

RCA Victor's Original Cast Series, 1950-1958

Produced by Frank Daniels

How the Labels Turned Green

The first Original Cast album from RCA Victor was the classic Brigadoon. The show had opened at the Ziegfeld Theatre on March 13th and was an immediate hit. RCA Victor picked up the rights for the cast recording and released it in May. Brigadoon sold well for the label; it was folded into RCA's "Two on the Aisle Series" of show recordings and was also numbered as K-7 in that series.

December, 1950, saw the release of the first record in the OC (Original Cast) green label series; however, the first release – *Call Me Madam* – was advertised at the 78 RPM and 45 RPM speeds only.

BRIGADOON (Victor P 178)

It's the first original cast show album affered by the label. And this package of five platters brings the musical highlights of Broadway's top musical success, making it a pre-sold set for the merchandising. Highlight of the spinning is the singing of Marion Bell, a soprano pip, who overshadows the vocal efforts of her romantic lead, baritone David Brooks. The pair team for two of the top tunes of the Alan Jay Lerner-Frederick Loewe musical score, both balerick Loewe musical score, both bal-two leads for From This Day On, lad beauts in Almost Like Being In sharing the side with the chorus for Love and The Heather on the Hill, the singing of Brigadoon. Orchestra Love and The Heather on the Hill, the singing of Brigadoon. Orchestra The top tenoring of Lee Sullivan, with overture starts off the set, bringing a fetching Scotch brogue to his lyric- on the chorus for Once in the High-izing in keeping with the tenor of the lands. All the needling adds up to tunes, scores handsomely for a lil- a natural for maximum sales. Rec-ting waltz melody, Come To Me, ords shipped for review without al-Bend To Me, and for the plaintive bum jacket.

I'll Go Home With Bonnie Jean. Pamela Britton, joined by the show orchestra and chorus under the capable direction of Franz Allers, makes it count for the comedy specialty, My Mother's Wedding Day. For the folk dance ditty, Down On MacConnachy Square, the lusty MacConnachy Square, the lus voices of J. Warren E. Redding, Robbins and H. Gordon, together with the chorus, make it an attractive spin. Also in top-drawer disking is the singing of Miss Bell and the girls of the chorus for Waitin' For My Dearie; Brooks' romantics romantics for There But For You Go I, and the

By early 1951 this new green label series was available at all three speeds, and it would soon be the case that 45 RPM boxed sets fell by the wayside – giving way to the Extended Play format. The long-play form was the longest survivor, of course. While the ten-inch LOC-3000 series of cast albums was short-lived, the twelve-inch series (LOC-1000) continued until the label's vast renumbering in 1972. In late Winter or early spring, 1951, RCA Victor made Call Me Madam available as an LP and released the popular Brigadoon album as part of the new series.

Although the OC series lasted over twenty years, its moniker as the Green Label series made it only as far as the end of 1954. At that point RCA Victor began using the black label with silver print and a fullcolor image of Nipper the dog on all members of the OC series. This listing covers OC albums through mid-1958.





Green Label Series Albums



LOC-1000 Call Me Madam BB December 23, 1950 (early 1951) Release Date:

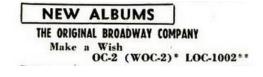


LOC-1001 Brigadoon Release Date: BB May 3, 1947 (winter/spring, 1951)

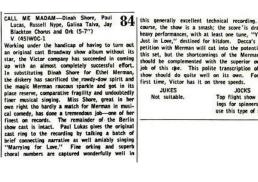


LOC-1002 Release Date:

Make a Wish BB May 26, 1951







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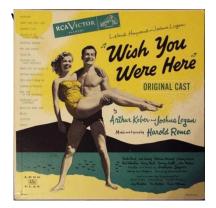
LOC-1003 Release Date:

Seventeen BB July 28, 1951



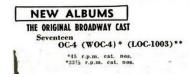
LOC-1006 Release Date:

Paint Your Wagon BB December 1, 1951



LOC-1007 Release Date:

Wish You Were Here BB July 19, 1952





NEW ALBUMS

MERY GRIFFIN Selections From "The Quiet Man" (WP-3089)* (LPM-3089)** ORIGINAL CAST ALBUM

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LOC-1008 **Release Date:**

New Faces of 1952 BB July 19, 1952



LOC-1009 **Release Date:**

Two's Company BB March 7, 1953



LOC-1010 **Release Date:**

Hazel Flagg March 14, 1953

NEW FACES OF 1952—Original Cast; **75** Anton Coppola, Cond. (1-12'') **75** V (33) LOC 1008 This album by the cast of the current Broadway click will have fits strongest appeal among those who have seen the show. Most of the tunes in the extensive score were written as situation tunes and only a few, like "Penny Candy" could mean any-thing pop-wise. However, RCA Victor has done a fine job of capturing the vitality, enthusiam and freshness that have made this new revue a hit. Robert Clary is delightful on "I'm in Love With Miss Logan," June Carroll does a fine job with "Penny Candy" and Ronny Graham comes thru with his funny "Lucky Pierre" novely. Eartha Kitt registers in the same sock fashion as she does in the show with "Monotonus" and the lovely "Bal Petit Bal." The lively finale, "Lizzle Borden," with the entire cast, is senationally performed on this LP disk. All in all a top-filght waxing of the hit show, and one that should sell steadily as long as the revue is on the boards.

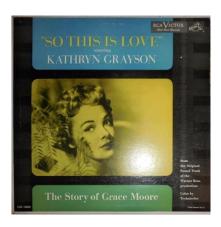


SONG HITS FROM "TWO'S COMPANY" Bette Davis & the Entire Company Milton Rosenstock Orch. & ChorusLOC-1009 (WOC-1009)*





LOC-1012 **Release Date:** Me and Juliet June 27, 1953



LOC-3000 **Release Date:** So This is Love BB July 17, 1951



LOC-1011 Release Date:

Show Biz BB January 2, 1954

Show Album

'So This Is Love' Album Due July

Album Due July NET YORK, June 20.—RCA Victor will start shipments to dis-tributors and dealers on July 17 of its newest motion picture sound track album, "So This Is Love." Album features the pic-ture's star, Kathryn Grayson, in selections from pop standards to operatic arias. Picture is the life story of Grace Moore, based on the former oberatic star's autobiography. Al-bum will be available on EP and LP. Former will list for \$3 and the latter for \$4.45.

SHOW BIZ By Abel Green and Joe Laurie, Jr. Narrated by George # 45 rpm cat. nos. de 3315 rpm cat. nos.



RCA Sets Release Of 'Mutiny' Music

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. - RCA Victor will release the sound "Caine Mutiny" early in June. The package will contain the Max Steiner background music on one side of the LP disk and the courtroom scene from the film on the flip side.

flip side. The sound track drama will feature the film's stars, including Regart and Van Johnson.

'CAINE MUTINY' ALBUM HALTED

NEW YORK, June 12.— RCA Victor's sound track al-bum of "The Caine Mutiny," scheduled for release this month, has been shelved in-definitely, altho the LP's are pressed, packaged and ready for shipment. Herman Wouk, author of the book from which the Co-

Herman Wouk, author of the book from which the Co-lumbia Pictures flick was made, refused to authorize release of the 12-incher, a dramatic condensation of the sound track. If his decision stands, the album may never be released. be released.

LOC-1013 **Release Date:**

The Caine Mutiny Scheduled for June, 1954



LOC-1014 **Release Date:**

The Golden Apple BB June 19, 1954





LOC-1018 The Boy Friend BB September 27, 1954 **Release Date:** Released only in Canada on the green label. In the United States, this album marked a transition to the new black "dog on top" label.



EARTHA KITT: MRS. PATTERSON...73 (Original Cast), Abba Bogin, Cond. (1-12") RCA Victor LOC 1017 The critics praised Eartha Kitt's acting skill in her new Broadway playwith-music, but were less enthusiaetic about the rest of the play. Consequently, this original-cast album's main strength rests with Miss Kitt's personal popularity. The dramatic portions of the LP are excellent, with the singer emerging as a first-rate actress. Unfortunately, the score isa't up to the high stathards set by the thesping. But the canary does register with her highly stylized interpretation of "If I Was a Boy."

LOC-1017 Mrs. Patterson

Release Date: BB December 18, 1954

Released only in Canada on the green label. In the United States, this album marked a transition to the new black "dog on top" label.



LOC-1015FannyRelease Date:December, 1954; BB January 1, 1955The show premiered on November 4th. This was the last album available in the US on the green label.



LOC-1016Silk StockingsRelease Date:March 26, 1955

With the release of *Silk Stockings*, the green label abruptly ended in the United States. All previous members of the LOC- series that were still in print were reissued with new black labels.

Black Label Original Cast Series Albums



LOC-1021 Release Date:

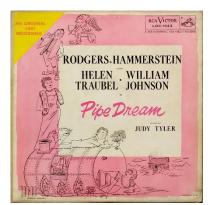
Damn Yankees June 4, 1955

The first front cover to this LP featured the female lead wearing a baseball shirt, hat, and mitt. The first back cover gave information about the three stars and a synopsis of the film.



The second front cover to this LP featured the female lead wearing a negligee. The front cover also lists more cast members. The second back cover gives information about Gwen Verdon, a synopsis of the film, a list of the characters, and a list of the songs on the LP.





ORIGINAL CAST

LOC-1023Pipe DreamRelease Date:December 24, 1955

The first front cover to this LP mentioned William Johnson's name first, ahead of Helen Traubel. It also failed to mention co-star Judy Tyler. RCA Victor temporarily corrected their error by placing a large sticker over the credits on the front cover. Although these were not promotional copies, the sticker reads "Special Advance Edition." RCA Victor redesigned the front cover slick entirely, correcting their errors.



LOC-1024 Release Date:

Eddie Fisher Sings Academy Award Winning Songs May 5, 1956

This was neither a live recording nor the soundtrack from a film, but since the subject was songs that had won Academy Awards, RCA Victor included the LP in its Original Cast series.



LOC-1025 **Release Date:**

LOC-1026

Release Date:

New Faces of '56 July 21, 1956



Happy Hunting December 29, 1956



LOC-1027 **Release Date:** New Girl in Town June 10, 1957



LOC-1028 **Release Date:** Lena Horne at the Waldorf-Astoria June 10, 1957

BROADWAY CAST

"NEW FACES OF '50"—Original Cast Recording—RCA Victor LOC-1025 (1-12" LP)
OFENING, TELL HER, AND HE FLIPFLD, BOY MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED, TALENT, MUSTAPHA, THE GREATEST INFORMON, ISAT SHE LOYELY. THE WHITE WITCH OF JAMACA, DON'T WAIT UMIL IT'S TOO LATE TO SEE PARIS, AFRIL IN FAIRANAKS, HURRY, ONE FERTET MOMENT, LA RONGE SKARTCH MY BACK.
Leonard Sillman's delightful method of introducing new personalities on Broadway came again, with his new edition of "New Faces". The revue, which in years past gave the entertainment world such stars as Van Johnson, fmogene Coca and Henry Fonda, was greeted kindly by critics. This Victor Original Cast recording transmits, melodically and humorously, such refresh-ing performers as impersonator T. C. Jones and singer Armu Sani of Bombay India. Here's a handsome helping of 19 artists many of whom may be singled ut in succeeding years as those who received a big opportunity in Leonard Sillman's "New Faces".

HAPPY HUNTING (1-12") - Ethel Merman, Fernando Lamas and Original Cast. RCA Victor LOC 1026

Fernando Lamas and Original Cast. RCA Victor LOC 1028 RCA Victor rushed this one to market fast after the show's successful Broadway bow and it shapes up as a solidly rewarding job for the label. A number of the tunes are already successful on singles and the kick of hearing Miss Merman and her fellow players give their original versions should make this a fast moving item. 'If'n, 'Mutual Admiration Society' and 'New Fangled Tango' are already familiar, and ' there are several other tunes in the Matt Dubey-Harold Carr score which also could make the grade commercially. Altogether, it's a listenable score and that combined with the projects Merman delivery and a show that's this a solid bet for jockey programming and a long counter life.

Popular Albums

NEW GIRL IN TOWN (1-12")-Original Cast incl. Gwen Verdon, Thelma Ritter, etc. RCA Victor LOC 1027

LOC 1027 Dealers should have a fair-sized summer boom, thanks to this emimently enjoyable show album from Broadway's latest hit. The Robert Merrill score is tuneful, warmhearted and geared to a large audience, particularly "Sumshine Girl" and the beautiful "Look at 'Er." Singing and recording are good grade, and the whole family ought to enjoy it. The cover is one of Victor's most intriguing, and it's a cinch to make just about every store window.

LENA HORNE AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA (1-12")-Nat Brandywynne's Orch. RCA Victor LOC-1028

LOC-1028 Lena Horne's incendiary delivery and sultry, sexy cover photo make this package a solid stock item for dealers and a rich programming source for more discriminating jocks, altho some of the bands are too spicy for air con-sumption. The selections, waxed during the thrush's Waldorf-Astoria date, are a mixture of sophisticated standards, special material-type ditties and haunting ballads.



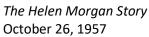


LOC-1029 Release Date:

Offenbach: *La Périchole* late July 1957



LOC-1030 Release Date:





LOC-1034 Release Date:

Search for Paradise November 1957



LOC-1030 Long Play (24 songs) \$4.98 EPA-4112 \$1.29



"JAMAICA" — Original Broadway Cast — RCA Victor LOC-1036 (1-12" LP) David Merrick's hit Broadway musical comedy starring Lena Horne and Ricardo Montalban, is

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LOC-1036 Release Date:

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ELVIS' CHRISTMAS ALBUM (1-12")-Elvis Presley, RCA Victor LOC-1035

Here's a packaging job that can hardly miss. It's a de luxe folder set with a Christmasy red cover, and inside there are eight pages of photos of the chanter, most of them in color, which teen-age chicks will find hard to resist. The disk itself has great Presley treatments of Christmas songs and carols, including "White Christmas" and "Silent Night." A standout display item for every dealer.

LOC-1035 Release Date: *Elvis' Christmas Album* November 25, 1957

Apparently, it was the deluxe packaging that prompted RCA Victor to place the album into the originalcast series. When they reissued the LP in 1959 without the deluxe package, they placed it into the usual LPM- (popular music) series.



LOC-1041 Release Date:

Sayonara December 16, 1957

MARLON BRANDO IN SAYONARA...77 Soundtrack (1-12") RCA Victor LOC 1041 This possibly could be another big soundtrack package, ir Irving Berlin's title tune takes off in the singles weepstakes. Main portion of disk is devoted to Frank Waxman's score which dramatically underlines the film's action. Good blend of exotic color and emotional impact.



LOC-1037 **Release Date:** The 50th Anniversary Show January 13, 1958





THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW......75 Sound Track (1-12") RCA Victor LOC 1037 This is the music from the noted NBC-TV show which marked the 50th anniversary of General Motors. A weath of talent and song here-much of which will be remembered by listeners who viewed the show No-vember 17. Hugo Winterhalter, Pat Boone, Steve Lawrence, Dan Dailey and Carol Burnett, Dinah Shore, Do-retta Morrow, Bernard Green's or-chestra are in the line-up.

RAINTREE COUNTY Music From the Sound Track (1-12") RCA Victor LOC 6000 This handsomely packaged, de luxe double-pocket LP spotilahis Johnny Green's lushly dramatic score (specially edited by Green for this disk for the lengthy movie, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Clift. Album's appeal is almost wholely to movie fans. Altho backed by spectacular promotion, film received bad notices. Box office record chalked up by picture will ultimately determine strength of album.

LOC-6000 **Release Date:**

Raintree County February 3, 1958

The deluxe 2LP set was numbered 6000, while the abridged single-pocket LP was numbered LOC-1038.



LOC-1040 **Release Date:**

Bonjour, Tristesse February 1958



"BONIOUR TRISTESSE"—Original Soundtrack Recording—RCA Victor LOC-1040 (1-12" LP) The hit flick has a strikingly colorful score. The music for "Bonjour Tristesse," starting David Niven and Deborah Kerr, was written by Georges Auric. The recording, with it's varied moods and tempos stands out as one of the better soundtrack releases. The French movie sound-track should find a ready market.





Peyton Place March 1, 1958







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LOCD-2000 / LOC-1032 South Pacific Release Date: March 19, 1958

The deluxe edition was numbered 2000, while the number LOC-1032 was reserved for the regular edition. In 1959, after South Pacific won an Academy Award for Best Achievement in Sound, RCA Victor added a reference to that award on the front cover.







LOC-1044 Release Date: *Marjorie Morningstar* May 10, 1958

The first back cover reads "An original soundtrack recording," while the second says, "Especially recorded in Hollywood for this album." Also, George Tobias' acting credit was moved up.



"PEYTON PLACE"-Original Soundtrack recording-RCA Victor LOC-1042 (1-12" LP) The soundtrack from the much talked about book and motion picture was written by Franz Waxman. Waxman, who penned tracks for suc standout ficks as "A Place In The Sun" and "Sunset Boulevard", also leads the orchestre through the stirring reading. The Jerry Walt production has a beautiful score. The pressin should receive an additional sales push from th popularity of the movie.





"SAY, DARLING"—Original Cast Recording— RCA Victor LOC-1045 (1-12° LP) Victor has come up with a strong oc waxing of the B'way musical. "Say, Darling," stars David Wayne, Vivian Blaine, and Johnny Desmond, and has a pleataing set of tunes written by Julos Styne, Another and Say Comment, Two of the and "Try To Love Me Just As I Am", Will definitely get a good piece of the original cast recording sailes. Beliable stock.

LOC-1045Say DarlingRelease Date:May 17, 1958

This was the last soundtrack/cast album that RCA Victor released in mono only – before the advent of stereo records. The matrix numbers (2855/6 and 2857/8) indicate that RCA Victor had prepared mono and stereo masters simultaneously. However, the album was released just before the label's grand introduction of Living Stereo. This became one of the first original-cast series albums to be available on vinyl in stereo. Prior to that time, the only stereo option was on reel-to-reel tape.

