

The Labels of Bob Thiele

The Signature Record Label was established in 1942 in New York City. The output of the label was popular, jazz, gospel and C & W, The Company was moved to Shelton, Connecticut in the late 1940's. The President of the label was Bob Thiele and the Musical Director was orchestra leader Ray Bloch. During the forties and early fifties the company released 78 RPM albums and a few 10 inch 33 1/3 albums but the company was moribund in the later 50's. The company was reorganized in May 1959 evidently with the addition of Steve Allen, a popular TV personality. When Allen came into the label he brought the Hanover Label that he established in 1958.

Hanover-Signature Record Corp. was located at 119 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y., was owned by Bob Thiele and Steve Allen. The label's spoken word records included recordings by Jack Kerouac; and, Bill Dana's hit comedy album "My Name José Jiménez". Other comics and jazz artists on the label included: Steve Allen, Jayne Meadows, Don Cornell, Jack Kane, Milt DeLugg, Jerry Fielding, Morey Amsterdam, George Cates, Audrey Meadows, Jane Harvey, Don Adams, Sam Levenson, Yank Lawson, and Pat Harrington, Jr. In the summer of 1960, Roulette Records purchased 55% of Hanover -Signature- In the fall of 1960 the offices for Hanover-Signature was shuttered. In January 1961, Bob Thiele became head of A&R for Roulette and Signature-Hanover was again moribund.

Signature Label Discography

10 Inch Series (Some May be 78 RPM albums only, S-6 and S-9 Hawkins were definitely a 10" LP)

S-1 - A Piano Recital - Hazel Scott [1946] 4-record set. 15023: I Guess I'll Have To Change My Plan//Valse In C Sharp Minor; 15024: Fantasie Impromptu//Nocturne In B Flat Minor; 15025: A Rainy Night In G//How High The Moon; 15026: Sonata In C/Toccata//Idyll

S-2 - Easy Listening - Ray Bloch & His Orchestra [1946] 3-record set. 15050: The Way You Look Tonight//Smoke Gets In Your Eyes; 15051: The Very Thought Of You//A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody; 15052: All The Things You Are//People Will Say We're In Love

S-3 - Best Loved Christmas Music - Ray Bloch & His Orchestra [1946] 3-record set. 15080: Here We Come A'Caroling/The First Noel/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen//Joy To The World/Good King Wenceslas/Angels We Have Heard On High; 15081: Silent Night//Deck The Halls/Away In A Manger/Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; 15082: Cantique De Noel (O Holy Night)//Adeste Fidelis

S-4 - Bloch Party - Ray Bloch & His Orchestra [1947] 3-record set. 15094: Bambalina//Baia; 15095: Turkey In The Straw//Arkansas Traveler; 15096: Dark Eyes//Polly Wolly Doodle

S-5 - Sing of America - Tom Scott [1947] 4-record set. 15097: Haul Away, Joe//John Henry/Scudda Hoo, Scudda Hay; 15098: Froggie Went A Courtin'//Soldier, Soldier, Will You Marry Me?/Sourwood Mountain; 15099: Foggy, Foggy Dew//Billy Boy/The Riddle Song; 15100: The Story Of Twelve//Set Down, Servant/Two Wings

S-6 - Monica Lewis Sings - Monica Lewis [1947] Released as a 10 inch LP later probably in 1949. 4-record set. 15101: They Didn't Believe Me//Someone To Watch Over Me; 15102: Speak To Me Of Love//I'll See You Again; 15103: If I Loved You//Always; 15104: But Not For Me//I'll See You In My Dreams

S-7 - A Merry Christmas - Various Artists [1947] 3-record set. 15150: Jingle Bells//Winter Wonderland - Johnny Long & His Orchestra; 15151: White Christmas//The Christmas Song (Merry Christmas To You) - Monica Lewis; 15152: Santa Claus Is Coming To Town//Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! - Ray Bloch & His Orchestra

S-8

S-9 - I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now - Various Artists [1947] 2-record set. 15140: I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now - Bobby Doyle//What's The Use Of Dreaming - Floyd Sherman & Chickering Four; 15141: Be Sweet To Me, Kid//Honeymoon - Ray Bloch & His Orchestra with Swing Fourteen

S-10 - College Favorites - Johnny Long & His Orchestra [1947] 4-record set. 15153: Columbia (Roar, Lion, Roar)//Duke (Dear Old Duke); 15154: Cornell (Far Above Cayuga's Waters)//Washington And Lee (Washington And Lee Swing); 15155: Texas (The Eyes Of Texas)//U.C.L.A. (The Trojan March); 15156: Notre Dame (Victory March)//Wisconsin (On Wisconsin)

S-11 - American Waltz Album - Ray Bloch & His Orchestra [1947] 3-record set. 15131: Alice Blue Gown//Wonderful One; 15132: Shadow Waltz//Missouri Waltz; 15133: That Naughty Waltz//Three O'Clock In The Morning

S-12 – Johnny Bothwell and His Orchestra – Johnny Bothwell and His Orchestra [195?] Two 78 RPM records. The Trouble With Me is You/John's Other Wife/On the Street of Dreams/Cover the Waterfront

S-13 – Johnny Bothwell and his Orchestra – Johnny Bothwell and his Orchestra [1947] December 13, 1947 Billboard. 10 inch LP or 4 78 RPM records. I'll Remember April/The Trouble with Me is You/Ill Wind/John's Other Wife/Laura/Street of Dreams/Lonely Serenade/I Cover the Waterfront

S-14

S-15 - Jerome Kern Favorites - Various Artists [1948] 3-record set. 15200: All The Things You Are - Ray Bloch & His Orchestra//Why Do I Love You - Monica Lewis; 15201: Why Was I Born - Bobby Doyle//The Way You Look Tonight - Ray Bloch & His Orchestra; 15202: They Didn't Believe Me - Monica Lewis//Smoke Gets In Your Eyes - Ray Bloch & His Orchestra

S-16

Miscellaneous Numbers:

GP-1 - Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue - Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra [1947] 2-record set. Earl Wild, piano. Reissued by Coral Records as 10-inch LP CRL-56053. 20001: Parts 1 and 4; 20002: Parts 2 and 3

LSP-9 – Coleman Hawkins Favorites – Coleman Hawkins [1951] 10 Inch LP. Hawkins' Barrel House/Voodte/How Deep is the Ocean?/Stumpy/Get Happy/Crazy Rhythm/Sweet Lorraine/The Man I Love

S1-1 – Fats Memorial Album – Various Artists [194?] 1944 Billboard Music Yearbook page 161. Squeeze Me – Earl Hines Trio/I've Got a Feeling I'm Falling – Earl Hines Trio/Honeysuckle Rose – Earl Hines Trio/My Fate is In Your Hands – Earl Hines Trio/Black and Blue – Nat Jaffe and Sid Jacobs/Zonky – Nat Jaffe/How Can You Face Me? – Nat Jaffe/Keepin' Out of Mischief Now – Nat Jaffe

Children's Series

C-1 – The Story of Celeste – Victor Jory with Ray Bloch Orchestra [195?] Two 78 RPM records. The Story of Celeste Part 1/The Story of Celeste Part 2/The Story of Celeste Part 3/The Story of Celeste Part 4

C-2 – David and Goliath – Victor Jory with Ray Bloch Orchestra [195?] Two 78 RPM records. David and Goliath Part 1/David and Goliath Part 2/David and Goliath Part 3/David and Goliath Part 4

C-3 – Paul Bunyan – Victor Jory with Ray Bloch Orchestra [195?] Two 78 RPM records. Paul Bunyan Part 1/Paul Bunyan Part 2/Paul Bunyan Part 3/Paul Bunyan Part 4

CF-1 – Little Stories for Little People – Monica Lewis [195?] Two 78 RPM records. Little Stories for Little People Part 1/Little Stories for Little People Part 2/Little Stories for Little People Part 3/Little Stories for Little People Part 4/

CF-2 – Wild Bill (Rides Again) – Victor Jory [195?] Two 78 RPM records. Wild Bill Part 1/Wild Bill Part 2/Wild Bill Part 3/Wild Bill Part 4/

12 Inch 1000 Series

Almost all the LP releases appeared in the March and December 1960 issues of the Schwann catalogs. The missing numbers seem to be albums that were planned but not released before the company closed down at the end of 1960. In an April 25, 1960 an announcement appeared in Billboard was made that material by" Jackie Cooper, Jack Kane, Barbara McNair and Jess Stacy on Hanover. Signature product contains waxings by Joe Rinaldi's Dixieland Band, British pianist, Joe Henderson, Paul Smith, Murray McEachern, Jimmy Rowles, Lou Levy, Les Brown, Werner Mueller, Peter Knight and French thrush Colette Derral." Many of these albums seem to be unreleased.

SM 1001, SS 1001 – Don Cornell Sings Love Songs [1959] Sempre Amore/Have But One Heart/Return to Me/Your Kiss/Pretend You Don't See Her/Volare/Arrivederci Roma/Innamorata/You're Breaking My Heart/Stella del Amore/Just Say I Love Her/Serenade Sorrento

SM 1002, SS 1002 – Raisin' Kane – Jack Kane Orchestra [1960] Tea For Two/Me and My Shadow/others

SM 1003 – Garden of Eddie Lawrence – Eddie Lawrence [1959] Doctor's Philosopher/Kiddie Star/Blackouts of 1984/Fleming of the Yard/Drill that Tooth/Broadway Philosopher/Hollywood Philosopher/Wolfgang Birdwatcher/Pluckers and the Fleckers/Lose Your Shirt

SM 1004 – Man on the Street – Steve Allen, Don Knotts, Louis Nye and Tom Poston [1959] How Will the Average Person Spend Thanksgiving?/Do You Believe in Santa Claus?/How Would You Entertain the British Royal Couple?/What Are You Going to Do on Your Vacation?/What Does the Average Man Think About Summer Romances?/Why Did You Grow a Beard?/What Makes You Laugh?/Do You Prefer Living in the Country or the City?/What Are You Looking Forward to During the Fall Months?/How Do You Handle Budget Problems?

SM 1005

SM 1006

SM 1007 –Polka Time – Walt Jaworski and his Polka Dance Band [1959] Good Time Polka/Bridal Polka/Monkey on a Tin Roof/Hometown/Hold and Squeeze You Tight/Mountaineer Waltz/Cat and Mouse Polka/Banker Czardas/Mountaineer Polka/You Are My Dream/Peanuts and Popcorn Polka/Tip Top Polka

SM 1008, SS 1008 – Let's All Sing with Ted Brown and the Redhead – Ted Brown and the Redhead [1959] Let's All Sing Like the Birdies Sing In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree/Shine on Harvest Moom/Light of the Sil'vry Moon/Man on the Flying Trapeze/Harrigan/Mary/When Irish Eyes are Smiling/My Wild Irish Rose/Let Me call You Sweetheart/Beer Barrel Polka/Hoop Dee Doo/For Me and My Gal/Birth of the Blues/In the Evening By the Moonlight/Moonlight Bay/Carolina in the Morning/Sweet Violets/We'll Build a Bungalow/How Dry I Am/Show Me the Way to Go Home/Till We Meet Again/Goodnight Ladies/Merrily We Roll Along

SM 1009 – Herb Shriner Presents American's Greatest Folk Songs – George Alexander [1959] Erie Canal/Fox/I'm Goin' Away/Abdullah Bulbul Amir/Streets of Laredo/Lady and the Fly/Down in the Valley/Boll Weevil/Wayfarin' Stranger/Big Rock Candy Mountain/Drill Ye Tarriers/Frankie and Johnny/Shenandoah/Cindy/Colorado Trail/Away Rio/Clementine/Foggy, Foggy Dew/Blue Tail Fly/Red River Valley

SM 1010 – Don Adams – Don Adams [1959] Introduction/Russian Story/Discussion of Sick Humor/TV Ideas/Detective/Bengal Lancers/Mr. Football

SM 1011 – Especially For Lovers – Steve Allen [1959] Fools Rush In/Only Yesterday/If I'm

Lucky/Driftwood/Take Me/End of the Rainbow/Lately/Makin' Whoopee/You'll Never Know/Baby/Happy Honeymoon/My Ship Has Sailed/Ane Even Then

SM 1012 – Pat Harrington and Bill Dana (As Guido Panzini and Kookie As Ever) – Pat Harrington and Bill Dana [1959] Reissued on Roulette R 25162. Bar Scene/Irish-French Bit/Airplane Scene/Beach Scene/Fight Scene/Japanese Scene/Dockside Interview/Baseball Lesson/English Bit

SM 1013 – My Name... Jose Jimenez – Bill Dana [1960] Reissued on Roulette R 25161. Jose on Allen Show//Jose Press Conference

SM 1014 – Best of Broadway Dixieland Style – Yank Lawson and the Yankee Clippers [1959] I Love Paris/Makin' Whoopee/Everything's Coming Up Roses/Stormy Weather/Girl Friend/Wouldn't It Be Lovely/March of the Siamese Children/She Didn't Say Yes/Mountain Greenery/My Man/Moanin' Low/The Party's Over

SM 1015 – Cry – Bill Shepherd [9/59] Only You/Moonlight/Serenade/Enchanted /jSerenade in Blue/Misty/Stardust/What a Difference a Day Made/I'll Walk Alone/I'll Get By/You Made Me Love You/Rhapsody in Blue

SM 1016 – Intimately Yours – Jacques Foti [1959] Mam'selle/My Funny Valentine/Poem/I Love Your Lips/You Go to My Head/Holding Hands/I'd Like It/Autumn Leaves/September Song/You're My Thrill/Poem/How Old are You?/When I Fall in Love/You Make Me Feel So Young/When the World Was Young/For All We Know

SM 1017 – Kay Thompson Party Volume 1, Let's Talk About Russia – Kay Thompson [1959]

SM 1018

SM 1019, SS 1019 – Swingin' Sound – Les Brown and His Orchestra [1960] All compositions by Steve Allen. Opening and Closing Themes from Tonight Show/This Could Be the Start of Something/others

SM 1020

SM 1021, SS 1021 – Steve Allen Monday Nights – Steve Allen [1959] Laura/Rosetta/You're Driving Me Crazy/Notre Dame Victory March/Impossible/Houseboat//Bell, Book and Candle/Misty/Blossom/Spring in Maine/I Want a Girl/And Even Then

SM 1022

SM 1023 – Yuk-a-Puk – Morey Amsterdam [1960]

SM 1024

SM 1025

SM 1026 – But Seriously, Folks – Sam Levenson [1959] Mamas Go Home/Fourth R/Shirley's Mother/Atom of Divinity/What Harm Can It Do/It's Greater than You Think/Ain't She Cute/Happy, Happier, Happiest/Tug-O-War/Let's Go Together/In Closing

SM 1027

SM 1028 – Favorite Christmas Music - Jerry Fielding Orchestra [1959] Auld Lang Syne-White Christmas/Winter Wonderland-Jingle Bells/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen-Adeste fidelis/Christmas Song-Let It Snow/Joy to the World-Hark the Herald Angels Sing/It Came Upon a Midnight Clear-O Little Town of Bethlehem/Oh Christmas Tree-Oh Holy Night/Silent Night/Twelve Days of Christmas/Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer-Santa Claus is Coming to Town/Deck the Halls-Here We Come A-Caroling/The First Noel

SM 1029

SM 1030

SM 1031, SS 1031 – Tomorrow on the Children's Corner – Fred Rogers and Josie Carey [11/59] In the Morning/I Like You as You Are/What Would You Like to Do Today/Smile in Your Pocket/I'm Busy Being Busy/Where Did You Go Tomorrow?/Looking for a Friend/Tame Dialogue/Fine Feathered Friend/Smile's the Style/Yes, Mr. Rogers Has a Telephone/You're Special/I'm Special/Nuit/Tomorrow

SM 1032 – Jimmy Ricks – Jimmy Ricks [1960] Green Eyes/It Aint Necessarily So/Old Man River/Say it Isn't So/Our Love/You'll Never Know/Love is The Thing/Zing Went the Strings of My Heart/Summertime/Everything I Have Is Yours/Dark Town Stutters' Ball/and She's Funny That Way

SM 1033

SM 1034

SM 1035

SM 1036, SS 1036 – Eastern Paradise – Werner Muller Orchestra [1960] Orchids in the Moonlight Maiden's Dream/Willow and Carpenter/At Guard Station/My Country is Green/Tea for You/Wandering Guitarist/Beautiful Harpist/Flower Dance/On the Autumnal Grass/Little Drummer/For a Plover/Eastern Paradise

SM 1037

SM 1038 – Colette Dereal – Colette Dereal [1960] Jericho/Ne Joue Pas/Pourquoi/Moi/Sous Le Vieux Pont Des/Ay, Ay, Ay C'est L'Amour/Lola Lola/A Coeur Battant/Amour, Soleil et Cha Cha Cha/N'y Allez Pas Per QuatreChemins/Un Tonnerre de Jole/Emmene-Moi au Bout Du Monde

SM 1039

SM 1040

SM 1041

SM 1042/SS 1042 – Love Talk – Barbara McNair [1960] Love Talk/If You Love Me/All About Love/Everytime/If I Love You a Mountain/So Long My Love/This Could Be the Start of Something/Here I am In Love Again/A Hundred Dreams from Now/In Other Words/He Is a Man/Kansas City

SM 1043 – Happy Piano – Joe Henderson [1960] I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover/April Showers/Oops-A-Daisy/others

SM 1044

SM 1045

SM 1046

SM 1047

SM 1048

SM 1049, SS 1049 – Hennesey (TV Soundtrack) – Jackie Cooper Music by Sonny Burke [1960] Hennesey/Golden boy/The Captain is Sorry/Some Doctor Jazz/Passion/Harvey Spencer Blair III/Pete Illyitch Hennesey//Martha/Officer's Mess/Hennesey Goes Home/It Must be Jello/No Sail/Brought but Together/Hennesey (End Title)

SM 1050

SM 1051

SM 1052

SM 1053

SM 1054

SM 1055 – Arthur Godfrey Jazz for the People – Remo Palmieri Dick Hyman; Osie Johnson [1960] S'wonderful/When I Take My Sugar To Tea/Japanese Sandman/Bum-Ceedle-Um-Bo/Love Me Or Leave Me/I'm Lookin' For A Riff/I Cried For You/I'm Sittin' On Top Of The World/Early Morning Blues/Don't Get Around Much Anymore

SM 1056 – Arthur Godfrey's Songs of Inspiration – Arthur Godfrey [1960] The Little Brown Chirch/Blest Be the Tie That Binds/The Psalm and the Song/Once in Royal David's City/The

Hand That Made Us (Is Divine)/God Be with You Till We Meet Again/Beautiful Isle of Somewhere/Work, for the Night Is Coming/All Things Bright and Beautiful/Thou Must Be True-I Would Be True/Swing Low Sweet Chariot/Credo/Now the Day Is Over

6000 Series

SM 6001, SS 6001 – Modern Jazz performances of Songs from Gypsy – Tony Scott [1959] I Had a Dream/Some People/Small World/Little Lamb (Ballad)/Little Lamb (Rhythm)//You'll Never Get Away From Me/Cow Song/Everything's Coming Up Roses/Together Wherever We Go/Rose's Turn

SM 6002

SM 6003

SM 6004

SM 6005

SM 6006 – Soul of Toots Thielemans – Toots Thielemans [11/59] You are My Sunshine/Nuages/5 O'Clock Whistle/Lonesome Road/Misty/Confirmation/Enfants S'Ennulent Le Dimanche/Brother John

SM 6007, SS 6007 – Steve Allen Presents Terry Gibbs at the Piano – Terry Gibbs [1960] Stretchin' The Blues/You Go To My Head/Fickle Fingers/Things Ain't What They Sued to Be/Cherokee/Country Boy//For Keeps/Easy Blues/Shufflin' Blues/Lover Man/The Way You Look Tonight/Airmail Special

SM 6008, SS 6008 – Ray Bryant Plays – Ray Bryant [1960] Delauney's Dilemma/Blue Monk/Misty/Sneaking Around/Now's the Time/Wheatleigh Hall//Doodin'/A Hundred Dreams from Now/Bags' Groove/Walkin;/Take the "A" Train/Whisper Not

SM 6009

SM 6010, SS 6010 - Swinging at the Gaslight Club – Joe Rinaldi and the Gaslight Three [1960]

SM 6011, SS 6011 – Fiorello Uptown and Mary Sunshine Downtown – Jimmy Rowles [1960] Gentlemen Jimmy/'Til Tomorrow/Little Tin Box/When Did I Fall in Love?/Where Do I Go From Here?/The Very Next Man//Little Mary Sunshine/Every Little Nothing/Merry Party/Once in a Blue Moon/Look for a Sky of Blue/Did You Ever Dream of Vienna

9000 Series

SM 9001 – Great Moments at the United Nations – Dave Garroway [1960] Two LP documentary set which covers the story of the UN, from its birth to the present.

Signature albums in the RCA Series when the label restarted in 1974.

BSL 1 0555 – The 20's Score Again – Bob Thiele and his Orchestra [1974] Gatsby/Sheik of Araby/China Boy/Someday Sweetheart/Singin' the Blues/Indiana (Back Home Again in Indiana)//What'll I Do/Muskrat Ramble/Princeton Medley: Old Nassau, The Princeton Cannon Song/Wolverine Blues/Farewell Blues

BSL 1 0577 – Good News – Teresa Brewer and the World's greatest Jazzband of Yank Lawson and Bob Haggart [1974] Good News/I Want to Be Bad/Button Up Your Overcoat/Sunnyside Up/Lucky in Love/Varsity Drag/Just Imagine/Together/You're the Cream in My Coffee/The Best Things in Life are Gree

BSL 1-0935 Unliberated Woman – Teresa Brewer [1975] Hang It Up and Let It Go/Good Lovin' You/With a Song/Sam/Some Songs//For the Heart/A Natural Feelin' For You/Ambush/Unliberated Woman/A Deep is My Love

BSL 1 0598 – Oily Rags – Oily Rags [1974] Come Up and see Me Anytime/Boiled Beef and Carrots/Time to Kill/Baby Doll/Holy Cow//Silver Dollar/Mailman Bring Me No More Blues/Barefoot Days/Jody and the Kid/Country Boy Picker

BSL 1 0654 – A Touch of Ragtime – George Segal and the Imperial Jazz Band [1985] Charleston Rag/Alexander's Ragtime Band/Maple Leaf Rag/The Red Rose Rag/What You Gonna Do When the Rent Comes'Round/Cascades//Bennie Badoo/If You Like a Me/The Entertainer/Yes Sir, That's My Baby/The Moving Picture Ball/Solace

Signature albums released after Doctor Jazz was established.

FW 39421 – Teresa Brewer in London – Teresa Brewer [1984] Reissue of the Amsterdam AMS 12015.

BFW 40112 – A Touch of Ragtime – George Segal and the Imperial Jazz Band [1985] Reissue of Signature BSL 1 0644. Charleston Rag/Alexander's Ragtime Band/Maple Leaf Rag/The Red Rose Rag/What You Gonna Do When the Rent Comes'Round/Cascades//Bennie Badoo/If You Like a Me/The Entertainer/Yes Sir, That's My Baby/The Moving Picture Ball/Solace

FW ????? - Teresa Brewer at Christmas Time – Teresa Brewer [1985] This is a reissue of Coral 57144, issue number is unknown. Step in the Right Direction/Umpteen Days Before Christmas/Christmas Cookies and Holiday Hearts/listen My Children/Down the Holiday Trail/The Flyin' Suit Song/Hush-a-Bye Wink-a-Bye//My Christmas Rosary/The Imp/The Gingerbread House/Lost a Little Puppy/Mary Make Believe/Because Him is a Baby/Goodnight God

89708 – Oily Rags — Oily Rags [1985] This is an abridged version of Signature BSL 1 0598. Come Up and See Me Anytime/Time to Kill/Baby Doll/Holy CowSilver Dollar/Mailman Bring Me No More Blues/Barefoot Days/Jody and the Kid/Country Boy Picker

45256 – What a Wonderful World – Teresa Brewer [1989] What a Wonderful World/June
Night/I Dream of You/Just Imagine/Isn't It a Lovely Day?/I've Got a feeling I'm Fallin'/Life is
Just a Bowl of Cherries/On the Road Again/Come and Drive Me CrazyMy Heart Belongs to
Daddy