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ARTIE SHAW

THE OLD GOLD "MELODY AND MADNESS" BROADCASTS AND REHEARSALS 1938-1939



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INTRODUCTION

In the fall of 1938, the P. Lorillard Company, the producers of Old Gold cigarettes, started sponsoring a weekly radio show called *Melody and Madness*. The show was produced by Lennen & Mitchell, Inc., a New York City advertising agency. The agency retained comedian, actor, and writer Robert Benchley as star of the program. To provide musical accompaniment for the show, the agency considered several bands, among them Larry Clinton and Lud Gluskin. The latter was invited to participate with his band in an audition program that recorded in the summer or early fall of 1938. Eventually, the sponsor and the producer decided to engage Artie Shaw and His Orchestra for the show, a decision almost certainly influenced by the band's recent rise to the top of popularity polls following the enormously successful release of their Bluebird recording of *Begin The Beguine* in the summer of 1938.

The Shaw orchestra started rehearsals for the program on 18 November 1938. The premiere program aired on 20 November 1938. All programs until 27 June 1939 followed more or less the same format. After the opening theme Crazy Rhythm and the announcer's introduction Robert Benchley gave a comedy monologue. This was followed by the band's first tune and a commercial for Old Gold cigarettes. Robert Benchley and a hitherto unidentified cast then performed a comedy sketch addressing a topic of daily life under the title "How To" (for example, "How To Decorate Your House"). The middle portion of the program belonged the band's second and third tune (sandwiching the second Old Gold commercial). Following the third musical selection, Robert Benchley and the cast did a comedy sketch titled "The Bounding Broomstick" – the broomstick would take Benchley and his cast to various countries and regions (some fictional) all over the world. The band would then play a fourth and final tune, usually a "killer-diller." Another commercial, a closing monologue by Benchley and a brief musical reprise acting as closing theme by the band concluded every "Melody and Madness" radio program. During the first four months, the program also featured a Canadian-born singer, Dick Todd, who, like Shaw, recorded for Bluebird Records. He was assigned one of the four tunes per show (accompanied by the orchestra). On the tunes with a Dick Todd vocal Artie Shaw did not play a clarinet solo (except on 15 January 1939 and 5 February 1939). It is not yet known why he left the radio program.

When Artie Shaw fell ill in early April 1939, the band's scheduled trip to California was delayed and the band missed the first two programs emanating from Los Angeles. Lud Gluskin and His Orchestra substituted for the ailing Shaw and his band. They eventually arrived in California, but Shaw did not complete his opening night at the Palomar Ballroom and was out sick again for another five weeks. The band – now under the temporary leadership of its arranger Jerry Gray - did appear, though, on the *Melody and Madness* show during this period.

Robert Benchley took an extended vacation from the *Melody and Madness* program after the 27 June 1939 broadcast. His role was – to some extent - taken over by Warren Hull, later by Mann Holliner. The comedy sketches were gone, as the Shaw band took over full charge of the program until 26 September 1939. Instead of four tunes the band now played up to seven tunes per program (interspersed with the inevitable Old Gold commercials). After the first month, the King Sisters, a vocal quartet, were added to the program and took two tunes per show (with accompaniment by the band).

Robert Benchley returned to the program for the fall season on 3 October 1939 and the program also returned to its previous combination of comedy and music. However, the 3 October 1939 broadcast turned out to be the Shaw Orchestra's final appearance on it. The uproar among fans caused by Artie Shaw's famous interview with Michael Mok (published in the 26 September 1939 edition of the *New York Post*) resulted - at the producer's request - in the immediate termination of his contract. His band was replaced by Lennie Hayton and His Orchestra. The radio show did not last very long after Shaw's departure, though, as it was also ended six weeks later after the broadcast of 14 November 1939.

The program was initially carried by the CBS radio network. It was switched to the NBC-Blue radio network in May 1939. The announcers for CBS were James Fleming (until 11 December 1938), Del Sharbutt (18 December 1938 - 2 April 1939) and Knox Manning (9 April 1939 - 14 May 1939). Knox Manning continued as the show's announcer after the switch to NBC-Blue from 23 May 1939 until 1 August 1939, then various announcers followed. Del Sharbutt returned on 26 September 1939 and was also heard on 3 October 1939.

Presumably, the producer, Lennen & Mitchell, had all programs recorded on 16" transcriptions by various transcription services. The transcriptions for most of the programs and some rehearsals covering the period from 18 November 1938 until 27 June 1939 have survived. So far, no transcriptions for the summer and fall programs of 1939 have surfaced, only a cassette copy for one complete program (1 August 1939) and a few airchecks of some of the other programs of that period.

The surviving transcriptions were acquired, possibly directly from P. Lorillard, by a private collector based in Florida. In the mid-1970s the collector loaned the entire set to a friend of his, Wally Heider, the legendary record producer (his labels included First Time Records, Hindsight and Swingtime Video). Wally transferred the transcriptions to reel-to-reel tapes with the intention to release them. The transcriptions were then returned to the private collector. In some manner (the circumstances are not clear), Ed Burke, a Florida-based record producer got hold of a complete copy of these reel-to-reel tapes (also on reel-to-reel tapes). He gave these tapes to another legendary record producer, Jerry Valburn – on what basis is not clear, either. Jerry issued most of the tunes performed by Artie Shaw from November 1938 to May 1939 on his Jazz Guild label – apparently over the objections of both Wally and Ed, each claiming - as did Jerry - to be the rightful owner of this material. Wally Heider eventually gave his set of tapes, as part of a major donation, to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The set of tapes formerly owned by Jerry Valburn is now in the possession of the author.

More than 80 of these 16" transcriptions were put up for auction sale in the fall of 2020. All but two were acquired by the author. The discs turned out to be extremely dirty and required extensive cleaning to properly play. They were all magnificently restored by Karl Pearson, a friend of the author, and digitally preserved. Karl's transfers offer a superb audio quality, much better than the original transfers done by Wally Heider. Comparison with the Jerry Valburn tapes has revealed that (i) the transfers made by Wally (or his employees) were not complete as there is new, hitherto unknown material on the discs, and (ii) some 16" discs have apparently disappeared, because the tapes include material for which there is no longer a disc. In addition, Karl has managed to eliminate all skips and bumps present on the original Heider transfers. So, taken together the 16" transcriptions and the Jerry Valburn tapes represent an almost complete transfer of all music performed by Artie Shaw and His Orchestra on the Old Gold *Melody and Madness* radio program from November 1938 to June 1939.

The following list summarizes all tunes (including opening and closing themes, but <u>not</u> the many brief fanfares and short interludes preceding or following a commercial or comedy routine) performed by Artie Shaw and His Orchestra on the Old Gold program whether they have survived or not. The information on the programs starting on 4 July 1939 is based on the NBC radio network's radio logs which are part of the NBC Collection held by the Library of Congress. The main list indicates the main source for a surviving track, in most, not all, cases, either a 16" transcription or a Jerry Valburn tape. The footnotes indicate known releases of the material on Lp or CD. For the sake of completeness the audition program and the two broadcasts with Lud Gluskin and His Orchestra are also included.

ABBREVIATIONS AND REFERENCES:

AS Artie Shaw

DT Dick Todd

HF Helen Forrest

JV RTR A set of ten 10" reel-to-reel tapes (recorded at 7,5ips) originally owned

by Jerry Valburn.

into signoff indicates a performance cut short by the end of a broadcast, usually

with the closing announcement of the radio announcer.

KS The King Sisters

MMC Margaret McCrae

n/c not complete - indicates a performance that has not been recorded in

its entirety.

TP Tony Pastor

Voc Vocal refrain

LITERATURE:

Scheer-Hennings and Spragg

G M C

"Artie Shaw & His Orchestra, 1938-1939," American Music Research Center, Glenn Miller Archives, University of Colorado Boulder (online) (Updated March 2022)

Korst

"Artie Shaw & His Orchestra" by Bill Korst and Charles Garrod, a Joyce Music Publication (March 1974)

Simosko

"Artie Shaw – A Musical Biography and Discography", by Vladimir Simosko, Studies in Jazz No. 29, The Scarecrow Press (2000)

LPs and CDs:

AC 11	LP "Artie Shaw 'On The Air' Aircheck Records Aircheck # 11 (Canada	а)
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ASC-2 LP "ASC-2", LP with blank labels issued by the now defunct Artie Shaw

Club (England)

ASC-6 LP "ASC-6" Swing Era ASC-6 (England)

BMG 09026-63808-2 CD set "Artie Shaw Self Portrait"

BMG 09026-63808-2 (USA)

GE-15006 LP "The Clarinet Playing Leaders Volume 1"

Golden Era Records GE-15006 (USA)

JG 1001 LP "Artie Shaw – 'Melody And Madness' Vol. 1"

Jazz Guild 1001 (Canada)

JG 1003 LP "Artie Shaw – 'Melody And Madness' Vol. 2"

Jazz Guild 1003 (Canada)

JG 1005 LP "Artie Shaw – 'Melody And Madness' Vol. 3"

Jazz Guild 1005 (Canada)

JG 1007 LP "Artie Shaw – 'Melody And Madness' Vol. 4"

Jazz Guild 1007 (Canada)

JG 1009 LP "Artie Shaw – 'Melody And Madness' Vol. 5"

Jazz Guild 1009 (Canada)

JH-1009 CD "Artie Shaw and His Orchestra 1938-39 Old Gold Shows"

Jazz Hour Compact Classics JH-1009 (USA)

JH-1050 CD "Artie Shaw & His Orchestra with Robert Benchley"

Jazz Hour Compact Classics JH-1050 (USA)

Joyce 1041 LP "One Night Stand with Artie Shaw"

Joyce LP-1041 (USA)

NI-4013 CD "ARTIE SHAW and His Orchestra: Traffic Jam"

Natasha Imports 4013 (USA)

NOST 7609	LP "Melody And Madness Artie Shaw and His Orchestra Vol I" Phontastic NOST 7609 (Sweden)
NOST 7613	LP "Melody And Madness Artie Shaw and His Orchestra Vol II" Phontastic NOST 7613 (Sweden)
NOST 7627	LP "Melody And Madness Artie Shaw and His Orchestra Vol III" Phontastic NOST 7626 (Sweden)
NOST 7628	LP "Melody And Madness Artie Shaw and His Orchestra Vol IV" Phontastic NOST 7628 (Sweden)
NOST 7637	LP "Melody And Madness Artie Shaw and His Orchestra Vol V" Phontastic NOST 7637 (Sweden)
Phont 7609	CD "Artie Shaw Live in 1938-39 Vol. I" Phontastic Phont CD 7609 (Sweden)
Phont 7613	CD "Artie Shaw Live in 1938-39 Vol. II" Phontastic Phont CD 7613 (Sweden)
Phont 7628	CD "Artie Shaw Live in 1938-39 Vol. III" Phontastic Phont CD 7628 (Sweden)
SECD-502	CD "The Seldom Heard Artie Shaw And His Orchestra" Swing Era Records SECD-502 (USA)
SH 2016	LP "Artie Shaw 'On The Air' 1939-1940" Sandy Hook Records S.H. 2016 (USA)

ARTIE SHAW AND HIS ORCHESTRA

THE OLD GOLD "MELODY AND MADNESS" BROADCASTS AND REHEARSALS

Audition, undated 1938, New York, NY (Lud Gluskin and His Orchestra)¹

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

You Couldn't Be Cuter -voc Choir

Says My Heart – voc MMC

Humoresque

Ti-Pi-Tin – voc MMC & Choir

You Couldn't Be Cuter (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

Rehearsal 18 November 1938, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

The Yam

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer²

Two Sleepy People – voc DT

Begin The Beguine

Softly, As In A Morning

The Yam (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

CBS 20 November 1938, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

The Yam

Two Sleepy People – voc DT

Softly, As In Morning Sunrise

Non-Stop Flight

The Yam (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

Rehearsal 25 November 1938, New York, NY⁸

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

Begin The Beguine

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

When I Go A' Dreamin' – voc DT

Who Blew Out The Flame – voc HF

Shoot The Rhythm To Me, John Boy

Begin The Beguine (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

¹ Possibly recorded during the summer of 1938.

² Issued on JH-1009.

³ Issued on JG 1001, NOST 7609 and Phont 7609.

⁴ Issued on JH-1009.

⁵ Issued on JH-1009. Also on Lockie's 10" disc.

⁶ Issued on JG 1001, NOST 7609 and Phont 7609. Also on Lockie's 10" disc.

⁷ Also on Lockie's 10" disc.

⁸ Korst (page 11) lists two rehearsal sessions for 25 November 1938. Two sets of 16" transcriptions do exist for this date, however, their contents are identical. So even if there were two separate rehearsal sessions, only one of them was recorded and survives. It is assumed that Korst's listing is based on a misunderstanding. The listing in Simosko (page 177) is thus accurate.

⁹ Issued on JG 1001, JH-1009, NOST 7609 and Phont 7609.

¹⁰ Issued on JG 1001, NOST 7609 and Phont 7609.

CBS 27 November 1938, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

Begin The Beguine

When I Go A' Dreamin' – voc DT

Who Blew Out The Flame – voc HF

Back Bay Shuffle

Begin The Beguine (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

Rehearsal 2 December 1938, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

Yesterdays

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

Yesterdays (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

CBS 4 December 1938, New York, NY¹⁵

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

Not extant
Yesterdays

Not extant
What Is This Thing Called Love?

Not extant
Have You Forgotten So Soon? – voc DT

Copenhagen

Yesterdays (closing reprise)

Not extant
Not extant
Not extant

CBS 11 December 1938, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

¹¹ Issued on JG 1001, JH-1009 (with wrong date 25 November 1938), NOST 7609 and Phont 7609.

¹² Issued on JG 1001, JH-1009, NOST 7609 and Phont 7609.

¹³ Issued on JG 1001, NOST 7609 and Phont 7609.

¹⁴ Issued on JG 1001, NOST 7609 and Phont 7609.

¹⁵ The listing of tracks performed is based on the rehearsal, but may have changed for the broadcast.

¹⁶ Issued on JG 1001, NOST 7609 and Phont 7609.

¹⁷ Issued on JG 1001, JH-1009, NOST 7609, Phont 7609 and SECD-502.

¹⁸ Issued on JH-1009.

¹⁹ Issued on JG 1001, JH-1009, NOST 7609, Phont 7609 and SECD-502.

Rehearsal ca. 18 December 1938, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

Ya Got Me

My Reverie – voc DT Just You, Just Me

In The Mood

Ya Got Me (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

 $JV RTR # 10^{20}$ $JV RTR # 10^{21}$

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer²²

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

CBS 18 December 1938, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

Ya Got Me

My Reverie - voc DT

In The Mood

Just You, Just Me

Ya Got Me (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer 16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer²³ 16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer 16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer 16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

CBS 25 December 1938, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

Shine On Harvest Moon

Deep In A Dream - voc DT

Jeepers Creepers - voc TP

Hold Your Hats

Shine On Harvest Moon (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer
16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer
16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer²⁵

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer²⁶

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer²⁷

CBS 1 January 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

I've Been Saving Myself For You

They Say – voc DT

Indian Love Call – voc TP and band

Time Out

I've Been Saving Myself For You (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer²⁸

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer²⁹

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer³⁰

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

²⁰ 16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer probably no longer extant.

²¹ 16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer probably no longer extant.

²² Issued on JG 1001, JH-1009, NOST 7609 and Phont 7609.

²³ Issued on JG 1001, JH-1009, NOST 7609, Phont 7609 and SECD-502.

²⁴ Issued on BMG 09026-63808-2, JG 1001, JH-1009, NOST 7609 and Phont 7609.

²⁵ Issued on JG 1003, JH-1009, NOST 7613 and Phont 7609.

 $^{^{26}}$ Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613, Phont 7609, SECD-502 (all n/c – end clipped) and JH-1009.

²⁷ Issued on 1009 (not listed in liner notes).

²⁸ Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613 and Phont 7609.

²⁹ Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613 and Phont 7609.

³⁰ Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613, Phont 7609 and SECD-502.

CBS 8 January 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

Serenade To A Savage

This Can't Be Love - voc DT

My Own - voc HF

Diga Diga Doo

My Own (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

CBS 15 January 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

Begin The Beguine

A Room With A View - voc DT

My Heart Belongs To Daddy

Prosschai - voc TP

My Heart Belongs To Daddy (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer³⁶

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer³⁷

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer³⁸

CBS 22 January 1939, New York, NY³⁹

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

Rose Room

My Reverie – voc DT

Presentation DOWN BEAT Award - Best Swing Band of 1938

Softly, As In A Morning Sunrise

Oh, Lady Be Good!

Rose Room (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer⁴²

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer⁴³

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer⁴⁴

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer⁴⁵

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer⁴⁵

³¹ Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613 and Phont 7609.

³² Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613 and Phont 7613 (with wrong date 29 January 1939). Date given in Simosko (page 180) is wrong, too.

³³ Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613, Phont 7613 and SECD-502.

³⁴ Issued on JH-1009 (not mentioned in the liner notes).

³⁵ Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613 and Phont 7613.

³⁶ Issued on JH-1009.

 $^{^{37}}$ Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613 and Phont 7613.

³⁸ Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613 and Phont 7613.

³⁹ A complete transfer of the broadcast also exists on a set of 12" 78rpm Harrison Recording Studio discs, owned by another collector.

⁴⁰ Issued on JH-1050.

⁴¹ Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613, Phont 7613 (all with wrong date 29 January 1939) and JH-1050.

⁴² Issued on JH-1050.

⁴³ Issued on JH-1009 and JH-1050.

⁴⁴ Issued on BMG 09026-63808-2, JG 1003, NOST 7613 (all with wrong date 8 January 1939) and JH-1050. Date given in Simosko (page 180) is wrong, too.

 $^{^{45}}$ Issued on JH-1050.

⁴⁶ Issued on JH-1050.

CBS 29 January 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
The Donkey Serenade
Probably tune with DT vocal
Probably tune with HF vocal
At Sundown

At Sundown (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer
16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

Not extant Not extant

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer⁴⁷ 16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

CBS 5 February 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
Zigeuner
Good For Nothin' Love — voc DT
I Have Eyes — voc HF
Carioca
Zigeuner (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

CBS 12 February 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
My Heart Stood Still
Probably tune with DT vocal
Probably tune with HF vocal
I'm Coming Virginia
My Heart Stood Still (closing reprise)

Not extant

Not extant

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer
16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer
Not extant
Not extant
16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer⁵²

CBS 19 February 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
Diga Diga Doo
Deep Purple – voc HF
You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby – voc DT
Shoot The Rhythm To Me, John Boy
Deep Purple (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

⁴⁷ Issued on JG 1003, NOST 7613, Phont 7613 and SECD-502.

⁴⁸ Issued on JG 1005, NI-4013, NOST 7627 and Phont 7613.

⁴⁹ Issued on JG 1005, NI-4013, NOST 7627 and Phont 7613.

⁵⁰ Issued on AC-11, GE-15006, JG 1005, NI-4013, NOST 7627, Phont 7613 and SH-1016.

⁵¹ Issued on JG 1005, NOST 7627 and Phont 7613.

 $^{^{52}}$ Issued on AC-11 (transfer n/c), GE-15006 (transfer n/c), JG 1005, NOST 7627, Phont 7613 and SH-1016 (transfer n/c).

⁵³ Issued on JG 1005, NI-4013, NOST 7627 and Phont 7628.

⁵⁴ Issued on JG 1005, NOST 7627 and Phont 7613.

⁵⁵ Issued on JH-1009.

⁵⁶ Issued on JG 1005, NOST 7627 and Phont 7613.

CBS 26 February 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
Together
This Can't Be Love — voc DT
I Cried For You — voc HF
Back Bay Shuffle

Together (closing reprise)

16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

CBS 5 March 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
Rosalie – voc TP
Jungle Drums
I Want My Share Of Love – voc HF
Non-Stop Flight
Non-Stop Flight (closing reprise)

16" Universal Lacquer
16" Universal Lacquer⁶⁰
16" Universal Lacquer⁶¹
16" Universal Lacquer⁶²
16" Universal Lacquer⁶³
16" Universal Lacquer

CBS 12 March 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme) My Heart Belongs To Daddy The Chant Double Mellow My Heart Belongs To Daddy (closing reprise) 16" Universal Lacquer 16" Universal Lacquer⁶⁴ 16" Universal Lacquer⁶⁵ 16" Universal Lacquer⁶⁶ 16" Universal Lacquer

CBS 19 March 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

Better Than Average Girl – voc TP

Alone Together

This Is It – voc HF

One Night Stand

Better Than Average Girl (closing reprise)

16" Universal Lacquer
16" Universal Lacquer⁶⁷
JV RTR # 8⁶⁸
JV RTR # 8⁶⁹
16" Universal Lacquer
16" Universal Lacquer

⁵⁷ Issued on JG 1005, NOST 7627 and Phont 7613.

⁵⁸ Issued on JG 1005, NI-4013, NOST 7627 and Phont 7613.

⁵⁹ Issued on JG 1005, JH-1009, NI-4013, NOST 7627 and Phont 7613.

⁶⁰ Issued on JG 1005, NI-4013, NOST 7627 and Phont 7628.

⁶¹ Issued on JG 1005, NI-4013, NOST 7627 and Phont 7613.

⁶² Issued on JG 1005, NI-4013, NOST 7627, Phont 7613 and SECD-502.

⁶³ Issued on JG 1007, NI-4013, NOST 7628 and Phont 7628.

⁶⁴ Issued on JG 1007, NI-4013, NOST 7628 and Phont 7628.

⁶⁵ Issued on JG 1007, NI-4013, NOST 7628 and Phont 7628.

 $^{^{66}}$ Issued on JG 1007, NOST 7628, Phont 7628 and SECD-502.

⁶⁷ Issued on JG 1007, NI-4013, NOST 7628 and Phont 7628.

⁶⁸ 16" Universal Acetate probably no longer extant.

⁶⁹ See previous footnote.

CBS 26 March 1939, Hartford, CT

Crazy Rhythm (theme)	16" Universal Lacquer
Gangbusters	16" Universal Lacquer ⁷⁰
Pastel Blue	16" Universal Lacquer ⁷¹
It's All Yours (no vocal)	16" Universal Lacquer ⁷²
Prosschai – voc TP	16" Universal Lacquer ⁷³
It's All Yours (closing reprise)	16" Universal Lacquer

CBS 2 April 1939, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme)	16" Universal Lacquer ⁷⁴
One Foot In The Groove	16" Universal Lacquer ⁷⁵
Nightmare (complete version)	16" Universal Lacquer ⁷⁶
I Am In Love With The Honorable Mr. So And So – voc HF	16" Universal Lacquer ⁷⁷
I'm Coming Virginia	16" Universal Lacquer ⁷⁸
One Foot In The Groove (closing reprise)	16" Universal Lacquer ⁷⁹

CBS 9 April 1939, Los Angeles, CA (AS ill, Lud Gluskin and His Orchestra substitute)

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Crazy Rhythm (theme)	16" Radio Recorders Lacquer
Could Be	16" Radio Recorders Lacquer
You're A Sweet Little Headache – voc MMC	16" Radio Recorders Lacquer
Dinner Music For A Pack Of Hungry Cannibals	16" Radio Recorders Lacquer
Begin The Beguine – voc MMC & Simeon Singers ⁸⁰	16" Radio Recorders Lacquer
Could Be (closing reprise)	16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

CBS 16 April 1939, Los Angeles, CA (AS ill, Lud Gluskin and His Orchestra substitute)81

Crazy Rhythm (theme)	JV RTR # 7
	JV NIN#/
Hawaiian Medley – voc Mary Lou Cobb ⁸²	JV RTR # 7
Deep Purple	JV RTR # 8
Penguin	JV RTR # 8
(Gotta Get Some) Shut Eye (closing)	JV RTR # 8

 $^{^{70}}$ Issued on JG 1007, NOST 7628, Phont 7628 and SECD-502. Also on Lockie's 10" disc.

 $^{^{71}}$ Issued on JG 1007, NI-4013, NOST 7628, Phont 7628 and SDECD-502. Also on Lockie's 10" disc.

⁷² Issued on JG 1007, NI-4013, NOST 7628 and Phont 7628.

⁷³ Issued on JG 1007, NI-4013, NOST 7628 and Phont 7628.

⁷⁴ Issued on JH-1050.

⁷⁵ Issued on JG 1007, JH-1050, NOST 7628 and Phont 7628.

⁷⁶ Issued on JG 1007, JH-1050, NI-4013, NOST 7628 and Phont 7628.

⁷⁷ Issued on JG 1007, JH-1050, NI-4013, NOST 7628 and Phont 7628.

⁷⁸ Issued on JG 1007, JH-1050, NOST 7628 and Phont 7628.

⁷⁹ Issued on JH-1050.

⁸⁰ Played as a salute to the ailing Artie Shaw, but not the famous Jerry Gray arrangement.

⁸¹ A set of two 16" Radio Recorders laquerss for this program exists, but is owned by another collector.

⁸² Name of the female vocalist to be confirmed.

CBS 23 April 1939, Los Angeles, CA (AS ill)

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
Rosalie – voc TP

Serenade To A Savage

You're So Indifferent – voc HF

Copenhagen

Rosalie (closing reprise)

16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer⁸³ 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer⁸⁴ 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer⁸⁵ 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer⁸⁶ 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

CBS 30 April 1939, Los Angeles, CA (AS ill)

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
Shine On Harvest Moon
Probably tune with HF vocal
My Heart Stood Still
Back Bay Shuffle

Unknown closing reprise

16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer Not extant 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

Not extant

CBS 7 May 1939, Los Angeles, CA (AS ill)

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

At Sundown

Supper Time – voc HF

Snug As A Bug In A Rug - voc TP

Diga Diga Doo

At Sundown (closing reprise)

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16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer⁸⁷ 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer⁸⁸ 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer⁸⁹ 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer⁹⁰ 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

CBS 14 May 1939, Los Angeles, CA (AS ill)

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
I'm Coming Virginia
Probably tune with HF vocal
One Foot In The Groove
Prosschai – voc TP
Unknown closing reprise

16" Radio Recorders Lacquer
16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

Not extant

ASC-2

16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

Not extant

SERIES MOVES FROM CBS TO NBC-BLUE

⁸³ Issued on JG 1009 and NOST 7637.

⁸⁴ Issued on JG 1009 and NOST 7637.

⁸⁵ Issued on JG 1009, NOST 7637, Phont 7628 and SECD-502.

⁸⁶ Issued on JG 1009, NI-4013 and NOST 7637.

⁸⁷ Issued on JG 1009 and NOST 7637.

⁸⁸ Issued on JG 1009 and NOST 7637.

⁸⁹ Issued on JG 1009 and NOST 7637.

⁹⁰ Issued on JG 1009, NI-4013 and NOST 7637.

⁹¹ Issued on JG 1009 and NOST 7637.

⁹² Issued on JG 1009 and NOST 7637.

NBC 23 May 1939, Los Angeles, CA

Nightmare (theme)
Begin The Beguine
Shoot The Rhythm To Me, John Boy
Carioca
Nightmare (theme)

NBC 30 May 1939, Los Angeles, CA

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
It Had To Be You
Them There Eyes — voc TP
And The Angels Sing — voc HF
Traffic Jam
It Had To Be You (closing reprise)

16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

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16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

NBC 6 June 1939, Los Angeles, CA

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
Blue Skies
Octoroon
Don't Worry 'Bout Me – voc HF
Indian Love Call – voc TP and band
Blue Skies (closing reprise)

16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

NBC 13 June 1939, Los Angeles, CA

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
Zigeuner
Comes Love – voc HF
When Winter Comes – voc TP
One Night Stand
Zigeuner (closing reprise)

16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

NBC 20 June 1939, Los Angeles, CA

Crazy Rhythm (theme)
Together
If I Didn't Care — voc HF
Show Your Linen, Miss Richardson — voc TP
Non-Stop Flight
If I Didn't Care (closing reprise)

16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

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⁹⁶ Issued on JG 1009, NOST 7637 and Phont 7628.

⁹⁷ Issued on JG 1009, NI-4013 and NOST 7637.

NBC 27 June 1939, Los Angeles, CA (AS does not play due recent tonsillectomy)

Crazy Rhythm (theme)

I Never Knew Heaven Could Speak – voc HF

Presentation Award for "Radio Guide's Best Swing Band"

Copenhagen

Back Bay Shuffle

I Never Knew Heaven Could Speak (closing reprise)

16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

16" Radio Recorders Lacquer

NBC 4 July 1939, probably San Francisco, CA

Not extant and no details available.

NBC 11 July1939, Los Angeles, CA

Nightmare (theme)	Not extant
Blue Skies	Not extant
Melancholy Mood – voc HF	Not extant
One Foot In The Groove	Not extant
Black And Blue – probably voc TP	Not extant
Rule Britannia – voc Al Bernie	Not extant
I Cried For You – voc HF	Not extant
Carioca	Not extant
Nightmare (theme)	Not extant

NBC 18 July 1939, Los Angeles, CA

Nightmare (theme)

Not extant

Zigeuner

Not extant

Moonray – voc HF

Comin' On

Not extant

I'm A Stranger Here Myself – probably voc TP

Not extant

I Poured My Heart Into A Song – voc HF

Not extant

Not extant

Not extant

NBC 25 July 1939, Los Angeles, CA

Nightmare (theme)	Not extant
Diga Diga Doo	Not extant
Don't Worry 'Bout Me – voc HF	Not extant
What Is This Thing Called Love?	Not extant
Got The Misery – voc TP	Not extant
Sandstorm	Not extant
Nightmare (theme)	Not extant

At Sundown

Nightmare (theme)

⁹⁸ Issued on JH-1009.

⁹⁹ Issued on JH-1009.

NBC 1 August 1939, Los Angeles, CA¹⁰⁰

Non-Stop Flight DC#1 Comes Love – voc HF DC#1 Pyramid DC#1 Chinese Folk Song – voc KS DC#1 I'm Sorry For Myself – voc KS DC#1 Go Fly A Kite – voc TP DC#1
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I'm Sorry For Myself – voc KS DC#1
Go Fly A Kite – voc TP DC#1
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The Chant DC#1
Nightmare (theme) DC#1

NBC 8 August 1939, Milwaukee, WI

Nightmare (theme)	Not extant
Softly, As In A Morning Sunrise	Not extant
Stairway to the Stars – voc HF	Not extant
How Deep Is The Ocean	Not extant
Well, All Right – voc KS	Not extant
Tahuita – voc KS	Not extant
When Winter Comes – voc TP	Not extant
Copenhagen	Not extant
Nightmare (theme)	Not extant

NBC 15 August 1939, Detroit, MI



NBC 22 August 1939, Boston, MA

Nightmare (theme)	AC 11
The Donkey Serenade	AC 11
The Lamp Is Low – voc HF	AC 11
Octoroon	AC 11
Especially For You – voc KS	CD DC#2
Tiger Rag – voc KS	CD DC#2
I Can't Afford To Dream – voc TP (n/c - intro only)	CD DC#2
Back Bay Shuffle	Not extant
Nightmare (theme)	Not extant

¹⁰⁰ A complete transfer of the program exists; it is not known whether the original lacquers still exist.

NBC 29 August 1939, Boston, MA

Nightmare (theme) Not extant Vilia Not extant I Poured My Heart into A Song – voc HF Not extant Sweet Sue, Just You Not extant Ding, Dong! The Witch is Dead – voc KS CD DC#2 I'm Sorry For Myself – voc TP Not extant Everything Is Jumpin' Not extant Nightmare (theme) Not extant

NBC 5 September 1939, Toronto, ON

Nightmare (theme) Not extant St. Louis Blues Not extant Two Blind Loves - voc HF Not extant Jungle Drums Not extant I Cried For You - voc KS **CD DC#2** The Irish Washerwoman – voc KS CD DC#2 Oh, You Crazy Moon - voc TP Not extant Everybody Loves My Baby Not extant Nightmare (theme) Not extant

NBC 12 September 1939, Cleveland, OH

Not extant Nightmare (theme) Maria, My Own Not extant Over The Rainbow – voc HF Not extant I Surrender, Dear Not extant The Last Roundup – voc KS CD DC#2 Cielito Lindo - voc KS CD DC#2 Put That Down In Writing - voc TP Not extant 'Deed I Do Not extant Nightmare (theme) Not extant

NBC 19 September 1939, Cleveland, OH

Nightmare (theme) Not extant I'm Coming Virginia Not extant Begin The Beguine Not extant Lover Come Back To Me Shyrock Radio Co. 10" Lacquer Shyrock Radio Co. 10" Lacquer¹⁰¹ The Song Of The Volga Boatmen – voc KS (n/c) The Jumpin' Jive - voc KS Not extant Go Fly A Kite - voc TP Not extant **Man From Mars** Shyrock Radio Co. 10" Lacquer¹⁰² Nightmare (theme) Shyrock Radio Co. 10" Lacquer

¹⁰¹ Issued on Joyce 1041.

¹⁰² Issued on AC-11 and SH-1016.

NBC 26 September 1939, New York, NY

Nightmare (theme) Not extant It Had To Be You Not extant Day In, Day Out - voc HF Not extant The Man I Love Not extant Chinese Folk Song – voc KS Not extant 10" Lacquer¹⁰³ Them There Eyes – voc TP Oh, Lady Be Good Not extant Nightmare (theme) Not extant

NBC 3 October 1939, New York, NY¹⁰⁴

Nightmare (theme)

Not extant

Blue Skies

Not extant

Melancholy Mood – voc HF

Inka Dinka Doo (brief)

Not extant

Traffic Jam

Not extant

Nightmare (theme)

Not extant

(END OF SERIES)

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 $^{^{103}}$ No details are available other than that the disc exists and is owned by another collector. Issued on AC-11, SH-1016 and ASC-6.

¹⁰⁴ NBC's radio logs list *Nightmare* as opening and closing theme for every program aired by NBC since 23 May 1939. The surviving broadcasts, however, show that *Nightmare* was only used as regular theme song in the summer while Robert Benchley was absent. So, it is possible that with Robert Benchley's return the program also returned to *Crazy Rhythm* as opening theme and a closing reprise.