



Jim Riggs

**SINGIN' IN THE BATHTUB - Jim Riggs at the Alabama Theatre 4/22 Wurlitzer. Available from: Riggs-Alabama Theatre Recording, P.O. Box 2372, Birmingham, AL 35201. Dolby Cassette \$10.00, CD \$18.00. Add \$2.00 each item for shipping and handling.**

A superb recording, second to none. Jim Riggs really puts his all into this recording. For the most part, a spirited recording that I feel will appeal to almost every theatre organ fan.

The Alabama Theatre organ is a beautifully finished, superb Wurlitzer in a cavernous environment. The sound was thrilling, and yet when the organ is small, it is also beautiful and delicate.

It's long past time to recognize Jim Riggs' talent as a musician, and a consummate keyboard technician as well. The only complaint I might have is that there are not enough ballads. When Jim plays small and delicate, it is very beautiful. I wished for more of that.

This is the best recording of the Alabama Wurlitzer I have heard. The record-

ing engineer did a very good job capturing the acoustics, and yet being close enough to the organ to appreciate the softer, quieter sounds. Of course, it is a digital recording.

Tune list as follows: "Singin' in the Bathtub," "Selections from *The Cocoanuts*," "Oh Gee! OH Gosh!," "Two by Two by Raymond Scott (pt. 1)," "Four Waltzes," "Softly, As in a Morning Sunrise," "Selection from *Singin' in The Rain*," "Two by Two by Raymond Scott (pt. 2)," "Moonlight on the River," "Intermezzo for Naila," "Selections from *Shall We Dance?*" "Hot Dog." "Hot Dog" is memorable because it is so difficult and so rarely heard.

This is one you won't want to miss.

Bob Shaffer

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