

Bob Keene CDs with Maynard Ferguson

BOB KEENE AND HIS ORCHESTRA, BIG BAND BASH -- Americana Records 28C-8126(J)

This 1992 CD was pressed in the U.S. for the Japanese market. Do not confuse it with the more common 1996 Del-Fi CD. This is the much rarer Japanese version, with Japanese as well as English writing on the cover. It's got the cover photos from the original LP, which show a very young MF playing his heart out. A super nice, relatively rare item!

COPY #1. This copy is almost like new -- NMINT+. \$11.00.

COPY #2. The one is MINT, FACTORY SEALED. \$15.00.

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BILLY MAY, "BY ARRANGEMENT" (U.K. RELEASE) -- Jasmine JASCD 406

Here's a great 2-CD set featuring 48 different Bill May arrangements recorded between 1939 and 1952. MF is present with the Bob Keene orchestra on the track Dancing on the Ceiling.

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Bob Keene 10-inch LPs with Maynard Ferguson

GENE NORMAN PRESENTS BOB KEENE AND HIS ORCHESTRA, GNP Vol. 8 -- GNP 149

Here's Maynard with the Bob Keene Orchestra from 1951 on the original 10" LP release of the tracks Dancing on the Ceiling, Dancing Tambourine, They Didn't Believe Me, The Lady is a Tramp, Mimi, It Ain't Necessarily So, Isn't it Romantic, and Jug Stop. Great big band music, it sounds a bit like the Benny Goodman Orchestra, with Keene leading on clarinet. But this is no "clarinet album." It's a great big band recording, with lots of brass, saxes, bones, and rhythm. A must for every serious MF collection. MF is pictured and credited on the back cover. Outstanding! Listing for \$50.00 in my jazz guide, I've seen these bring \$75.00+ at auction in the past.

COPY #1. The cover on this one has some definite surface and seam wear, but all the seams are still totally tight and intact. It's easily an EX- cover -- perhaps borderline EX. The vinyl is still clean and shiny, with just a few very light scuffs and surface scratches, and plays great! I'd rate it as EX to EX+, as well. Overall, this is a nice, solid EX to EX+ copy. Yours for \$15.00.

COPY #2. The cover on this one has a bit of surface wear, both front and back, but it's not too bad. There's also a 4" seam split at upper right. I'd rate it, conservatively, at EX-. The vinyl has nice, clean labels, and other than a few light scuffs and light surface scratches, it's in great condition. EX to EX+. Overall, this copy is EX. Yours for \$13.00.

COPY #3. The cover on this one has some definite surface wear, both front and back, and a bit of seam wear, but it's not too bad. The seams and spine are not split. I'd rate this cover as EX-. The vinyl is also clean and nice, with the only problems being a scuff and some light surface scratches

in a few places. It's EX to EX+. Overall, this copy is EX. It's yours for \$13.00.

COPY #4. The cover on this one has some light surface wear front and back, but it's minimal. There's a tiny bend in the lower left corner, and a 1" seam split at lower right. But these flaws are minimal, and the cover still easily rates an EX. It's really nice. The vinyl HAS RED WAX!!! This is ultra rare. I've only seen it one other time!!! The jazz guide doesn't list a price for red wax, but it's often DOUBLE that of black wax. The disc itself has quite a few light surface scratches, so I test played it, and it plays with some definite background noise. I'd rate this disc as just VG. So, overall, this copy is somewhere in the VG+ range. I'd normally price one with black vinyl in this condition at about \$8.00. Due to the red vinyl, this one is \$12.00.

Bob Keene LPs with Maynard Ferguson

THE BOB KEENE BIG BAND BASH, ORIGINAL RECORDINGS, 1951 -- DeFi DF 1898

Many of you have seen the CD of this album, but the DeFi LP is quite rare. They must have been issued in very small quantities. It was released in about 1982 or 1983, and it's got a very nice photo of MF on the back cover, playing in the trumpet section. This one is missing from most MF collections due to its rarity.

COPY #1. The cover on this copy has a seam crack at top center and another at bottom center. Those are the only issues with the cover. It's still clean and nice and rates a NMINT-. The vinyl is NMINT. Overall, a NMINT- to NMINT copy. \$17.00.

BOB KEENE AND HIS ORCHESTRA (SPANISH PRESSING) -- Fresh Sound Records FSR-618

This is the Spanish Fresh Sound Records pressing of the Big Band Bash LP. Fabulous vinyl! And a very, very rare LP from 1988.

COPY #1. The cover on this one has a tiny dull spot where a price sticker was removed and just the beginnings of some ring wear. It's still an EX++ cover. The vinyl is NMINT+. Overall, it's NMINT- to NMINT. \$18.00.

COPY #2. The cover on this one has a small corner bend at lower right. Otherwise, it's almost like new. NMINT. The vinyl is NMINT+. Overall NMINT to NMINT+. \$20.00

THE BIG BOB KEENE BAND, DANCING ON THE CEILING -- Whippet WLP 701

Bob Keene LPs are very hard to come by. This one contains the tracks Dancing on the Ceiling, Mimi, They Didn't Believe Me, Begin the Beguine, It Ain't Necessarily So, Flying Home, The Lady is a Tramp, Isn't it Romantic, Dancing Tambourine, It's Easy to Remember, Boogie for a Nickel, and Jug Stop. Maynard can be heard prominently throughout. These are extremely popular LPs with general record collectors, because the cover literally has a couple dancing upside down on the ceiling. I keep wanting to turn the cover upside down! A rare and desirable LP with MF!!!

COPY #1. The cover on this one has a 1" seam split at upper right, a tiny bend on just the bottom right corner tip, and on the back, a couple of rectangular discolorations from price sticker removals. It's still a very nice-looking cover. EX. The vinyl is NMINT. Overall, this one is EX++. \$13.00