

Sonny Burke CDs with Maynard Ferguson

SONNY BURKE AND HIS ORCHESTRA, THE MAMBO JAMBO MAN (UK RELEASE) -- Jasmine Records JASCD 422

Here's a wonderful compilation 2-CD set of early 1950s tracks from the Sonny Burke Orchestra, many with Maynard Ferguson! This CD dates to 2005, and I'm not sure whether it's still in print, or not. It's an excellent re-issue of these early mono recordings! There are 14 tracks with MF, including 2 Gary Crosby Tracks (previously issued only on 78s and 45s, to the best of my knowledge) and 12 tracks from the Sonny Burke Let's Mambo LP (Decca DL 8090). Recording dates are 8/23, 8/30, 9/20, and 10/25/54.

COPY #1. This copy is MINT, FACTORY SEALED. \$17.00.

Sonny Burke 45s with Maynard Ferguson

SONNY BURKE AND HIS ORCHESTRA, CHA-CHA-CHA / PICK YOURSELF UP -- Decca 9-29706

Here's a great little 45 with Maynard that only came to light in 2005 when the great Sonny Burke Mambo Jambo CD was released. Until then, few of us knew that Maynard was on these tracks. Cha-Cha-Cha was recorded 8/30/54 and Pick Yourself Up was recorded 10/25/54. Great instrumental Mambo music!

COPY #1. This copy has pink promotional labels. The labels each have a little dark rectangle where a price or ID sticker was removed. Otherwise, they're clean and nice. The vinyl is EX. \$7.00.

SONNY BURKE AND HIS ORCHESTRA, "PHFFFT" MAMBO / LONG HAIR MAMBO -- Decca 9-29318

Here's a great little 45 with Maynard that only came to light in 2005 when the great Sonny Burke Mambo Jambo CD was released. Until then, few of us knew that Maynard was on these tracks. Both "Phffft" Mambo and Long Hair Mambo were recorded 9/20/54. Great instrumental Mambo music! You can hear MF in the high register in several places.

COPY #1. This copy has pink promotional labels. The labels are super clean and nice, with the only issue being a neatly rubber-stamped name on one label. The vinyl is NMINT-. \$9.00.

COPY #2. This one is a pink label promo copy. The labels are clean and nice. The vinyl is EX. \$6.00.

COPY #3. This one is a pink label promo copy. The labels are clean and nice. The vinyl is EX+. \$7.50.

COPY #4. This one is a pink label promo copy. The labels are clean and nice except for a catalog number written in ink on one label. The vinyl is EX-. \$5.00.

COPY #5. This is a normal black label copy. The labels are clean and nice, like new, except for very tiny letters "DB" written on each label. I didn't even notice them until I scanned the labels very carefully just now prior to posting. The vinyl is VG+ to EX- and plays OK, but there is some background noise throughout. A decent copy, it's \$4.00.

COPY #6. Here's a normal black label copy. The labels are clean and nice, like new. The vinyl is EX- and plays quite nicely, but there is some background noise in places. \$5.00.

SONNY BURKE AND HIS ORCHESTRA, LET'S MAMBO -- Decca ED-701

Here's a 1954 picture cover double gatefold EP album with 8 tracks from the LP of the same name. Maynard plays on all the tracks. This is a great album! It will give you a definite feeling for how this movement was spreading in the U.S. in the early 1950s.

COPY #1. This cover has a little surface wear, front and back, there are a couple of small seam splits on the right edges. It's still an EX- to EX cover. The vinyl has nice, clean labels. The discs have quite a few light surface scratches that provide some background noise on playback, but I played them, and they sound quite good. Let's call them VG to VG+. Overall, VG++. \$6.00.

COPY #2. This cover has a little surface wear, front and back, there are a couple of small seam splits on the right edges, and two seam cracks at bottom center. It's an EX- cover. The vinyl has nice, clean labels. The discs have a few light surface scratches that only slightly sound on playback. It's EX. Overall, EX- to EX. \$9.00.

Sonny Burke LPs with Maynard Ferguson

SONNY BURKE AND HIS ORCHESTRA, LET'S MAMBO -- Decca DL 8090

Here's a wonderful original Mambo LP with MF. The 12 tracks on this LP all have MF present, and they were recorded 8/30, 9/20, and 10/25/54. This album came out during the height of the Mambo craze in the early 1950s. MF was front and center, as usual.

COPY #1. This cover on this one shows some surface wear on the front and some brownish toning, as well as a rubber-stamped owner's name on the back. It's a nice-looking cover, but due to the various little issues is only EX-. The vinyl has a few scuffs and scratches that cause some crackles in the softer passages. It's VG. Overall, VG+. \$5.00.