



DUKE ELLINGTON AND HIS ORCHESTRA 1952

1	SKIN DEEP (Bellson)	03-25-52	7:34
2	HOW COULD YOU DO A THING LIKE THAT TO ME (SULTRY SERENADE) (Robert-Glenn)	03-25-52	3:51
3	SOPHISTICATED LADY (Parish-Ellington-Mills)	03-25-52	6:13
4	PERDIDO (Tizol)	03-25-52	4:38
5	CARAVAN (Tizol-Ellington-Mills)	03-25-52	4:13
6	HARLEM SUITE (Ellington)	03-25-52	15:17
7	THE HAWK TALKS (Bellson)	03-25-52	2:53
8	ELLINGTON MEDLEY: DON'T GET AROUND MUCH ANY MORE (Russell-Ellington) IN A SENTIMENTAL MOOD - MOOD INDIGO (Ellington-Mills-Bigard) I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT (George-James-Hodges-Ellington) PRELUDE TO A KISS (Gordon-Ellington-Mills) IT DON'T MEAN A THING (Ellington-Mills) SOLITUDE (DeLange-Ellington-Mills) I LET A SONG GO OUT OF MY HEART (Gordon-Ellington-Mills)	03-25-52	6:54

0	I LOVE MY LOVIN' LOVER (Ellington) (CO-47482-1)	06-30-52	3:0
1	COME ON HOME (Ellington) (CO-47483-1)	06-30-52	2:4
2	TAKE THE "A" TRAIN (Strayhom) (CO-47483-1)	06-30-52	7:5
3	THE MOOCHE (Ellington-Mills) (CO-48344-1)	07-01-52	6:3

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alf of the tracks heard on this CD were taped at a concert by Duke Ellington and his band in Seattle. Washington. This music was first issued not long after recording and shows the band in a different light. With the advent of the LP, the Duke was able to record some extended arrangements but he and his band rarely sounded more at ease than on the items heard on this CD

Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington was born in Washington, D.C., on April 29, 1899, While still at high school, he began playing in his native city. He soon organized his first little group, "The Duke's Serenaders", including Otto Hardwick and Arthur Whetsol, both of whom were to remain with him for many years. Duke Ellington first came to New-York in 1923 with "The Washingtonians", then still led by Elmer Snowden. A year later, the highly ambitious Duke Ellington took over the group and worked with it successfully at the "Kentucky Club" until 1927. The developing band's most successful engagement, at the "Cotton Club", lasted until 1931, when the fledgling Cab Calloway Orchestra took over their spot. Duke Ellington's first tour to England, Scotland, Holland and France in 1933 proved an immense personal and musical triumph. During the thirties, the Duke and his Orchestra travelled extensively in the United States, and their second visit to Europe six months before the outbreak of war enabled many of their admirers to hear the band in the flesh. Many agree that by 1940 the orchestra had reached its artistic peak. The band's first Carnegie Hall concert in January 1943 was followed by innumerable appearances at the world's most famous theatres. Duke Ellington was fortunately able to continue his regular tours around the globe until a short time before his death on May 24, 1974 one month after celebrating his 75th birthday.

Volume 42 of the recordings of Duke Ellington presented in chronological order opens with the aforementioned live

recordings. The band was on an extended tour throughout the spring of 1952. The Seattle engagement was basically an ordinary one-nighter stop but knowing that their appearance was officially recorded the band paid particular attention to how they played that night. Louie Bellson's own "Skin Deep" (and "The Hawk Talks"), originally written for Harry lames feature the drummer at length. His spectacular style was indeed altogether different from Sonny Greer's elegant and more discreet drumming. Britt Woodman is featured next on Tyree Glenn's lovely "Sultry Serenade", a tune also known as "Working Eyes" or "How Could You Do A Thing Like That To Me". Willie Smith shines on "Sophisticated Lady" whereas Clark Terry dishes up a routine on "Perdido" that became closely associated with him. The extended "Harlem Suite" was written by Ellington in 1950. It ranks among his most impressive long compositions but, strangely enough, was hardly ever recorded. The various moods and tempos underline once more that Ellington was one of the foremost composers of the 20th century - whatever type of music we are talking about. The remaining tracks of this CD take us back to the studios. Betty Roché is stupendous on "I Love My Lovin' Lover", the trombone section taking a break on this track which is not as well known as the extended ""A" Train". It again features Duke Ellington and Betty Roché plus a long and elegant solo by Paul Gonsalves which generates a lot of swing - without ever resorting to tasteless histrionics. To be continued...

Anatol Schenker, July 2003

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Anderson-t/Ray Nance-t-	-vln/Quentin Jackson-Britt Woodman-Juan Tizol-tb

Caravan

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The Hawk Talks

Ellington Medley

Jam With Sam

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1952



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