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Duke Ellington and his Orchestra





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MOOD INDIGO (Ellington - Mills - Bigard) 2'45

vocal by Ivy Anderson

STORMY WEATHER (Arion - Kwhler) 3'05

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LADY OF THE LAVENDER MIST (Ellington) 3'20

DO NOTHING TILL YOU HEAR FROM ME 3'07

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Side 1:

Mood Indigo vocal by Ivy Anderson Stormy weather

Side 2

Lady of the lavender mist Do nothing till you hear from me vocal by Al Hibbler

The Ellington band is one of the largest, oldest, and certainly most interesting lazz organisations in the world. During the 'twenties, it introduced its so-called "jungle style" with growling brass and heavy arrangements. During the 'thirties, it had a permanent line-up, of mosterly discipline and individuality.

During the forties featured instrumentalists included Tyree Glenn and Lawrence Brown; trumpeters Harold Baker and Ray Nance; saxophonists Russell Procope and Johnny Hodges; clarinettist Jimmy Hamilton; bassist Oscar Pettiford; and, last but not least, the singing star, Ivy Anderson. The 'forties were most important to the orchestra for they contained a series of annual concerts initiated by Ellington at Carnegie Hall in 1943, in which year his fifty-minute composition "Black Brown and Beige" was heard for the first time. In 1958, Philips released a performance of this work on LP (B 07337 L), with the Duke accompanying that great gospel singer Mahalia Jackson.

During the forties, there appears to have been more fluctuation of personnel than was the case in former years, but in spite of this the typical Ellington style, the perfection of the solos, and the superb rapport of the players still remained. Personnel and dates.

Mood indigo: recorded on February 14. 1940; personnel same as on no. 2.

Stormy weather: recorded on February Wallace Jones, Cootie Williams (trp.) -Rex Stewart (cnt.) - Joe Nanton, Juan Tizol Lawrence Brown (tbn.) - Barney Bigard (cl. ten.) - Otto Hardwick (cl.alf. and bass sax.) - Johnny Hodges (alt and sopr.) - Harry Carney (bar, and alt cl.) - Ben Webster (ten.) - Duke Ellington (pno.) - Fred Guy (atr.) -Jimmy Blanton (bss.) - Sonny Green

(drs.) - Ivy Anderson (voc.)
Lady of the lavender mist; recorded on August 14, 1947 Harold Baker, Wilbur Buscombe, Shelton Hemphill, Francis Williams, Ray Nance (trp.) - Lawrence Brown, Tyree Glenn, Claude Jones (trb.) - Jimmy Hamilton (cl. ten.) - Johnny Hodges (alt. sopr.) -Russell Procope (alt. cl.) - Al Sears (ten.) - Harry Carney (bar, alt. cl.) -Duke Ellington (pno.) - Fred Guy (gtr.) - Oscar Pettiford (bss.) - Sonny Green

Do nothing till you hear from me recorded on November 18, 1947 personnel same as on no. 3 - Herman Grimes (trp.) replaces Baker - Edgar Brown (bss.) replaces Pettiford Added: Al Hibbler (voc.)

Great Ellington recordings on Philips 45:

ELLINGTONIA - vol. 1 429 807 BE Incl.: East St. Louis toodle-o - Saturday night function ELLINGTONIA - vol. 2 429 808 BE Incl.: It don't mean a thing - Solitude -Caravan ELLINGTONIA - vol. 4 429 810 BE Incl.: Things ain't what they used to be - All ELLINGTONIA - vol. 5 429 811 BE Incl.: Take the "A" train - Mood indigo - The