



Frankie Valli and The 4 Seasons UK Enthusiasts and Historical Society Newsletter

Here we are again to celebrate 30 years of publication with Newsletter 50 packed with the usual 'old' articles and our latest research plus some clips from t'Internet.

And Frankie Valli has kindly arranged to issue his new album, 'Romancing the 60s' on my birthday October 2nd. News of that and the success of 'Beggin' are included

This time we feature the 1970 releases by the group and Frankie Valli solo backed up with articles from that year

And we have a 'Special Edition' in our 'Seasons' Connections series based on the songs written by Ed Rambeau for the 4 Seasons
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Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons

Jersey Beat

★★★★★

Rhino, cat no tbc (3-CD+DVD)

All-points-covered collection from a classic name

One of very few American groups whose run of hits wasn't curtailed by the British Invasion, The Four Seasons married the intricate harmonies of The Beach Boys to the classic songcraft of previous eras. Valli's swooping falsetto became their trademark on a run of huge hits (Big Girls Don't Cry, Rag Doll, Walk Like A Man, etc),

which still hold a definitive place in pop culture history.

Theirs was an elaborate, sophisticated sound honed to perfection by the writing and producing team of Bob Crewe and band member Bob Gaudio, a kind of blue collar Bacharach & David. The Four Seasons articulated the working class concerns of their

and others with the stories behind the tracks. Too big to be accommodated in the printed copy it is available only as a download at our web site www.seasonally.co.uk

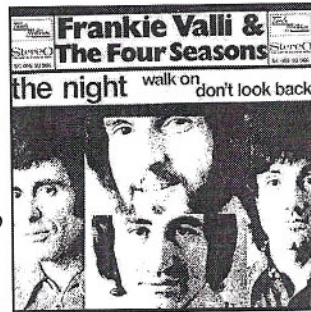
We were fortunate enough to get an interview with Denise Ferri about how she backed Lou Christie and Frankie Valli As a member of the 'Jersey Girls' she backed many artists during the 60s and 70s.

Lynn's page has details of our planned trip to see 'Jersey Boys' in London, and Ray Nichol has contributed some scans of images and articles from his archive. Only colour copies are available via download from our web-site. A packed copy for this celebration issue. We hope you



Newark, New Jersey, neighbours, and were a telling influence on the likes of Bruce Springsteen and Billy Joel. Indeed, Joel's Uptown Girl was fashioned as a shameless homage to the group that wrote the soundtrack to his adolescence.

Rhino's bang-up compilation job pulls together 75 tracks, including several of Valli's solo lounge crooner hits and the amended line-up's 70s rebirth on world-beaters such as Who Loves You and December 63. The bonus DVD collects together vintage TV appearances, which are often charming in their awkwardness,



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enjoy the content.....The Editor— George Ingram
Special thanks to Frank Ravello and the <http://www.genuine-imitation-life-gazette.com> site for the use of his articles

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Although technically a 60s rock'n'roll outfit, many deemed **THE FOUR SEASONS** too squeaky-clean to partake in any of that hip-grinding or piano-battering. Fans of their doo wop-derived vocals, harmonies and romantic ditties will be happy to see that Collector's Choice have released six Four Seasons CDs, most as twofers, totalling 11 albums in all: *Folk-Nanny/Born To Wander* (Collector's Choice ★★★★★), *Entertain You/Live On Stage* (Collector's Choice ★★★★★), *Working My Way Back To You/The Genuine Imitation Life Gazette* (Collector's Choice ★★★★★/★★★★★), *Half & Half/Helicon* (Collector's Choice ★★★★★), *Streetfighter/Hope & Glory* (Collector's Choice ★★★★★), and *Reunited: Live* (Collector's Choice ★★★★★). This marks the first time that many of these albums have been made available on CD for some considerable time, if at all.

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betraying the sheer emotional power of some of the finest mainstream music ever made.
Terry Staunton

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