

Les and Larry Elgart Orchestra - Ain't We Got Fun (1995)

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1. *Ain't We Got Fun*
2. *Alice Blue Gown*
3. *Gimme A Little Kiss*
4. *Makin' Whoopee*
5. *Varsity Drag*
6. *Mean To Me*
7. *Dream*
8. *Night Train*
9. *Night & Day/It Had To Be You*
10. *April In Paris*
11. *Love Is Just Around The Corner*
12. *Meet Me Tonight In Dreamland*
13. *Darn That Dream*
14. *Chicago*

Les and Larry Elgart led a very musical dance band in the 1950s, one of the few new big bands of the era. The emphasis was always on the melody rather than on jazz solos and this live CD of previously unreleased performances (recorded in stereo) is quite predictable. Their orchestra performs 14 standards with taste but no real originality, making these recordings of value strictly as background music for fox-trotters. ---Scott Yanow, AllMusic Review

Their sound is unique thanks to Charles Albertine their first chief arranger (a genius) Most noticeable is the brass supported by the bass trombone (terrific) - no piano is used in this great big band. I heard that great band live in Montreal - in the fifties and sixties six of their singles releases were the opening theme for different music broadcast. They were very popular in Montreal - Les Elgart band was booked for two weeks in a row at the Edge Water ballroom, he packed the house full every night - be sure I went 4 times to hear this fabulous band and Les Elgart was a Gentleman with the public. No mistake I bought back all their recordings on cd from different labels. I have all their recording on cds. Hope this will be useful for fans of big band music. No mistake with the Elgarts. Best regards. ---A. Normandeau from Longueuil, Québec, Canada, amazon.com

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