

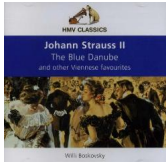
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Few conductors are as strongly associated with the Viennese waltz as Willi Boskovsky, who, in a long career of promoting light music through his popular New Year's concerts, endeared himself to millions as a modern-day "Waltz King." Of course, that title originally belonged to Johann Strauss II, the celebrated Viennese composer and innovative bandleader whose waltzes are presented by Boskovsky on this HMV disc. Among the selections here are the renowned *On the Beautiful Blue Danube*; *Roses From the South*; *Vienna Blood*; *Voices of Spring*; *Tales from the Vienna Woods*; *Wine, Women, and Song*; and other memorable waltzes, played in authentic Viennese style by the Johann Strauss Orchestra of Vienna, Boskovsky's last orchestra before his retirement. These recordings date from the early to mid-'80s. Because this disc is a budget reissue, it is an affordable introduction to Strauss' music and worth having as a basic set of the most important waltzes. However, disappointed listeners and audiophiles will likely pay more for a better-sounding alternative. ---AMG

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