

CD Releases by Frankie Valli and the 4 Seasons since 2009

Frankie Valli "This Is My Story" UK Jasmine Records JASCD 565 (mono) Released October 9th, 2010

This 2 40 tracks CD set covers the early years of Valli from 1953 up to 1959 under the various names of the group at that time though the single with Hal Miller & the Rays "An Angel Cried" came out in 11/61. A couple of live rerecording from the Ed Sullivan show are included plus all Joyride LP tracks.



Tracks: My mother's eyes/The laugh's on me/Somebody else took her home/Forgive and forget/Girl in my dreams/You're the apple of my eye/Honey love/Please don't leave me/Jambalya/ Be lovey dovey/Happy am I/Never never/Shake a hand/The stranger/Night train/Didilly didilly babe/White Christmas/It's too soon to know/San Antonio rose/Cimarron/Lawdy Miss Clawdy/Joy Ride/Such a night/This is my story/I love you for sentimental reasons/I want a girl just like the girl that married dear old dad/Memories of you/What is this thing called love/Love sweet love/You're the apple of my eye (live)/Please don't leave me(live)/Pucker up/My life for your love/I go ape/If you care/Please take a chance/It may be wrong/Come si bella/Real(This is real)/An angel cried.

Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons "Working My Way Back To You" Rhino UK 5249837702 Released March 3rd, 2011.



This 2 CD set of 40 tracks chosen by Valli himself contains both hits and album tracks by Valli solo and the 4 Seasons. Released to coincide with Mother's Day in June, 2011 hence the rose petals on CD front cover.

Tracks: Sherry/Dawn/Silence is golden/Rag doll/Let's hang on/Walk like a man/Big girls don't cry/Bye bye baby/Working my way back to you/Opus 17/Dec 1963/Candy girl/My eyes adored you/I've got you under my skin/The sun ain't gonna shine anymore/Breaking up is hard to do/Will you still love me tomorrow/Grease/Can't take my eyes off you/Ronnie/Who loves you/Once inside a woman's heart/Marlina/Expression of love/Girl come running/Just the way you make love to me/Beggin'/Easily/The Night (original version)/Lady put the light out/Earth angel/Walk away Renee/Fallen angel/My prayer/By the time I get to Phoenix/In my eyes/Anyone who had a heart/You're ready now/Sunny/This time.

Jersey Boys "Seasons Greetings" USA Rhino CD 8122-79759-9 Released October 4th, 2011

Features first ever holiday album from a Broadway Show and Christmas songs sung by the cast of Jersey Boys from USA National Tour, Las Vegas and Australia with some tracks sung by an ensemble of artists from various tours etc. Well worth a listen at Xmas time!



1. Joy to the World/O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Ryan Molloy
2. Winter Wonderland - Rick Fargus
3. Little Drummer Boy - Joseph Leo Bwarie
4. Santa Medley: Santa Claus Is Coming to Town/Here Comes Santa Claus/I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus - John Lloyd Young
5. O Holy Night/Rise up Shepherd - Jersey Boys - (featuring Tilus Burgess/Michael Ingersoll/Mark Ivey)
6. God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen - Bobby Fox
7. Jingle Bell Rock - Joseph Leo Bwarie
8. King is Born, A - Jarrod Spector
9. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas - John Lloyd Young
10. White Christmas - Ryan Molloy
11. I'll Be Home for Christmas - Jarrod Spector
12. Angels from the Realms of Glory - Bobby Fox
13. Silver Bells/Silent Night - Travis Cloer
14. Do You Hear What I Hear? - Rick Fargus
15. Breath of Heaven/We Three Kings - Travis Cloer
16. Carol of the Bells/Angels We Have Heard on High/Auld Lang Syne - Jersey Boys - (featuring Erik Bates)
17. Auld Lang Syne - Jersey Boys

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Aki Smith (Sawtooth Studios, Seattle)
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SAMI Studios, London
Sawtooth Studios, Seattle
Mastered by Ted Jensen at Sterling Sound, NYC

Tracks: Joy to the world-O come, O come Emmanuel (*Ryan Molloy-London*)/Winter wonderland (*Rick Fargus -Las Vegas*)/Little drummer boy (*Joseph Bwarie - National Tour*)/Santa medley:Santa Claus is comin' to town-Here comes Santa Claus-I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus (*John Lloyd Young -Broadway*) /Oh holy night-Rise up shepherd (*Jersey Boys ensemble*)/God rest ye merry gentlemen (*Bobby Fox - Australia*)/Jingle bell rock (*Joseph Bwarie*)/A king is born (*Jarrod Spector - Broadway*)/Have yourself a merry little Christmas (*John Lloyd Young*)/White Christmas (*Ryan Molloy*)/I'll be home for Christmas (*Jarrod Spector*)/Angels from the realms of glory (*Bobby Fox*)/Silver bells-Silent night (*Travis Cloer - Las Vegas*)/Do you hear what I hear? (*Rick Fargus*)/Breath of heaven-We three kings (*Travis Cloer*)/Carol of the bells-Angels we have heard on high and Auld Lang Syne (*Ensemble*).

The Hit Men "The Hit Men Live" USA Hit Men Label 5035800331 Released July 25th, 2011

Ex-4 Seasons members Lee Shapiro and Gerry Polci teamed up in 2011 with Jim Ryan, Larry Gates and Russ Velazquez to form the Hit Men. Jim Ryan was an original Critters member (like Don), Larry Gates and Russ Velazquez have been singing/playing form years on hit records by stars such as Carole King, Luther Vandross and The Ramones.

- Workin' My Way Back To You • Rag Doll • Stay
- Who Loves You
- Grease
- Tommy James and The Shondells medley
- I Think We're Alone Now • Draggin' The Line • Hanky Panky • Mony, Mony
- Up On The Roof • Younger Girl
- Mr. Dieingly Sad • Younger Girl
- Mr. Dieingly Sad • Younger Girl
- Peace Train • Wild World
- Up On The Roof
- Bad Leroy Brown • You Don't Mess Around With Jim
- Silence is Golden
- Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You
- Oh What A Night (Dec. '63)
- Four Seasons medley #1
- Sherry • Walk Like A Man • Big Girls Don't Cry • Bye Bye Baby

Jim Ryan - Guitar, Vocals
Don Ciccone - Guitar, Vocals
Gerry Polci - Drums, Vocals
Lee Shapiro - Keyboard, Vocals
Larry Gates - Bass, Vocals
Russ Velazquez - Percussion, Vocals



The Hit Men are true Jersey boys. Don Ciccone, Lee Shapiro and Gerry Polci were 3 of Frankie Valli's Four Seasons. They recorded the group's biggest hit recordings ("Who Loves You" and "Oh, What A Night") and toured the world throughout the 1970s. Don also performed with Tommy James as a Shondell and was a founding member of The Critters with fellow Hit Man, Jim Ryan. Jim has performed and recorded with Carly Simon, Cat Stevens, Jim Croce, Paul McCartney and Elton John. Larry Gates and Russ Velazquez have been singing and playing on hit records for decades with super stars such as Carole King, Luther Vandross, Chicago, Desmond Child and The Ramones.

Cover Design: Randy Pyburn



Tracks: Four Seasons medley #1 (Workin' my way back to you/Rag doll/Stay /Who loves you)/Tommy James and The Shondells medley (I think we're alone now/Draggin'the line/Hanky panky/Mony mony)/The Critters medley (Mr dieingly sad/Younger girl)/Cat Stevens medley (Peace train/Wild world)/Jim Croce medley (Bad Leroy Brown/You don't mess around with Jim)/Silence is golden/Can't take my eyes off you/Oh what a night(Dec 1963)/Four Seasons medley #2 (Sherry/Walk like a man/Big girls don't cry/Bye bye baby).

**Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons "Working My Way Back To You" Rhino UK 8122797259
Released June 12th, 2012.**

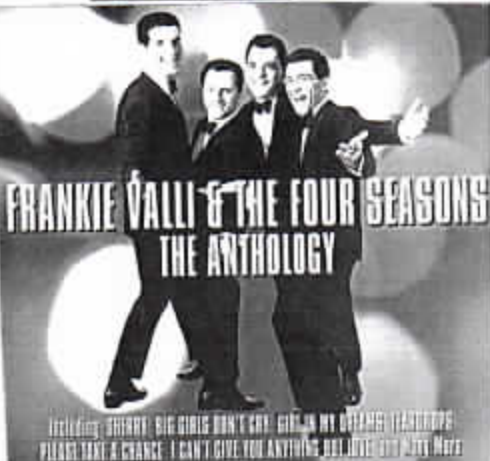
This 2 CD set of 40 tracks chosen by Valli himself contains both hits and album tracks by Valli solo and the 4 Seasons is a reissue of the earlier 2011 release. Released to coincide with Valli's UK 2012 tour and has a different front and back cover. The tracks are the same except there is an extra track "The Night" a 2012 different version that Valli and the Seasons sing in concert! Amazing!



CD ONE	CD TWO
1. Sherry	1. Who Loves You
2. Down (Go Away)	2. Once Inside A Woman's Heart
3. Silence Is Golden	3. Marlena
4. Rag Doll	4. Expression Of Love
5. Let's Hang On	5. Girl Come Running
6. Walk Like A Man	6. Just The Way You Make Love To Me
7. Big Girls Don't Cry	7. Ragsdale
8. Bye, Bye, Baby (Baby Goodbye)	8. Eddy
9. Working My Way Back To You	9. The Night
10. Steps 13 (Don't You Worry 'Bout Me)	10. Lady Put The Light Out
11. December 1963 (Oh, What A Night)	11. Earth Angel (Will You Be Mine)
12. Candy Girl	12. Walk Away Renee
13. My Eyes Adored You	13. Fallen Angel
14. I've Got You Under My Skin	14. My Prayer
15. The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine (Anymore)	15. By The Time I Get To Phoenix
16. Breaking Up Is Hard To Do	16. In My Eyes
17. We Two Love Me Tomorrow	17. Anyone Who Had A Heart
18. Grease	18. You're Ready Now
19. Can't Take My Eyes Off You	19. Sunny
20. Romeo	20. This Time
	21. The Night (2012 Version)



Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons "The Anthology" UK One Way Music DAY2CD193. Released January, 2013.



This 2 CD 50 track compilation appears to be an expansion of the tracks found on the 2010 Jasmine Records release. It has 4 Lovers tracks, pre-1960 material with the various pseudonyms of the group (e.g. Frankie Valley, Frankie Vally, Frankie Valle & The Romans etc) plus some of the the 1960's Topix label releases by Village Voices, Billy Dixon & The Topics, Hal Miller & The Rays and Johnny Halo) plus the 1962 4 Seasons' tracks. The Vee-Jay "Sherry" LP is featured plus the Gone single tracks.

Tracks: Sherry/Big girls don't cry/I can't give you anything but love/ Girl in my dreams/Yes sir, that's my baby/Peanuts/La dee d ah/Teardrops/The apple of my eye/Never on a Sunday/Oh Carol/Lost lullabye/Connie-O/I've cried before/Bermuda/Spanish lace/Santa Claus is comin' to town/Come si bella/Real(This is real)/I go ape/If you care/My mother's eyes/The laugh's on me/Somebody else took her home/Forgive and forget/Please take a chance/It may be wrong/An angel cried/More lovin', less talkin'/Red lips/I am all alone/Trance/Never never/Please don't leave me/It's too soon to know/Night train/I want a girl (just like the girl that married dear old dad)/My life for your love/The stranger/Honey love/Lawdy Miss Clawdy/This is my story/San Antonio rose/I live you for sentimental reasons/You're the apple of my eye/Such a night/Joy ride/Cimarron/Jambalaya/Pucker up.

The Hit Men "The Hit Men 2" USA CD Baby 8074007 Released January 13th, 2013

This Lee Shapiro produced CD is the second to the original album released in 2011. Songs from Valli, the Seasons, Elton John, The Critters, The Rolling Stones, Carley Simon. Valli's granddaughter Olivia Polci sings on background vocals. Amazing! Pity they don't tour the UK since their concert repertoire would appeal to oldies fans!



Tracks: C'mon Marianne/Dawn/Beggin'/Crocodile rock/My eyes adored you/You're so vain/You belong to me/Don't let the rain fall down on me/Let's hang on/Brown sugar.

LATEST FRANKIE VALLI CD "HITS" ALBUM TO BE RELEASED on USA Rhino Flashback label on 16/4/13

Not out at time of newsletter going to press but will report on it in our July newsletter. Appears to be a reissue of the USA Valli CD "Greatest Hits" released in July 1996 on Curb D2-77714 (musicassette number. D4-77714) with identical tracks of Valli solo material with several hit singles featured on this 10 track CD.

Reviews of the 1974/75 Releases by John Riley from our Newsletter No. 1 June 1976

"Longines Symphonette Society - Greatest Hits of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons" U.S.

This was a superb four LP set originally only available on US television or from selected radio stations. Demand was so heavy it was made available in stores across the U.S. Sadly now deleted, but some copies are still available from some U.K. collectors shops. Over sixty tunes from various early and current (then 1974) albums - fantastic value!

"Four Seasons Story" Private Stock UK

This is a good set of the Seasons older material that is now timeless and world famous. Contains all the classics like "Rag Doll"; "Sherry"; "Let's Hang On" and Frankie's personal favourite "I've Got You Under My Skin". A lesson to all groups of the qualities it takes to reach the top and stay there. My only criticism is that possibly there should have been some line notes on the groups career. Nevertheless, a great set of tunes and a wonderful introduction to the Seasons music.

