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Rare radio and recording performances by popular vocalists and big bands of the 1930s. 20 MP3 Songs
JAZZ: Big Band, EASY LISTENING: Crooners/Vocals Details: JIMMIE GRIER AND HIS ORCHESTRA:
Musically gifted, Jimmie played alto and tenor sax, clarinet, bassoon, a bit of violin, and guitar as well -
but it was his work as an arranger that made his mark in popular music. His inventive charts for the Gus
Arnheim orchestra were a key to that group's success. In early 1932, when Arnheim took advantage of
his Grove publicity to make some money on the road, Jimmie Grier formed his own band and took over
for his former boss. Friendly and gregarious, Grier fronted a colorful and extremely music band that
reflected his relaxed personality. Grier's orchestra featured outstanding vocalists like Dick Webster, a
musical trio known as The Three Cheers, and Grove holdovers Donald Novis, Loyce Whiteman and Harry
Barris. HARRY BARRIS: A member of the Rhythm Boys, along with Bing Crosby, Harry sang with the
Gus Arnheim and Jimmie Greer orchestras. LOYCE WHITEMAN: Unrelated to popular band leader Paul
Whiteman, Loyce fronted as girl singer for the Gus Arnheim and Jimmie Grier Orchestras, and later
married co-singer Harry Barris. The pair had a daughter, Marti Barris, who was a singer and recording
artist in the late 1950s and early 1960s. THE COCOANUT GROVE: These recordings are from 1930s
transcription recordings of live broadcasts from The Coconut Grove ballroom in the Ambassador Hotel in
Los Angeles, California; a hot spot for movie stars of the day. The lavish club, part of the massive 23-acre
resort, was decorated in Moroccan style and featured full-sized palm trees allegedly salvaged from
Valentino's "The Sheik" film set. Additionally, it's "night sky" was filled with stars, thanks to 1,000 small
light bulbs in the ceiling. People who are interested in should consider this download.

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