Swing This, Baby! (1998)



1. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy — Jumpin' Jack (4:47) 2. Cherry Poppin' Daddies — Ding Dong Daddy of the D-Car Line (3:31) 3. Blue Plate Special — Night Out (4:05) 4. Brian Setzer Orchestra — (Everytime I Hear) That Mellow Saxophone (3:30) 5. Johnny Favourite Swing Orchestra — We Still Talk the Way Lovers Do (2:27) 6. Royal Crown Revue — Datin' With No Dough (Live) (2:32) 7. Bill Elliott Swing Orchestra — Bill's Bounce (3:27) 8. Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums — Rumpus Room Honeymoon (2:54) 9. New Morty Show — Knockin' At Your Door (2:48) 10. Flying Neutrinos — Mr. Zoot Suit (2:38) 11. Swingerhead — Pick Up the Phone (3:07) 12. Bellevue Cadillac — Black and White (3:33) 13. Big Six — We the Boys Will Rock Ya! (3:33) 14. Red & the Red Hots — Boogie Man (3:27) 15. Crescent City Maulers — Lost for Words (2:30)

By the time the neo-swing craze hits its peak, this compilation will be looked upon as a sensational collection of the swing pioneers. With the likes of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, and the Royal Crown Revue, Swing This, Baby! is 48 minutes of the kind of upbeat and frenzied dance music that propelled the big-band sound back into mainstream society.

The charm of the album, though, is not solely due to the more established names it boasts. While other collections might have loaded the palette with those well-known names, Swing This, Baby limits each of 15 bands to one song apiece. The diversity of the bands leads to a more balanced and complete sampling of the many swing bands out there, and the different variations of the same sound. Among the better of the lesser-known artists is the Johnny Favourite Orchestra, whose contribution "We Still Talk the Way Lovers Do" is one of the many highlights. The album is a must-have for those who are getting acquainted with the swing phenomenon, as well as the devoted fans of the movement. ---David M. Childers, AllMusic Review

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