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01. They Can't Take That Away From Me 02. My Blue Heaven 03. If I Loved You 04. Dinah / For You 05. Tippin' In 06. Until The Real Thing Comes Along 07. In The Land Of Hi-Fi 08. I May Be Wrong 09. Love Is Just Around The Corner 10. A Sunday Kind Of Love 11. Swingin' In The Moore Park 12. Frankie & Johnny 13. Too Marvelous For Words 14. Got A Date With An Angel 15. Old Rockin' Chair 16. Rosetta 17. Back Home In Indiana 18. Prisoners Song / Blue Lou 19. Sweet Sue 20. I Get A Kick Out Of You 21. Laura 22. Sweet Lorraine

Georgie Auld (leader, ts) with: #1-3: Conrad Gozzo, Maynard Ferguson, Ray Linn, Vito Mangano (tp), Si Zentner, Frank Rosolino, Tommy Pederson (tb), Skeets Herfurt,

Gus Bivona (cl, as), Babe Russin (ts), Bob Dawes, Bob Lawson (bs), Paul Smith (p), Barney Kessel (g), Joe Comfort (b), Irving Cottler (d). Hollywood, September 30, 1955. #4-8: Same personnel as 1-3 but Manny Klein (tp) and Chuck Gentry (bs) replace Vito Mangano and Bob Lawson. Hollywood, November 7, 1955. #9-12: Same as #4-8 but Vito Mangano replaces Manny Klein. Hollywood, November 11, 1955. #13-16: Conrad Gozzo, Maynard Ferguson, Ray Linn, Vito Mangano (tp), Milt Bernhardt, Frank Rosolino, Tommy Pederson (tb), Skeets Herfurt,

Willy Smith (cl, as), Babe Russin (ts), Irving Roth, Bob Lawson (bs), Paul Smith (p), Barney Kessel (g), Joe Comfort (b), Irving Cottler (d). Hollywood, April 11 & 12, 1956. #17-18: Same as 13-16 but Gus Bivona (as) and André Previn (p) replace Willy Smith and Paul Smith. Hollywood, May 19, 1956. #19-24: Same as 13-16. Hollywood, May 26, 1956.

Georgie Auld and His Hollywood All Stars made a series of spiffy recordings during the autumn of 1955 and the spring of 1956 at the Capitol Studios on Vine Street in Hollywood, CA, using swank arrangements by Billy May. "Swank" is an apt descriptor for the sound of this band; the word has been traced back to the Middle Dutch "swanc" which translates as "supple"; there is also a link with the Old High German word "swingan" meaning "to swing." Billy May liked to employ dramatic flourishes and brusque, brassy maneuvers, with dazzling blasts from the trumpets and beefy bursts from the tenor and baritone saxophones over long deep basement tones from the trombones. Auld seemed to revel in this kind of a setting; the '50s were the golden age of showy sax with glitzy accompaniment. One prevailing rhythmic device was the

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"dip," a favorite formula for Earl Bostic that was soon being utilized by Jimmy Dorsey and dozens of popular saxophonists, including Boots Randolph. Kindred bandleaders who carried on in similar fashion during the '50s were Les Brown, Charlie Barnet, Billy Vaughn, Les Elgart and Henry Mancini. Georgie Auld and His Hollywood All Stars included Maynard Ferguson, Si Zentner, Frank Rosolino, Willie Smith, Babe Russin, Barney Kessel and André Previn. Showy, campy and at times rather explosive, this music is guaranteed to wake everyone up and maybe activate a latent sense of humor. --- arwulf arwulf, Rovi

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