

Recordially Yours

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Renata Tebaldi

tops on the record shelves:

For the stereo set, "My Fair Lady" with the original cast is Columbia's offering, while Capitol has a fine stereo sampler in "What's New on Capitol, Vol. 1," featuring such stars as Nat King Cole, the Four Freshmen, and Judy Garland. Going to the classics, "Madame Butterfly," the Puccini masterpiece, featuring Renata Tebaldi, is London's package of the month, offering a fine cast in wonderful sound.

On monaural, Warner Brothers has its second Garry Moore LP out, spotlighting "That Wonderful Year 1930," and Decca gives us some fine Bing Crosby in a special wrapping marked "In a Little Spanish Town." The jazz set will dig Mercury's "Rugolo Plays Kenton" and for those who like exciting sounds, in either single track or stereo, try RCA's "Exploring New Sounds in Hi Fi."

music for family listening:

Like your listening on the vocal side? Then try some of the following on your whirling platter player: from Roulette, "TV Favorites, Vol. 1" by Jimmie Rodgers; "Basie/Bennett" featuring the sounds of Count Basie and the tones of Tony Bennett; Coral's "Swing Around Rosie" with Rosemary Clooney and the Buddy Cole Trio.

Decca has released "Curtain Time" by Fred Waring and "Al Jolson Overseas." RCA has a special treat for Mom and Pop in "Mario," featuring Mario Lanza.

on the bandstand:

"Wish You Were Here" with Hugo Winterhalter, "Deep in a Dream" by Reg Owen, and "Orienta" by the Marco Polo Adventurers are RCA instrumental LPs you will want to review. For the Latin American crowd, Tico offers three packages devoted to the Cha Cha, Rumba, Mambo, Merengue, or what have you. Honoring our 50th state, "Jon Hall Directs Music from Honolulu" on Mercury and "Hawaiian Luau" via Roulette are good listening.

jazzomania:

There are some real good waxings for the jazz fans this month, including "Down to Earth" by the Ramsey Lewis Trio and "More Vibes on Velvet" by Terry Gibbs, both on Mer-

cury; "Basie Once More," "At the Roundtable" with the Woody Herman Sextet, and Don Redman's "Dixieland in High Society," all on Roulette; "Up the Mississippi" with the Dukes of Dixieland from Audio Fidelity; "Diz 'n' Bird in Concert" by Dizzie Gillespie and Charlie Parker, and Johnny Smith's "Easy Listening," Roost; and "At His Very Best" spotlighting Duke Ellington on RCA.

stereo sound-off:

Granados' "Goyescas," the three-tableaux opera, featuring soloists and the National Orchestra of Spain, heads the London stereo releases this month. Also included are a three-album set of "Piano Music of Chopin" by Wilhelm Kempff; Dvorak's "Serenade for Strings" played by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; Mozart's "Le Nozze di Figaro" highlights featuring soloists, chorus, and the Vienna Philharmonic; and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Christmas Eve" and "Sadko" by L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande. RCA brightens the scene with Prokofiev's "Symphony No. 7" with Jean Martinon conducting the Paris Conservatoire Orchestra.

new sound—new beat:

For the pop fan with a stereo set, the new releases are coming fast and furious. Columbia disks include "Juno" by the Broadway cast headed by Shirley Booth and Melvyn Douglas; "Folk Songs Sing-a-Long with Mitch" by Mitch Miller; "First Impressions" also with the Broadway cast including Polly Bergen, Farley Granger, and Hermione Gingold; and Percy Faith's "A Night with Sigmund Romberg" featuring Earl Wrightson and Lois Hunt.

"There Goes My Harp" by Mimi Allen; the sound track of "The Sound and the Fury," and "Vienna So Gay" by Hanse Carste on Decca are true tests for your system, and from Capitol comes "Love Lost" by Four Freshmen, Judy Garland's "The Letter," "George Shearing on Stage," and "To Whom It May Concern" by Nat King Cole. Epic offers "Come Out Swinging" by Roy Hamilton, and Jack Lemmon singing songs from the movie, "Some Like It Hot."



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