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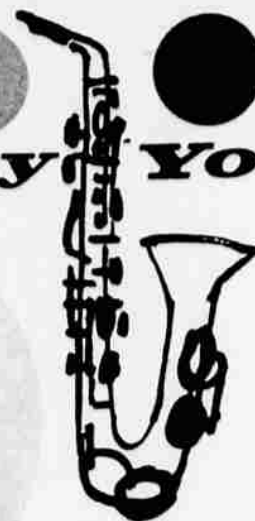
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## Recordially Yours

Gisele MacKenzie



by Norman Weiser

**T**HERE ARE just 14 more shopping days until Santa makes his rounds, and for those who still have Christmas shopping to complete, we'd like to offer some musical suggestions.

**STRICTLY FOR CHRISTMAS:** The old standbys are back again this year, including Bing Crosby's "White Christmas," Gene Autry's "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and the usual run of carols.

Capitol newcomers include Frank Sinatra's "A Jolly Christmas from Frank Sinatra"; "Now Is the Caroling Season" with Fred Waring, and a series of albums covering Christmas in eight countries.

Verve snaps back this year with "Spike Jones Presents a Christmas Spectacular," with Spike playing it straight—and good. Vik wraps Gisele MacKenzie in tinsel and the result is a delightful package called "Christmas with Gisele."

On the classical side, try RCA's two-record "L'Enfance du Christ," featuring the Boston Symphony and an excellent singing group. Mendelssohn's magnificent "Elijah" by the Liverpool Symphony is a special present from Angel, and by all means hear Angel's "Christmas Songs" sung by the Obernkirchen Children's Choir.

**CHRISTMAS FOR THE CATS:** For those with friends who dig jazz, the Christmas remembrance is relatively inexpensive, and deeply appreciated, if it is a record for a collection.

"Such Sweet Thunder," a new Duke Ellington special on Columbia, will find its way into many collectors' cabinets this yuletide. Most cats dig Count Basie the most, and his Verve "Basie in London" album is well worth giving. Vanguard's "Buckin' the Blues" with Buck Clayton Septet is real cool listening.

"Jazz Omnibus" on Columbia covers many phases of jazz and should fit almost any stocking, while "Jazz, the Most," with Woody Herman's great band, is another Verve yule gift. "If This Ain't the Blues," with Jimmy Rushing, and "Pocket Full of Dreams" featuring Ruby Braff and Ellis Larkins, are two Vanguard Christmas cards any jazz fan would welcome.

**LIFETIME REMEMBRANCES:** For those looking for a gift that will give a lifetime of enjoyment, here are a few suggestions:

For countless hours of enjoyment, consider two new Angel offerings, Debussy's "Pelleas et Mélisande" and "La Sonnambula," the Vincenzo Bellini opera performed by the famed La Scala company.

"Landmarks" is the title of Leopold Stokowski's new Capitol recording. It is beautifully recorded and masterfully conducted. "Symphony No. 9," performed by a number of artists and the New York Philharmonic on Columbia, is destined to become a collector's piece. Grieg's "Peer Gynt" gets a fine reading from Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops Orchestra on RCA. Finally, Bartok's "Violin Concerto" is the basis for the Mercury debut of Yehudi Menuhin, supported by the Minneapolis Symphony.

**HI-FI FUN:** For those of your friends who will be getting a new hi-fi set this Christmas, here are three albums worth considering.

"Hi-Fi in the Highlands" with the Regimental Band and Massed Pipers of the Scots Guards, an Angel release; "Visit New Orleans," Golden Crest's offering starring the Banjo Bums; and on the same label, "Tower Music" with the Chamber Brass Ensemble.

