

Ben Webster CDs with Maynard Ferguson

BEN WEBSTER, THE BIG TENOR (JAPANESE PRESSING) -- Nippon Phonogram 824 836-2(1)

This is a rare 1985 double CD, with MF playing on the tunes Randle's Island (all 3 takes), Old Folks (all 3 takes), King's Riff (captured in just 1 take), and You're My Thrill (all 3 takes). You'll probably recall that MF recorded these tunes on 12/27/51 as "Tiger Brown." This Japanese pressing with these alternate takes included is ultra rare and very long out of print.

NO COPIES AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

BEN WEBSTER, THE CHRONOLOGICAL BEN WEBSTER 1946-1951 (FRENCH PRESSING) -- Classics 1253

This is a 2002 CD, with MF playing on the tunes Randall's Island (Randle's Island), Old Folks, King's Riff, and You're My Thrill. You'll probably recall that MF recorded these tunes originally on 12/27/51 as "Tiger Brown." It's nice to see that they're available now on this excellent French CD.

NO COPIES AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

BEN WEBSTER, THE TWO SIDES OF THE GREAT TENOR: 1932-1951 (JAZZ GIANTS #26) -- Allegro JAZ 1026

This is a 2005 CD, with MF playing on the tunes Randle's Island, Old Folks, King's Riff, and You're My Thrill. You'll probably recall that MF recorded these tunes originally on 12/27/51 as "Tiger Brown." Here they are on a relatively rare and remastered CD, with detailed notes by Scott Yanow and rare, historic photographs.

COPY #1. This copy is MINT, FACTORY SEALED. \$13.00.

COPY #2. This copy is almost like new, NMINT+. \$11.00.

BEN WEBSTER, BOUNCE BLUES (SPANISH PRESSING) -- Blue Moon BMCD 3042

This is a 1995 CD, with MF playing on the tunes Randle's Island, Old Folks, King's Riff, and You're My Thrill. You'll probably recall that MF recorded these tunes originally on 12/27/51 as "Tiger Brown." Here they are on a relatively rare and nicely pressed Spanish CD.

NO COPIES AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

BEN WEBSTER, VERVE JAZZ MASTERS 43 – Verve 314 525 431-2

This is a 1995 CD with 15 tracks, and with MF playing on the tune Old Folks. You'll probably recall that MF recorded this tune originally on 12/27/51 as "Tiger Brown."

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

BEN WEBSTER, BIG BEN (U.K. RELEASE) – Properbox 37

This is a 2002 4-CD boxed set with 94 tracks. MF plays on the tunes Randle's Island, Old Folks, King's Riff, and You're My Thrill. You'll probably recall that MF recorded these tunes originally on 12/27/51 as "Tiger Brown."

COPY #1. This copy is MINT FACTORY SEALED. \$20.00.

Ben Webster 45s with Maynard Ferguson

BEN WEBSTER, RANDLE'S ISLAND / YOU'RE MY THRILL -- Mercury 8265-X45

Here's MF with Ben Webster, recorded 12/21/51, on the original 45 RPM release of these hard-to-find tracks. It's exceptionally RARE!!! Maynard was listed on the labels of this 45 as "Tiger Brown." It wasn't until the 10" LP and 45 EP came out a couple of years later that Maynard was identified as the trumpeter on this session.

COPY #1. This is the first copy of this rare little 45 I've had for sale on the set sale pages of this website. The labels have no tears or other damage, but the Randle's Island side is a little darkened with age. Otherwise, the labels are clean and nice. The disc itself rates a solid EX with a few light scuffs and surface scratches visible, but it plays with just some moderate background noise. \$12.00.

COPY #2. Here's a nice copy of this 45. The labels are crisp and clean. The disc itself is a solid EX-, and it plays with just a bit of background noise due to some light surface scratches. Quite rare, it's \$12.00.

BEN WEBSTER, THE BIG TENOR -- EmArcy EP-1-6012

Here's MF with Ben Webster, recorded 12/21/51. Maynard was listed on the labels of the original 78s and 45s in 1952 as "Tiger Brown." In 1954, when the 10" LP and this 7" picture cover EP were released, they did mention in the liner notes that it was actually Maynard on this session. Tunes include Old Folks, You're My Thrill, King's Riff, and Randall's Island. The 10" LP of this recording lists in the jazz guide for \$250.00 in NMINT condition! This EP should be priced similarly for a NMINT copy.

COPY #1. The cover on this one has clean and nice front paper. The seams and spine are a little toned (typical for this cover), but it's not bad. There are also very careful repairs to the top and bottom seams and they are hardly noticeable. Without those seam repairs I'd call it EX++. With the repairs, it's just EX. The disc itself is EX-. A nice, solid copy, with some minor flaws. It's \$20.00.

Ben Webster 78s with Maynard Ferguson

BEN WEBSTER, KING'S RIFF/OLD FOLKS-- Mercury 8298

Here's MF with Ben Webster, recorded 12/21/51, on the original 78 RPM release of these hard-to-find tracks. It's exceptionally RARE!!! Maynard recorded this track as "Tiger Brown." It wasn't until the 10" LP and 45 EP came out a couple of years later that Maynard was identified as the trumpeter on this session.

COPY #1. The labels look brand new. The disc itself has a few light scratches and some minor clouding. Still, it rates a solid VG. Due to its rarity it's \$15.00.

Ben Webster LPs with Maynard Ferguson

BEN WEBSTER, THE BIG TENOR, THE COMPLETE BEN WEBSTER ON EMARCY -- EmArcy 824 836-1

Do NOT confuse this with the 10" LP entitled The Big Tenor and issued in the early 1950s. Instead, this is a gatefold, two-LP set issued in 1985. It contains all the tracks which were on that original Big Tenor 10" LP, plus all the recorded alternate takes! It includes Randall's Island (3 takes), Old Folks (3 takes), King's Riff (1 take), and You're My Thrill (3 takes). These tracks were all recorded 12/27/51, and included a trumpeter known as "Tiger Brown." It was quickly revealed that Mr. "Brown" was actually Maynard. When you hear the tracks, there's no doubt! This is a FANTASTIC 2-LP set.

COPY #1. The cover on this one has a hint of surface wear, but it's still easily a NMINT cover ... very clean and nice. The vinyl is likewise a clean and nice NMINT. Really a super nice copy. \$16.00.

COPY #2. The cover on this copy is a super NMINT! The vinyl appears to be MINT, never played! Overall, it's a beautiful NMINT+ copy. \$19.00.

COPY #3. The cover on this one is a clean and nice NMINT. The vinyl is an ultra-clean, like-new, NMINT++, and is probably never-played. A super copy, it's NMINT+. \$19.00.

COPY #4. The cover on this one is an ultra-clean and nice NMINT+! It looks like it just came out of the shrink wrap. The vinyl is in never played, MINT condition! Unless one is factory sealed, you can't find one nicer. NMINT++. \$21.00.

COPY #5. The cover on this copy is an ultra-clean NMINT-, with the only issue being a slight corner bend at lower right. The discs are almost certainly MINT, never played! NMINT to NMINT+. \$17.00.

BEN WEBSTER, THE BIG TENOR, THE COMPLETE BEN WEBSTER ON EMARCY (JAPANESE RELEASE) -- Nippon Phonogram 175J-3~4(M)

Here's the Japanese pressing of the LP above. It looks the same, but has a different label and catalog number, and, of course, the Japanese pressing is on far superior pure virgin vinyl. In my experience, this LP is 10 times as hard to find as the U.S. version.

COPY #1. The cover on this one is an ultra-clean and nice NMINT+! The vinyl looks like it has been played exactly once, and it's a superb, NMINT+. The original Japanese liner notes insert is included. Overall, NMINT+. \$30.00.

COPY #2. The cover on this one is an ultra-clean and nice NMINT+ and it retains its original "obi" strip on the cover! The original Japanese liner notes insert is included. The vinyl is MINT. Overall, NMINT+ to MINT. \$35.00.

VARIOUS ARTISTS, BIG TENORS (JAPANESE RELEASE) – Mercury BT-2022(M)

Here's a Japanese various artists LP featuring tenor sax players. Side 1 has MF with Ben Webster on six tracks from the EmArcy Big Tenor 10" LP. This release is VERY hard to find here in the U.S.

COPY #1. The cover on this one has a little wear to the upper seam, but it's minimal. It's still easily a NMINT cover. The vinyl is NMINT+. Overall, NMINT to NMINT+. \$17.00.

VARIOUS ARTISTS, VOLUME III, GIANTS OF JAZZ: REEDS – PART I – EmArcy MG 36050

Here's an original EmArcy jazz album with various reed artists including MF with Ben Webster on the tracks Randall's Island and King's Riff, both recorded 12/27/51.

COPY #1. The cover on this one has a little tiny hole punched through the middle of the cover which also pierces the label on the vinyl. It also has a clear tape seam repair at upper right (hardly noticeable). Overall, a clean cover but due to the core hole and tape, it's just EX. The vinyl is NMINT-. Overall, EX+. \$6.00.

VARIOUS ARTISTS, THE JAZZ GIANTS – VOL. 3 – Trip Jazz TLP-5555

This is the Trip Jazz re-issue from the 1970s of the EmArcy Various Artists, Volume III, Giants of Jazz: Reeds – Part 1 LP. It has MF with Ben Webster on the tracks Randall's Island and King's Riff, both recorded 12/27/51.

COPY #1. The cover on this one has a core hole punched through it at bottom right. It also has a rectangular area that's darkened where a sticker was removed and a few small brownish bits of foxing. Due to these various issues, it's just EX-. The vinyl is NMINT-. Overall, EX+. \$5.00.

VARIOUS ARTISTS, VOLUME III, GIANTS OF JAZZ: REEDS – PART II – EmArcy MG 36051

Here's an original EmArcy jazz album with various reed artists including MF with Ben Webster on the track You're My Thrill, recorded 12/27/51.

COPY #1. The cover on this one has clear tape to both seams (hardly noticeable). There's some of the typical brownish toning to the cover, especially on the back. It's EX-. The vinyl is EX+. Overall, EX. \$5.00.