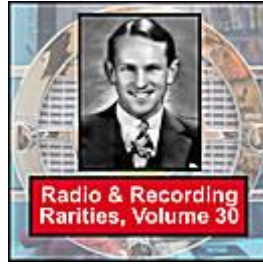


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Rare radio and recording performances by popular vocalists and band leaders. 22 MP3 Songs EASY LISTENING: Crooners/Vocals, EASY LISTENING: Nostalgia Details: GUS ARNHEIM AND HIS ORCHESTRA: Best remembered as the man who brought Bing Crosby to the nation's attention, Gus had a reputation for discovering and nurturing young talent. It was said a singing job with Arnheim was a stepping stone to success in motion pictures or radio. In his autobiography, Bing Crosby credited the publicity he and the Rhythm Boys (Bing, Harry Barris and Al Rinker) received at the Grove as a major contribution to his solo success. Much of Gus's success was due to the wonderful music arrangements of band member Jimmie Grier, who would begin his own orchestra performing at the Coconut Grove after Gus left on tour. DONALD NOVIS: Donald Novis later went on to success in radio and motion pictures as a solo act. HARRY BARRIS: A member of the Rhythm Boys, along with Bing Crosby, Harry also sang with the Gus Arnheim orchestra as here. LOYCE WHITEMAN: Girl singer Loyce, who though often asked - was NOT related to famous band leader Paul Whiteman - eventually married co-singer Harry Barris and the two had a daughter, Marti Barris, who was a singer in the 1950s. THE COCOANUT GROVE: These recordings are from 1930s transcription recordings of live broadcasts from The Cocoanut Grove ballroom in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California; a hot spot for movie stars of the day. The lavish club, part of the massive 23-acre resort, was decorated in Moroccan style and featured full-sized palm trees allegedly salvaged from Valentino's "The Sheik" film set. Additionally, it's "night sky" was filled with stars, thanks to 1,000 small light bulbs in the ceiling. People who are interested in should consider this download.

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