

Buddy Bregman CDs with Maynard Ferguson

BUDDY BREGMAN AND HIS ORCHESTRA, SWINGING KICKS -- Verve 314 559 514-2

Here's Maynard with the Bregman Orchestra on a number of tracks recorded in 12/56. The title is no lie -- it's definitely "swinging," for certain. Maynard can be heard throughout. This is a relatively recent CD, having been published in 1999, but it was pressed in limited quantities. I can't find them anymore, and they've been bringing huge prices at Internet auctions. They come in a Verve cardboard-type cover (not in a jewel case).

COPY #1. This copy is almost like new -- NMINT+. \$13.00.

COPY #2. The cover on this copy is a bit rough on the front from careless handling. You can see a few surface marks and a bit of dullness in one spot where a price sticker was removed. I'd rate the cover as just EX. The disc, however, is almost like new -- NMINT+. Due to the cover issues, just \$7.00.

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You've probably seen a copy of the Swinging Kicks CD. If you have one, you're lucky. They sold out very quickly. This is the original LP! Dating to 1957, it's got Maynard wailing away on several tracks. It's also got a "cheesecake" cover of a model posing in a skimpy nightgown, and these are very popular with record collectors. The ones with "Verve" on the label are the original 1957 copies; those with "MGM" date to 1961. The former lists for \$50.00 in NMINT condition. The latter lists for less, but in my experience, they're both extremely hard to find.

COPY #1. The cover on this one is fairly nice. There are a few scuffs visible on the front, there's some clear tape on the upper seam at the right edge, and a small bit of writing on the back. I'd rate this cover as EX-, although it looks EX+ from the front. The vinyl is the original Verve pressing. It has a few light surface scratches but plays well -- EX. Overall, this copy is in the EX- to EX range. \$10.00.