



Swingin' The Season

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Christmas morning, under the tree was my first guitar...next year a real [wooden] one...several years later an *electric* one with an amp! Family and friends getting together to party, play and sing around the piano. My brother Billy, our friend Frank and I, working out three part harmonies, then trying them out door to door on Christmas Eve. I recall one night so nasty, we had to wrap Saran wrap around the guitars to keep them dry! This time of year was always, and still is magical to me.

I started working on this recording early in 1998, and have had a challenging, but great time, trying to come up with some new arrangements and instrumentations for tunes that have certainly been covered many times before. I'm lucky to know so many great musicians and friends who were willing to take the trip out to "Big Creek" and add their part. Thanks! And thank you Colleen, for all your help and valuable input, and Mom and Dad...for that first guitar.

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1) Winter Wonderland (Bernard/Smith) BVC, Inc. 2:26

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitars, electric mandolin,
background vocals

Jeff Rudolph-drums

Colleen Lang-background vocals

2) I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm

(Berlin) Williamson Music Co. 3:00

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitars

Jeff Rudolph-drums

Ozzie Orenge-congas

Paul Babelay-vibes

Gary Bradley-Sax

3) White Christmas (Berlin) Williamson Music Co. 3:26

Bruce Lang-electric bass, guitar, keyboards

Jeff Rudolph-drums

Fred Young-trumpet, flugelhorn

Frank Southecorvo-baritone & alto sax

Ozzie Orenge-congas

Ozzie Orenge Jr.- timbales

4) My Favorite Things

(Rogers/Hammerstein) Chappell & Co. 3:30

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitars, electric mandolin

Jeff Rudolph-drums

5) Jingle Bell Rock

(Beal/Boothe) Anne Rachel Music Corp. 2:41

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitars, background vocals

Jeff Rudolph-drums

Guy "Fooch" Fischetti-Steel guitar

6) Santa Claus is Coming to Town

(Coots/Gillespie) ASCAP 2:45

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitar, mandolin, keyboards,
background vocals

Jeff Rudolph-drums

Sarah Claire-vocals

7) We Three Kings Of Orient Are (traditional) 3:59

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitars, keyboards, mandolin

Ozzie Orengo-congas

Ozzie Orengo Jr.- timbales, percussion

8) The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire)

(Torme/Wells) Edwin Morris & Co. 3:05

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitars, cello

Jeff Rudolph-drums

Charlie Story-chromatic harmonica

9) Let It Snow!Let It Snow!Let It Snow!

(Cahn/Styne) Cahn Music 2:18

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitars, Hammond organ, keyboards,
electric mandolin

Jeff Rudolph-drums

10) Jingle Bells (traditional) 2:41

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitars, keyboards, background vocals
Jeff Rudolph-drums

11) Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

(Marks) St. Nicholas Music, Inc. 2:11

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitars, keyboards, background vocals
Dan Rosenthal-drums
Ozzie Orengo-congas
Gary Bradley-sax

12) Sleigh Ride (Anderson/Parish) Mills Music 3:00

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitar, bass clarinet, mandolin,
keyboards, cello, background vocals
Jeff Rudolph-drums
Colleen Lang-keyboards

13) Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

(Blaine/Martin) EMI/Feist 3:05

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitar
Jeff Rudolph-drums
Paul Babelay-vibes
Fred young-trumpet, flugelhorn

14) Silver Bells (Livingston/Evans) Elizajul Music 3:14

Bruce Lang-upright bass, guitars, background vocals
Jeff Rudolph-drums
Colleen Lang-background vocals
Guy "Foch" Fischetti-steel guitar

Swingin' the Season was created entirely at
Big Creek Recording

Bruce Lang - recording, mixing and mastering

Colleen Lang - design, artwork

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