotten songs about what telephones meant to teenagers. Some of these artists, like Paul Anka, Brenda Lee and Chuck Berry, remain well-known today, nearly 70 years after they made these records. Others, like Lew Williams, Johnny Fallin and Bill Woods, have faded into near-total obscurity.

## TRACKLISTING:

**CD:**  
**Big Bopper:** Chantilly Lace **Bobby Darin:** If A Man Answers **Brenda Lee:** Bigelow 6-200 **Chuck Berry:** Memphis, Tennessee  
**Orlons:** Don't Hang Up **Johnny Burnette:** Operator **Mickey & Sylvia:** Can't Get You On The Phone **Billy Fury:** Phone Call  
**Claudine Clark:** The Telephone Game **The Nutmegs:** Hello **Freddy Cannon:** Buzz Buzz A Diddle It **Donna Damron:** Bopper 486 009  
**Lew Williams:** Teenagers Talkin' On The Phone **Big Bob:** Your Line Was Busy **Carl Perkins:** Just Thought I'd Call  
**Bobby Mitchell:** Got To Call That Number **Johnny Burnette:** I Just Called Up To Say Goodbye **Jerry Lee Lewis:** Hello, Hello Baby  
**Chuck Berry:** Come On **Brenda Lee:** Ring-A-My-Phone **Ron Holden:** Your Line Is Busy **Dinah Washington:** Ring-A-My-Phone  
**Tommy Sands:** Ring My Phone **Johnny Fallin:** Party Line **Mel Williams:** Here At My Phone **The Marvelettes:** Beechwood 4-5789  
**Bill Woods:** Phone Me Baby **Paul Anka:** Kissin' On The Phone

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- 33 Gems From The Good Old Summertime**



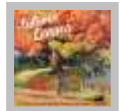
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**Various Artists:  
Another Banana Split, please! (No.2)  
- More Gems From The Good Old Summertime**



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**Various Artists:  
Autumn Leaves – 29 Gems for the Indian Summer**



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