Erich Kunzel - The Big Band Hit Parade (1988)

1 In The Mood 4:19 2 Take The "A" Train 4:27 3 Begin The Beguine 2:53 4 Sentimental Journey 3:18 5 One O'Clock Jump 4:15 6 Caravan 4:18 7 Let's Dance 2:39 8 You Made Me Love You 4:33 9 Woodchopper's Ball 5:09 10 Sing, Sing, Sing 6:49 11 I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over You 3:06 12 Well, Git It! 2:49 13 Artistry In Rhythm 3:02 14 Moonlight Serenade 2:54 15 St. James Infirmary 3:03 16 When The Saints Go Marchin' In 9:31 Arranged By – Jeff Tyzik (1, 5, 8, 13, 16), John Bambridge (3, 12), Tommy Newsom (2, 4, 6, 7, 9 to 11, 14, 15) Bass – Ray Brown (2, 9, 16) Clarinet – Eddie Daniels (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16) Drums – Ed Shaughnessy (9, 10, 16) Piano – Dave Brubeck (2, 16), Stephen Schmidt (5) Saxophone [Baritone] – Gerry Mulligan (1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, 16) Trombone – Buddy Morrow (4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 16) Trumpet – Doc Severinsen (1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 16), Vincent DiMartino (12) Vocals – Cab Calloway (15, 16) Cincinnati Pops Big Band Orchestra Conductor – Erich Kunzel

This CD is a bit of an oddity but largely a success. A group of all-star jazzmen (trumpeter Doc Severinsen, trombonist Buddy Morrow, clarinetist Eddie Daniels, baritonist Gerry Mulligan, pianist Dave Brubeck, bassist Ray Brown and drummer Ed Shaughnessy) along with the great singer Cab Calloway team up with Erich Kunzel's Cincinnati Pops Big Band Orchestra to perform hits of the swing era; never mind that only Calloway was from that period. The arrangements (mostly by Jeff Tyzik and Tommy Newsom) for the string orchestra are fortunately not recreations of the past but fresh and sometimes surprising reworkings of such songs as "One O'Clock Jump," "You Made Me Love You," "In the Mood" and "Artistry in Rhythm." Calloway gets to revisit "St. James Infirmary" and the episodic almost suite-like version of "When the Saints Go Marching In" is a near-classic. ---Scott Yanow, AllMusic Review

This recording is absolutely fantastic! I am a big fan of the Cincinnati Pops...I own every one of their CDs. This one is one of my favorites! Especially fantastic reditions of: Sentimental Journey, Let's Dance, Caravan. My favorite number on the CD is Cab Calloway doing an updated version of St. Jame's Infirmary! Thank God, they recorded this number before Cab passed away! If you don't like this CD you can't possibly like music! ---George P. Pindroh, amazon.com

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