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Arnvid Meyer BOX: Book + 5 CDs + 1 DVD

Arnvid Meyer's Orcehstra 1959-1973, featuring Jay C. Higginbotham, Coleman Hawkins, Ben Webster, Vic Dickenson, Don Byas, Bill Coleman, Buck Clayton, Charlie Shavers, Brew Moore, Harry Edison, Benny Carter & Roy Eldridge.

Arnvid Meyer's Orchestra was one of Denmark's leading jazz bands from 1959 to 1973. Respected critics have stated that no Danish swing band has ever reached the same musical level. The deep swing of the orchestra's ensemble playing and the solid, steady work of the rhythm section provided a perfect backdrop for the soloists.

Despite a massive impact on the numerous Danish venues of the period, until now, the band has been documented on only two rare LPs. This luxurious box set amply corrects the situation, while also serving as weighty historical documentation of an important period in Danish jazz music.



Five CDs.

This exclusive collection provides over five hours of music, taking the listener back to Boris Rabinowitsch's Beboppers and Torben Ulrich's Blue Note Jazz Band - respectively John Darville's and Arnvid Meyer's first groups. However, the majority of the playing time features Arnvid Meyer's Orchestra with or without its many legendary soloists, on private, studio, and Danish Broadcasting Corporation recordings. Many of these recordings have gone the rounds among collectors - often in poor copies - but now all have been carefully edited and mastered for noise reduction. Fortunately, the sound on over half of these recordings is close to perfect. And the music is great - and most of it has never been released before! There are sessions with Hawkins, Webster, Brew Moore and Bill Coleman that are no less than amazing.

Some even claim that the group was at their very best on their own, which is not hard to understand with a line-up consisting of people like Jesper Thilo, Niels Jørgen Steen and Hugo Rasmussen.

One DVD.

Happily, a number of television shows with the orchestra have survived. The 66-minute long DVD opens with the group in great form at Vingaarden in 1965, and closes with footage of Arnvid Meyer blowing on his own in a forest in 1973. In between, you will enjoy ten touching films featuring Ben Webster, Benny Carter and Harry "Sweets" Edison.

One book

Not a booklet - a real book in hardcover with 124 pages in large format and in color. The contents are built up around 23 interviews and a myriad of illustrations in a beautiful layout and printed in a legible size. The story of jazz is full of entertaining stories. You will find many such anecdotes in this book, but the author/editor also makes sure that the real story is told from every point of view and in detail.

Extra illustrations

As a bonus, the box includes six separate drawings of the band and on the topic of the period drawn by Klaus Albrechtsen and printed on heavy quality paper.

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