Capitol Albums, 401 to 500 and A Word About High Fidelity

In 1953 and 1954, Capitol was shifting from a market dominated by 78 RPM singles to one where the 45 RPM single was rapidly increasing in popularity. Along with that change, the long-playing record was becoming more popular. Capitol adopted RCA Victor's new "extended play" format "whole hog" at the beginning of the year. Between January and April, 1953, they released dozens of new and reissue releases as double EP's. They also determined that they could release half of an eight-song album on a single EP, and half on another EP.

NEW! EXTENDED PLAY Albums

THE BILLY MAY BAND

- WHEN I TAKE MY SUGAR
 LOVE IS JUST AROUND
 THE CORNER
- 2YAWJA . • EASY STREET

45 rpm EXTENDED PLAY EAP-1-412

POPULAR FAVORITES BY STAN KENTON

- SEPTEMBER SONG • DELICADO
 - LAURA

THE HIT MAKERS! LES PAUL and MARY FORD

Part One-Extended Play EAP-1-416 Part Two-Extended Play EAP-2-416

- THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR THE SUNRISE
- · HOW HIGH THE MOON
- . JOSEPHINE
- . MOCKIN' BIRD HILL WHISPERING
- · MEET MISTER CALLAGHAN TIGER RAG
 TENNESSEE WALTZ

THE BENNY GOODMAN BAND Part Two—Extended Play EAP-2-409 CHICAGO WHISTLE BLUES

- Part One—Extended Play EAP-1-409 • DIZZY FINGERS
- . BACK IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD

- TATTLETALE . WRAP YOUR TROUBLES IN DREAMS MUSKRAT RAMBLE

RAY ANTHONY CONCERT

RAY ANTHONY AND HIS ORCHESTRA
IN TENTH • ON THE TRAIL
• STREET SCENE PL

- SLAUGHTER ON TENTH
- HONKY TONK HITS
 - . IVORY RAG . DOWN YONDER
- JOE (FINGERS) CARR
 SAM'S SONG
 SNOW DEER RAG
- 45 rpm EXTENDED PLAY EAP-1-417

45 rpm EXTENDED PLAY EAP-1-406

MARGARET WHITING AND JIMMY WAKELY SING

- . SLIPPING AROUND
- SIX TIMES A WEEK AND TWICE ON SUNDAY
- I'LL NEVER SLIP
 AROUND AGAIN · WEDDING BELLS
- 45 rpm EXTENDED PLAY EAP-1-403

MIDNICHT ON BOURBON STREET

- SHARKEY AND HIS KINGS OF DIXIELAND

 NORTH RAMPART STREET DINAH
- WAY DOWN YONDER IN
 NEW ORLEANS
 PRILLIN' THE ALER

- MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME
- BALLIN' THE JACK
- I AIN'T GONNA GIVE NOBODY NONE O' THIS JELLY ROLL

45 rpm EXTENDED PLAY EBF-367

Dean Martin Sings Dean Martin Released January, 1953.

Capitol EBF-401 = H-401



Horace Heidt Souvenirs Horace Heidt Released April, 1953.

Capitol EBF-402 = H-402

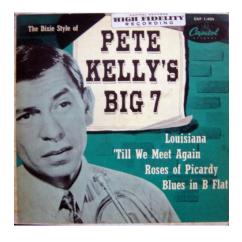


Margaret Whiting and Jimmy Wakely Sing Margaret Whiting and Jimmy Wakely Released April, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-403



The Dixie Style of Pete Kelly's Big 7
Pete Kelly's Big 7
Released April, 1953.

Capitol EAP 1-404



Al Martino Sings Al Martino Released April (?), 1953.

I have only seen the label of the American EP; this cover is British.



Ray Anthony Concert Ray Anthony Released April, 1953. Capitol EAP 1-406



The Student Prince Capitol L-407 Gordon MacRae and Dorothy Warenskjold Released c. April, 1953.

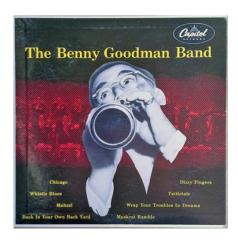


The Art Tatum Trio
Art Tatum
Released August (?), 1953.
Reissued as L-408.

Capitol H-408



The Benny Goodman Band Benny Goodman Released April, 1953. Capitol H-409



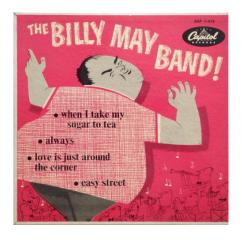
Love Songs by Margaret Whiting Margaret Whiting Released 1953.



The Trials and Tribulations of Yogi Yorgesson Capitol EAP-1- 411 Yogi Yorgesson Released c. May, 1953.



The Billy May Band Billy May Released April, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-412



Backwoods Boogies + Blues
"Tennessee" Ernie Ford
Released c. May, 1953.

Capitol EAP 1-413



The 4 Knights Sing
The Four Knights
Released c. May, 1953.



The Hits of Kay Starr Kay Starr Released June, 1954 (?). Capitol EAP-1-415 + EAP 2-415 = H-415



The Hit Makers! Les Paul and Mary Ford Released April, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-416 + EAP 2-416 = H-416



Honky-Tonk Hits Joe "Fingers" Carr Released April, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-417



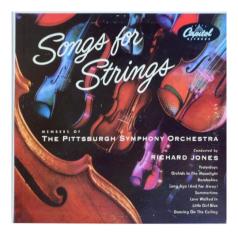
Songs of the Brazos Valley Hank Thompson Released August, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-418 + EAP 2-418 = H-418



Songs for Strings Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Released February, 1954. Capitol L-419



Nat King Cole Sings for Two in Love Nat King Cole Released August, 1953. Capitol EBF-420 = H-420



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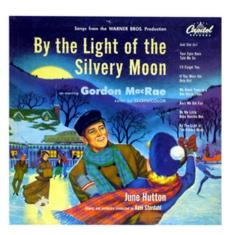
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Orchestra Conducted by NELSON RIDGLE

Popular Favorites by Stan Kenton Stan Kenton Released April, 1953. Expanded to a 12" LP (T-421) in 1955. Capitol EAP-1-421



By the Light of the Silvery Moon Gordon MacRae and June Hutton Released April, 1953. Capitol EBF-422 = H-422



Inca Taqui Yma Sumac Released August, 1953. Capitol L-423



Classics in Jazz Billy Butterfield Released May, 1954. Capitol H-424



Hi-Jinks on the Hammond Milt Herth Trio Released August, 1953. Capitol H-425



Sketches on Standards Stan Kenton Released April, 1953. Reissued 1955 as L-426. Capitol H-426



Piano Hits Ben Light Released June, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-427



Memory Songs Jo Stafford and Gordon MacRae Released July, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-428



Jane Froman Favorites Jane Froman Released July, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-429



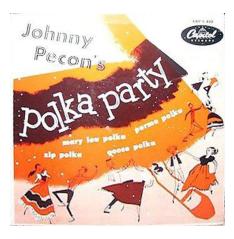
J'Attendrai Gisele MacKenzie Released March, 1954 (?).



Tex Ritter Sings Tex Ritter Released July, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-431



Johnny Pecon's Polka Party Johnny Pecon Released July, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-432



The Four Freshmen
The Four Freshmen
Released August, 1953.

Capitol EAP-1-433



Serenade Voices of Walter Schumann Released 1953. Capitol L-434



Starring Jo Stafford Jo Stafford Released August, 1953. Capitol H-435



Party Panic! Mel Blanc Released June, 1953. Capitol H-436



The Student Prince/The Merry Widow Capitol P-437 Gordon MacRae Released 1953.
A reissue combining L-335 and L-407.
Reissued later as T-437.



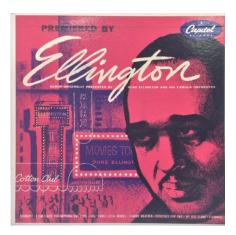
Piano Demitasse George Greeley Released August, 1953. Capitol EBF-438 = H-438



Gerry Mulligan and His Ten-Tette Gerry Mulligan Released August, 1953. Capitol EBF-439 = H-439



Premiered by Ellington Duke Ellington Released August, 1953. Capitol EBF-440 = H-440



The Goodman Touch Benny Goodman Released August, 1953. Capitol EBF-441 = H-441



The Anthony Choir
The Anthony Choir with Ray Anthony
Released August, 1953.

Capitol EBF-442 = H-442



Joe "Fingers" Carr and His Ragtime Band Joe "Fingers" Carr & His Ragtime Band Released August, 1953. Capitol EBF-443 = H-443



The Park Avenue Hillbillie Dorothy Shay Released September, 1953. Capitol H-444



Dreamtime
The Strings of (Axel) Stordahl
Released August, 1953.

Capitol H-445



Moods for Starlight
Francis Scott
Released August, 1953.

Capitol H-446



Blue Tango Les Baxter Released August, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-447



Get Happy With June Christy June Christy Released August, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-448



Gospel Songs Martha Carson Released August, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-449



Goin' Steady Faron Young Released August, 1953.



Country and Hillbilly Songs Skeets McDonald Released August, 1953. Capitol EAP 1-451



Can-Can
Original Cast
Released July, 1953.
Reissued as W-452.

Capitol S -452



Spellbound Concerto/The Red House Capitol L-453
Erich Kloss/Miklos Rozsa
Released November, 1953.
A partial reissue of Capitol CB-48.



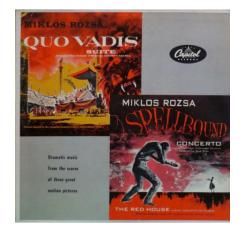
Quo Vadis Suite Capitol L-454 Frankenland State Orchestra (Erich Kloss) Released November, 1953.



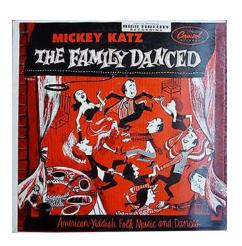
Music to Make You Misty Jackie Gleason Released November, 1953. Capitol EBF-455 = H-455



Spellbound Concert//The Red House/Quo Vadis Suite Capitol P-456 Erich Kloss/Miklos Rozsa Released November, 1953. Combines L-453 and L-454. Reissued as T-456.



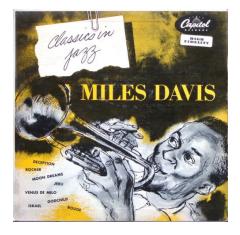
The Family Danced Mickey Katz Released October, 1953. Capitol H-457



Soft Lights and Bobby Hackett Bobby Hackett Released March, 1954. Capitol EBF-458 = H-458



Classics in Jazz Miles Davis Released March, 1954. Capitol H-459



This Modern World Stan Kenton Released March, 1954. Capitol KCF-460 = H-460



Yingle Bells

Yogi Yorgesson

Released November, 1953.

"The Christmas Party" is shown on the front cover as
"The Christmas Story."



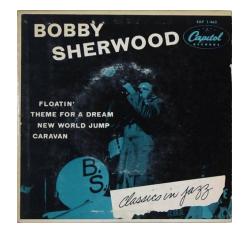
Portraits on Standards
Stan Kenton
Released November 1953.

Capitol H-462



Classics in Jazz Bobby Sherwood Released March, 1954.

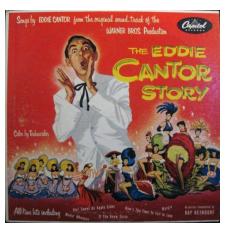
Capitol 464 not known Capitol 465 not known Capitol EAP-1-463



Classics in Jazz Stan Hasselgard Released March, 1954. Capitol EAP-1-466



The Eddie Cantor Story (Soundtrack) Eddie Cantor Released December, 1953. Capitol DDN-467 = FBF-467 = L-467

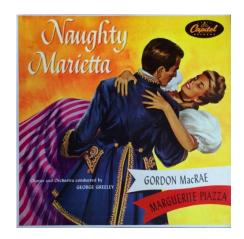


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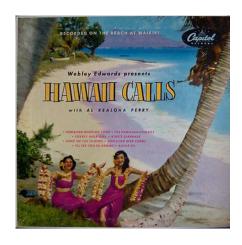
Naughty Marietta Capitol FBF-468 = L-468 Gordon MacRae and Marguerite Piazza Released April, 1954.



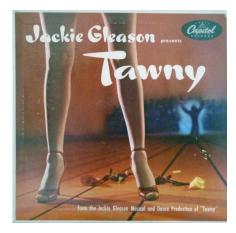
Jerry Shard and his Music Jerry Shard Released 1954. Capitol EAP-1-469



Hawaii Calls Capitol EBF-470 = H-470 The Hawaii Calls Orchestra (Webley Edwards) Released March, 1954.



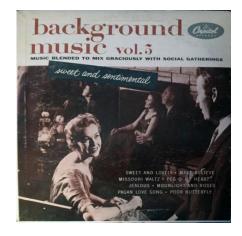
Tawny Jackie Gleason Released January, 1954. Capitol EBF-471 = H-471



Songs for Harmonizing Background Music (Vol. 6) Bill Loose Released February, 1954. Capitol EBF-472 = H-472



Sweet and Sentimental Background Music (Vol. 5) Released February, 1954. Capitol EBF-473 = H-473



Thinking of You Les Baxter Released February, 1954. Capitol H-474



For Lovers Only/To Make You Misty Capitol P- 475
Jackie Gleason
Released 1954.
A reissue combining H-352 and H-455.
Reissued in 1955 as W-475.



I Remember Glenn Miller Ray Anthony Released January, 1954. Capitol EBF-476 = H-476



The Duke Plays Ellington Duke Ellington Released April, 1954. Capitol H-477



Love Songs Italiane Tony Romano Released March, 1954. Capitol EAP-1-478 + EAP-2-478 = H-478



Classics in Jazz Benny Goodman Released April, 1954. Capitol EAP-1-479 + EAP-2-479 = H-479



Birth of a Baby Capitol H-480
The Documentary Recording of an Actual Birth
WISC Radio
Recorded March, 1952.
Released January, 1954.



Sunny Italy Dean Martin Released December, 1953. Capitol EAP 1-481



Hits from Can-Can Various Artists Released December, 1953. Capitol EAP-1-482



Polynesia! The Royal Polynesians Released February, 1954. Reissued 1955 as L-483. Capitol H-483



Bobby Troup! Bobby Troup Released March, 1954. Capitol EBF-484 = H-484



Three Sailors and a Girl Gordon MacRae and Jane Powell Released January, 1954. Capitol FBF-485 = L-485



The Passions
Les Baxter
Boxed set with book.

The first pressing is on a maroon/gold "Full Dimensional Sound" label.

Released January, 1954.

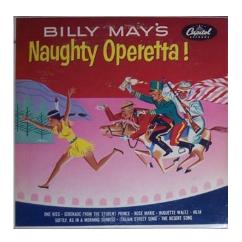


Capitol LAL-486

Billy May's Naughty Operetta! Billy May Released February, 1954.

Capitol H-487





Songs for Young Lovers Frank Sinatra Released February, 1954. Capitol H-488



Songs for Harmonizing/Sweet and Sentimental Capitol P-489
Background Music (Vols. 5 and 6)
Bill Loose
Released 1954.
Combines H-472 and H-473.

Borrah Minnevitch and His Harmonica Rascals Capitol H-490 Borrah Minevitch (His name is misspelled on the LP.) Released July, 1954.



Classics in Jazz Lennie Tristano Released March/April, 1954.



Swingin' Around Pee Wee Hunt Released April, 1954. Capitol EAP-1-492 + EAP-2-492 = H-492



Liquid Sounds
Paul Smith
Released October, 1954.

Capitol EAP-1-493 + EAP-2-493 = H-493



Invitation Les Baxter Released May, 1954. Capitol EAP-1-494



Vaya Con Dios Les Paul and Mary Ford Released March, 1954.



Any Requests?
Stan Freberg
Released March, 1954.

Capitol EAP-1-496



Piano Rags Joe "Fingers" Carr Released March, 1954. Capitol EAP-1-497



What It Was, Was Football! Andy Griffith Released February, 1954.

Capitol 499 not known

Capitol EAP-1-498



Songs by Nat King Cole Nat King Cole Released March, 1954.



In October, 1953, Capitol announced their plans to make a big "push" in the direction of High Fidelity recordings. While these were well-liked by fans of classical music, Capitol's plan was to use Hi-Fi techniques on its popular LP's as well. From that point until the end of 1954, Capitol began adding stickers to the covers of recordings that fit the definition of High Fidelity.



The first such sticker read "HIGH FIDELITY" on two lines. The later sticker reads "Capitol Records High Fidelity Recording" on three lines — in a manner that would become the label's "logo" for Hi-Fi albums.



None of the original pressings of Capitol EP's or LP's have "High Fidelity" printed directly onto the front cover until January, 1955. Therefore, the true first pressing of every record listed in the files called Capitol Albums 1,2, 3, and 4 will not mention High Fidelity on the front cover slick.