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ARTIST	MERLE HAGGARD
TITLE	Hag – The Capitol Recordings 1968 - 1976 Concepts, Live & The Strangers
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16782
PRICE-CODE	FK
EAN-CODE	 4 000 127 16782 8
ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-338-4
FORMAT	6-CD boxed set (LP-size) with 120-page hardcover book
GENRE	Country
TRACKS	168
PLAYING TIME	439:48



KEY SELLING POINTS

- **Merle Haggard was one of the first country artists to see the LP as more than one hit and some filler songs.**
- **Now Bear Family gathers together all of his 'concept' LPs for Capitol 1968 -1976, plus the 'live' LPs... plus the LPs by Haggard's band, the Strangers!**
- **Fans and critics alike view this as Merle Haggard's finest work.**

SALES NOTES

Merle Haggard was a groundbreaking artist in many ways. After his initial success, he devoted a lot of time and creative energy to 'concepts' that interested him, including live albums, tribute albums, gospel albums, and The Strangers' instrumental albums. The third and final box set in Bear Family's documentation of Merle Haggard's Capitol recordings includes all of these 'concepts.'

This is some of the finest music from Merle Haggard's 45 year career. Fans and critics agree on that. The box includes the Jimmie Rodgers tribute double album from 1968 and the Bob Wills tribute album from 1970 for which Haggard reunited many of Wills's original Texas Playboys. There are three exciting live albums, including one of the best selling country albums of all time, 'Okie From Muskogee--Live In Muskogee, Oklahoma.' There is the ambitious 'Land Of Many Churches' gospel project, for which Haggard recorded revival-style gospel music in backwoods Baptist churches, San Quentin, a Nashville rescue mission and a California Pentecostal church. The set also includes the complete Strangers instrumental output...all of the songs from their five 'solo' albums plus many unreleased surprises, featuring knockout playing from Roy Nichols on guitar and Norm Hamlet on steel guitar.

This box set captures an artist using his success to take his art in new directions. This is the real Merle Haggard: traditionalist, iconoclast, but above all musician.

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TRACK LISTING

CD1

1. Jimmie The Kid
2. My Rough And Rowdy Ways
3. California Blues (Blue Yodel #4)
4. Narration #1: Hobo's Meditation
5. Waitin' For A Train
6. Mother, The Queen Of My Heart
7. My Carolina Sunshine Girl
8. Narration #2: Train Whistle Blues
9. Why Should I Be Lonely?
10. Jimmie's Texas Blues
11. Blue Yodel, #6
12. Narration #3: Mule Skinner Blues (Blue Yodel #8)
13. Peach Pickin' Time Down In Georgia
14. Down The Old Road To Home
15. Travelin' Blues
16. Miss The Mississippi And You
17. Frankie And Johnny
18. No Hard Times
19. Narration #4: Hobo Bill's Last Ride
20. My Old Pal
21. Nobody Knows But Me
22. Narration #5: Jimmie's Rodgers' Last Blue Yodel
23. Mississippi Delta Blues
24. Gamblin' Polka Dot Blues

CD2

1. Right Or Wrong
2. Brown Skinned Gal
3. Roly Poly
4. Corrine, Corrina
5. I Knew The Moment I Lost You
6. Trouble In Mind
7. Time Changes Everything
8. San Antonio Rose
9. Brain Cloudy Blues
10. Take Me Back To Tulsa
11. Spanish Two-Step
12. Old Fashioned Love In My Heart
13. Stay A Little Longer
14. Misery
15. Overture, Introduction & Theme
16. Mama Tried
17. No Hard Times
18. Silver Wings
19. Medley:Swinging Doors/Sing Me Back Home/I'm A Lonesome Fugitive/Branded Man

20. In The Arms Of Love
21. Workin' Man Blues
22. Introduction To 'Hobo Bill'
23. Hobo Bill's Last Ride
24. Billy Overcame His Size
25. If I Had Left It Up To You
26. White Line Fever
27. Blue Rock
28. Intro & Okie From Muskogee

CD3

1. Theme
2. Hammin' It Up
3. I Take A Lot Of Pride In What I Am
4. Corrine, Corrina
5. Every Fool Has A Rainbow
6. T. B. Blues
7. When Did Right Become Wrong
8. Philadelphia Lawyer (Bonnie Owens)
9. Stealin' Corn
10. Harold's Super Service
11. Medley: Devil Woman/I'm Movin' On/Folsom Prison Blues/Jackson/Orange Blossom Special/Love's Gonna Live Here
12. Today I Started Loving You Again
13. Okie From Muskogee
14. The Fightin' Side Of Me
15. Hammin' It Up
16. Everybody's Had The Blues
17. Big Bad Bill (Is Sweet William Now)
18. I Forget You Every Day
19. I Ain't Got Nobody (And Nobody Cares For Me)
20. Carolyn
21. Champagne
22. Lovesick Blues
23. The Emptiest Arms In The World
24. Nobody Knows I'm Hurtin'
25. Intro To: Way Down Yonder In New Orleans
26. Way Down Yonder In New Orleans
27. Okie From Muskogee
28. I Wonder If They Ever Think Of Me
29. Finale



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1. Rev. Jimmy Whitlock: Introduction /
Congregation: We'll Understand And Say Well
Done
2. Medley: Take My Hand, Precious Lord / Jesus
Hold My Hand
3. Precious Memories
4. Rev. Jimmy Whitlock: History Of Big Creek
Baptist Church
5. Turn Your Radio On
6. If We Never Meet Again
7. Closing Prayer/ Congregation: Just As I Am
8. Chaplain Fran Butler: Introduction & Opening
Prayer
9. Amazing Grace
10. Where Could I Go
11. Medley: Old Time Religion/Pass Me By/Sweet
By And By
12. The Old Rugged Cross
13. Chaplain Fran Butler: Closing Prayer
14. Rev. J. D. Smith: Introduction / Congregation:
Leaning On The Everlasting Arms
(Congregation)
15. Guide Me, Lord
16. The Family Bible
17. I'll Be List'ning
18. Just A Closer Walk With Thee
19. Rev. J. D. Smith: Closing Prayer
20. Introduction
21. Life's Railway To Heaven
22. On The Jericho Road
23. Steal Away
24. I Saw The Light

CD5

1. Leaving Phoenix
2. Terri
3. Hammin' It Up
4. San Antonio Rose
5. Somebody Stole My Gal
6. Hop And A Skip
7. Don't Tell Me
8. Whooper Snooper
9. Poppin' Corn
10. The Waltz Of Enchantment
11. Tennessee Flat Top Box
12. Mama Tried
13. Stealin' Corn
14. Twinkle, Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
15. Blue Rock
16. Mexican Rose

17. Waltzing With A Stranger
18. Sing Me A Happy Song
19. Repeat Performance
20. Street Singer
21. Biff Bam Boom
22. Workin' Man Blues
23. Day Happy
24. Every Fool Has A Rainbow
25. Story With A Happy Indian
26. Scramble
27. California On My Mind
28. Comin' Home
29. Walkin' Through My Heart
30. Skippin'
31. Ham Boogie (Steelin' The Boogie)
32. Caravan

CD6

1. Stumbling
2. Me And Bobby McGee
3. Honky Tonk
4. Raunchy
5. Song From 'Sleep Walk'
6. Watchin' Scotty Grow
7. Just Sit Down And Cry'
8. Slow 'n' Easy
9. I Don't Love Nobody
10. Almost To Tulsa
11. Fiddle Blues
12. Champagne
13. Somewhere Over The Rainbow
14. Goes Without Saying
15. Swing High
16. Somewhere Over The Rainbow
17. When My Conscience Takes Over
18. When The Roses Die
19. Champagne
20. I'm Sittin' On Top Of The World
21. There You Go Again
22. See The Sunset
23. Roller Coaster
24. Cotton Picker
25. It's Only Love
26. Cherokee Fiddle
27. Country Gas