

BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



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Artist **Mike Pedicin**
Title **Rocks**
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- **Comprehensive retrospective of an early rock 'n' roll pioneer.**
- **Recordings for 20th Century, RCA Victor, Cameo, Apollo, Federal and Malvern.**
- **Rare rock, jump and R&B classics.**
- **Extensive liner notes by Bill Dahl.**
- **Carefully restored by Bear Family Records®.**

Mike Pedicin ranks among the great unsung pioneers of early rock 'n' roll. Long before Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry and Bill Haley became international stars, the Philadelphia-born alto saxophonist was already setting dance halls across America's East Coast on fire. Blending swing, jump blues, rhythm & blues and the emerging sound of rock 'n' roll, Pedicin and his explosive quintet created an irresistible style driven by his fiery saxophone, the dynamic vocals of Al Mauro and an infectious sense of excitement.

This comprehensive collection follows Pedicin's remarkable recording career from his early 20th Century releases through his ambitious RCA Victor sessions to later recordings for Cameo, Apollo, Federal and Malvern. Classics such as *Shake A Hand*, *Mambo Rock*, *You Gotta Go*, *Disc Jockey's Boogie*, *Hotter Than A Pistol* and *Hey Pop Give Me The Keys* reveal an artist who deserved far greater recognition. Although he scored national chart entries with *The Large Large House* and *Shake A Hand*, true superstardom remained elusive despite music that could rival the era's biggest names.

Bear Family Records® finally gives this overlooked pioneer the tribute he deserves. Carefully restored recordings, rare masters and extensive liner notes by acclaimed rock 'n' roll historian Bill Dahl shine a light on one of Philadelphia's most exciting musical trailblazers. This release proves that Mike Pedicin was far more than a footnote in rock history - he was one of its genuine architects. An essential collection for rock 'n' roll enthusiasts, collectors and anyone eager to rediscover the music's earliest roots.

TRACKLISTING:

CD:

The Beat	You Gotta Go	Hey Pop, Give Me The Keys	Burnt Toast And Black Coffee	Mambo Rock	Please Don't Talk About
Me When I'm Gone	I Wanna Hug You, Kiss You, Squeeze You	When The Cats Come Marching In	Hi'Yo Silver	The Dickie Doo	
Rock-A-Bye	Disc Jockey's Boogie	St. James Infirmary	The Large, Large House	The Hot Barcarolle	Saxi Boogie Gotta Twist
When The Cats Come Twistin' In	Jackpot	The Banjo Rock	Shake A Hand	Richie Arthur with The Mike Pedicin Quintette:	
Walking Down A Lonesome Road	Fe-Fi-Fo-Fum	I Found You	Hotter Than A Pistol	Teen Age Fairy Tales	Mm Boy
Rockin' On A Rocket	Close All The Doors	You Gotta Go, You Gotta Go			

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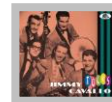
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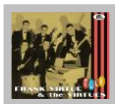
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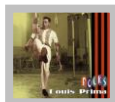
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