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.
ТР	Tony Pastor
Voc	Vocal refrain

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Korst

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Simosko

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LPs and CDs:

AC 11	LP "Artie Shaw 'On The Air' Aircheck Records Aircheck # 11 (Canada)
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)

Rehearsal 18 November 1938, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme) The Yam Two Sleepy People – voc DT Begin The Beguine Softly, As In A Morning The Yam (closing reprise)

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)

Rehearsal 25 November 1938, New York, NY⁸

Crazy Rhythm (theme) Begin The Beguine 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

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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)

Rehearsal 2 December 1938, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme) Yesterdays What Is This Thing Called Love? Have You Forgotten So Soon? – voc DT Copenhagen Yesterdays (closing reprise)

CBS 4 December 1938, New York, NY¹⁵

Crazy Rhythm (theme) Yesterdays What Is This Thing Called Love? Have You Forgotten So Soon? – voc DT Copenhagen Yesterdays (closing reprise)

CBS 11 December 1938, New York, NY

Crazy Rhythm (theme) It Had To Be You Simple And Sweet (no vocal) I'm Madly In Love With You – voc DT Rockin' The State It Had To Be You (closing reprise) 16" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

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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.

 $^{^{\}rm 13}$ 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)

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)

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)

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
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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)

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)

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. Lacquer
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 $^{^{\}rm 31}$ 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)

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)

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)

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
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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.

 $^{^{\}rm 51}$ 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)

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)

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)

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" Transcription Inc. Lacquer

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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) Gangbusters Pastel Blue It's All Yours (no vocal) Prosschai – voc TP It's All Yours (closing reprise)

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CBS 2 April 1939, New York, NY

- Crazy Rhythm (theme) One Foot In The Groove Nightmare (complete version) I Am In Love With The Honorable Mr. So And So – voc HF I'm Coming Virginia One Foot In The Groove (closing reprise)
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CBS 9 April 1939, Los Angeles, CA (AS ill, Lud Gluskin and His Orchestra substitute)

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
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

⁷⁴ Issued on JH-1050.

 $^{^{\}rm 70}$ 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.

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)

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

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)

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

SERIES MOVES FROM CBS TO NBC-BLUE

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⁸³ Issued on JG 1009 and NOST 7637.

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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.

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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)

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)

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)

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
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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 Lacquer⁹⁸ 16" Radio Recorders Lacquer⁹⁹ 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) Blue Skies Melancholy Mood – voc HF One Foot In The Groove Black And Blue – probably voc TP Rule Britannia – voc Al Bernie I Cried For You – voc HF Carioca Nightmare (theme)

NBC 18 July 1939, Los Angeles, CA

Nightmare (theme) Zigeuner Moonray – voc HF Comin' On I'm A Stranger Here Myself – probably voc TP I Poured My Heart Into A Song – voc HF At Sundown Nightmare (theme)

NBC 25 July 1939, Los Angeles, CA

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

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⁹⁸ Issued on JH-1009.

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NBC 1 August 1939, Los Angeles, CA¹⁰⁰

Nightmare (theme)	DC#1
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
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

Nightmare (theme)	Not extant
Serenade To A Savage	Not extant
I'll Remember – voc HF	Not extant
I'm Yours	Not extant
After You've Gone – voc KS	CD DC#2
Heeb, Heeb – voc KS	CD DC#2
Is It Possible – possibly voc TP	Not extant
Traffic Jam	Not extant
Nightmare (theme)	Not extant

NBC 22 August 1939, Boston, MA

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

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

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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

Nightmare (theme)	
Maria, My Own	
Over The Rainbow – voc HF	
l Surrender, Dear	
The Last Roundup – voc KS	
Cielito Lindo – voc KS	
Put That Down In Writing – voc TP	
'Deed I Do	
Nightmare (theme)	

NBC 19 September 1939, Cleveland, OH

Nightmare (theme) I'm Coming Virginia Begin The Beguine Lover Come Back To Me The Song Of The Volga Boatmen – voc KS (n/c) The Jumpin' Jive – voc KS Go Fly A Kite – voc TP Man From Mars Nightmare (theme) Not extant Not extant Not extant CD DC#2 CD DC#2 Not extant Not extant Not extant

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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
Them There Eyes – voc TP	10" Lacquer ¹⁰³
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	Not extant
Inka Dinka Doo (brief)	Not extant
Traffic Jam	Not extant
Nightmare (theme)	Not extant

(END OF SERIES)



¹⁰³No 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.