Charlie Parker - Confirmation: Best of the verve years 1995



CD1

01-Just Friends

02-Swedish Schnapps

03-Laird Bird

04-K.C. Blues

05-April in Paris <u>play</u>

06-Laura

07-Embraceable You

08-Ballade

09-Au Privave

10-The Song is You

11-Mango Mangue

12-Confirmation play

13-Segment

14-She Rote

15-Kim

16-In the Still of the Night

17-Star Eyes

18-How High the Moon

CD2

01-Cardboard

02-I Didn't Know What It Was

03-Oh, Lady, Be Godd!

04-I Can't Get Started

05-Lover Man <u>play</u>

06-Funky Blues

07-Old Folks

08-Now's The Time

09-Tico-Tico play

10-What Is This Thing Called Love

11-Blues For Alice

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12-Leap Frog 13-Bloomdido 14-My Little Suede Shoes 15-Chi Chi 16-Repetition

Personnel includes:

Charlie Parker

Stan Freeman - Piano

Ray Brown - Bass

Buddy Rich - Drums

Jimmy Carroll Arranger, Conductor

Red Rodney - Trumpet

John Lewis - Piano

Kenny Clarke - Drums

Hank Jones - Piano

Teddy Kotick - Bass

Max Roach - Drums

Miles Davis - Trumpet

Walter Bishop, Jr. - Piano

Joe Lipman - Arranger, Conductor

Recorded between 1947 and 1953.

This generous and carefully-documented compilation provides a wide overview of Parker's work from the late 40's and early 50's. It includes well-recorded material that previously appeared on the GENIUS OF CHARLIE PARKER LPs, tunes from concept albums like SOUTH OF THE BORDER (with Machito's orchestra) and CHARLIE PARKER WITH STRINGS (cooler than you'd expect, at times), and cuts from various JAZZ AT THE PHILHARMONIC releases on the Clef label. The main unifying element besides Parker's work is the touch of impressario Norman Granz, the man who created Jazz At The Philharmonic, and founded Clef records and the Verve label. Granz's faith in the idea of spontaneity--and thus the concept of the jam session as concert or recording event--was tempered by a desire to challenge Parker into going beyond the finite possibilities of the small bebop group. Parker wails with quartets and quintets on the GENIUS tunes, but we also hear him in orchestral settings (one of Parker's own ambitions) on the WITH STRINGS material and bumping up against swingsters like Hodges and Eldridge on the PHILHARMONIC sessions.

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