

# Comedy/Variety Acts

A number of comedy performers included humorous songs in their acts. Albums with a significant amount of music or those in which a house band is credited are listed here.

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**Date:** January-February, 1961

**Location:** Dunes, Las Vegas

Jayne Mansfield Busts Up Las Vegas

Arthur Blake, Mickey Hargitay (com), The Bill Reddie Orchestra (Orc), Jayne Mansfield (v), Bill Reddie (con)

- a. **A House Is Not A Home Without Love**
- b. **Interview: Jayne And Louella [Parsons]**
- c. **I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here**
- d. **Tete a Tete: Jayne And Bette [Davis]**
- e. **Just Plain Jayne**
- f. **Jayne And Charles [Laughton] Bit**
- g. **Plenty Of Love And Twenty Calories**
- h. **Jayne And Noel [Coward] Confab**
- i. **I'm Physical, You're Cultural**
- j. **Jayne And Talullah [Bankhead] Skirmish**
- k. **I Had What You've Got When I Had It**
- l. **Let's Do It**

All titles on: 20th Century Fox LP 12": FOX 3049 - Jayne Mansfield Busts Up Las Vegas (1961)

Arabian Room, Dunes.

Taken from her night club show, "House of love: a gay intimate revue," this recording includes songs and "celebrity" impersonations by Arthur Blake and Mansfield's husband, Mickey Hargitay. The dialog was written by Sid Kuller.

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**Date:** April 3, 1961

**Location:** Sands, Las Vegas

"Lonesome George" Gobel in Person "At the Sands"

The Sands Hotel Orchestra (Orc), George Gobel, Pat Winston (v), Antonio Morelli (con)

- a. **Gobelues** (*John Scott Trotter*)
- b. **Mother Machree** (*Rida Johnson Young, Chauncey Olcott, Ernest R. Ball*)
- c. **Soon I'll Wed My Love** (*Phillipa Fallon*)
- d. **You Are My Sunshine** (*Jimmie Davis, Charles Mitchell*)

All titles on: Decca LP 12": DL 4163 - "Lonesome George" Gobel in Person "At the Sands" (1961)

Copa Room, Sands.

Contains untitled comedy monologues in addition to the listed songs.

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**Date:** 1965

**Location:** Aladdin, Las Vegas

Rusty Rides Again

Rusty Warren (com, v), James Duffy (ts), Edward Lavietes (t), Hank Shank (p), Jorge Valadez (b), Dick Odette (d, dir)

- a. **Tonight Is Gonna Be Tonight** - 2:38 (*Bill LaBlanc*)
- b. **Timing** - 2:23 (*Ivan Lane*)
- c. **Knockers Are Very Big This Year** - 2:32 (*Ron Kramer*)
- d. **Roll Me Over** - 5:42 (*P. D.*)

All titles on: Jubilee LP 12": JGM-2064 - Rusty Rides Again (1965)

Includes untitled comedy monologues "for adults only."

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**Date:** 1969

**Location:** Aladdin, Las Vegas

Bottoms Up

Rusty Warren (com, v), The Hank Shank Orchestra (Orc), Pucci Franciosi (d, con)

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This recording includes a series of untitled comedic songs and monologues.

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**Date:** 1970's?

**Location:** Flamingo, Las Vegas

Breck Wall & Joe Peterson Present Bottoms Up

The Otto Ortwein Orchestra (Orc), Vikki Anthony, Bonnie Baker, Rob Barron, David Harris, Deeda Hymes, Alicia Irwin, Cooper Neal, Jan Sutton, Betty Waldron, Breck Wall, Mary Weintraub (v)

- a. **Song Information Not Available**

WP LP 12": WPS-3650 - Breck Wall & Joe Peterson Present Bottoms Up (1970)

Described as a musical comedy review, "Bottoms Up" first opened in Dallas in 1959, and was housed briefly in Jack Ruby's Carousel Club. Wall was actually called to give testimony to the Warren commission in 1964. Bottoms Up made its Las Vegas premiere at the Castaways in 1964 and has run in various casinos for over 4 decades. This recording was made before a live audience at the Flamingo sometime in the 1970's. Title on container: "Bottoms up for swingers."

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**Date:** 1972

**Location:** Stardust, Las Vegas

David Frost in Las Vegas

David Frost (com), The Jack Cathcart Orchestra (Orc)

- a. **Welcome To The Festivities** - 3:00
- b. **What Is Your Definition Of Love?** - 2:30
- c. **Royal Barge** - 4:36
- d. **The Creation Of... The Hilton** - 3:20
- e. **Your Friendly Tour Guide** - 4:32
- f. **A Special Edition Of The David Frost Show With Fred Travelena** - 7:32
- g. **Natural Break** - 3:55
- h. **The All-Purpose Political Speech** - 5:00

i. **Goodnight** - 1:00

All titles on: United Artists LP 12": UAS 5555 - David Frost in Las Vegas (1972)

No real musical numbers in this one, but the Jack Cathcart Orchestra is credited and provides incidental music at the beginning and end of the show.

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**Date:** 1976

**Location:** Desert Inn, Las Vegas

Live from Las Vegas Foster Brooks

Foster Brooks (com), The Carlton Hayes Orchestra (Orc), Bob Alberti (arr)

a. **Foster Brooks, Live at the Desert Inn** - 18:11

b. **And I Love Her So** - 4:22 (*Don McLean*)

c. **Teri** - 1:53 (*Foster Brooks*)

d. **My Family** - 2:17 (*Foster Brooks*)

e. **Please Release Me** - 2:32 (*Eddie Miller, Curley Williams, Robert Yount*)

f. **My Way [aka Comme D'Habitude]** - 6:46 (*Claude Francois, Jacques Revaux, Gilles Thibault, Paul Anka*)

All titles on: Lush LP 12": LR 1001-A - Live from Las Vegas Foster Brooks (1976)

Side one is an extended comedy monologue. The second side includes music and Brooks' poems, "Teri" and "My Family." Juliet Prowse is heard introducing Brooks at the beginning of the recording.

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