

## Frank Sinatra and Friends : 60 Greatest Old Time Radio Shows

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**Frank Sinatra : Frank Sinatra and Friends : 60 Greatest Old Time Radio Shows** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Frank Sinatra and Friends : 60 Greatest Old Time Radio Shows:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful shows and format By AmericanCitizen I bought this set for my mother, who is no longer able to read. She said that when she was young they didn't have a radio so she had never heard these. She is enjoying them immensely. Not only am I very thankful they are available, I am thrilled they are in cassette form. She can work the cassette player just fine, whereas she would not be able to work with a CD since she is not able to see the display. Cassettes are great too, because she can put a tape in and it is right where she left off. Thanks for such a great product, and for offering it in cassette format. It has made my mother very happy. 12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. A lot more varied than you might guess By F. Behrens is a monumental memorial to a showbiz phenomenon. Radio Spirits has issued this collection in two formats: 20 audio cassettes each holding 90 minutes of material (usually 3 half-hour shows) and 30 CDs each holding 60 minutes. This last is an improvement over other tape/CD issues in which the latter had to be abridged to fit in the shows what the corresponding tape could easily hold without cuts. Some of the shows here have only a fleeting visit by Sinatra, others have him in short sketches, still others as co-star, and a few as the star himself. For example, he plays a major role when guesting on a Burns Allen Show but is the star of his own series, "Rocky Fortune," of which this collection offers four episodes. These episodes, by the way, are a good example of Sinatra in his bad years after MGM fired him because of an unfortunate remark he made about the studio head's mistress. They work very well as light comedy

mysteries but certainly do not call for any great acting skills. At his nadir, he substituted for Bill Stern in the Sports Newsreel series and did a very good job as narrator. He is heard in several dramatic roles in "Suspense" and "Lux Radio Theater," and a good deal of jokes are made about his possibly receiving and later his actually receiving an Academy Award for his role in "From Here to Eternity." Included in his many comic guest spots with Fred Allen, Jack Benny, Edgar Bergen, Joan Davis, and Martin Lewis are endless "skinny" jokes, none of which seem to be repeated except possibly the one about being buried in the back yard by the family dog. Naturally, you will hear a good deal of his vocalizing, once even with Lou Costello, and that is pretty much the *raison d'etre* of this collection. And if you have to listen to "Nancy With the Laughing Face" three times, well that is what fathers are for. The question is whether to purchase the tapes or CDs. I have both. I heard all the tapes in my car and will use the CDs for my classes because of the direct access feature. However the CDs are packaged in such a way that you must touch the surfaces in removing them from their plastic envelopes--and drivers should take note that you need two hands to do so. As a postscript, I should add that you don't have to be a particular fan of Sinatra to enjoy this collection. You get "A Date With Judy," "Command Performance," "Life With Luigi," a "Savings Bond Show," and so many other radio gems that still linger in the memories of us older crowd--and some that would be totally forgotten were it not for such Radio Spirit compilations as this one. 12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. **SERIOUS SINATRA FANS MUST HAVE!!** By John G. Paradise Frank Sinatra and Friends Is like a perfect sampler of old time radio shows all of which happen to have Frank Sinatra as the guest star. Each show is presented in its entirety (30 min). We get plenty of Sinatra singing of course, but also acting in comedies and dramas alongside the Big stars of the 40's and early 50's. WE also get the joy of experiencing the old radio shows like the Jack Benny Program, Burns and Allen, the Bob Hope show and many others. So this is not just for Sinatra fans. Anyone interested in Radio will love and treasure this collection. This is not just a bunch of predigested moments with Sinatra. This is the complete show. Each one is charming and intimate. The commercials are wonderful too. Listening to these shows is like traveling through time. These recordings show us a Sinatra that his recording do not. It is almost like meeting him in person. Everyone Involved in these shows seems like they are having a wonderful time! And it is full of surprises. I recommend it without reservation!!

Frank Sinatra is widely acclaimed as "the Voice of the Century". Though he later conquered recordings, films and television, it was radio that first made "ol'Blue Eyes" a superstar. Radio Spirits proudly presents the classic radio shows that introduced the world to "the greatest male vocalist in the history of popular music".