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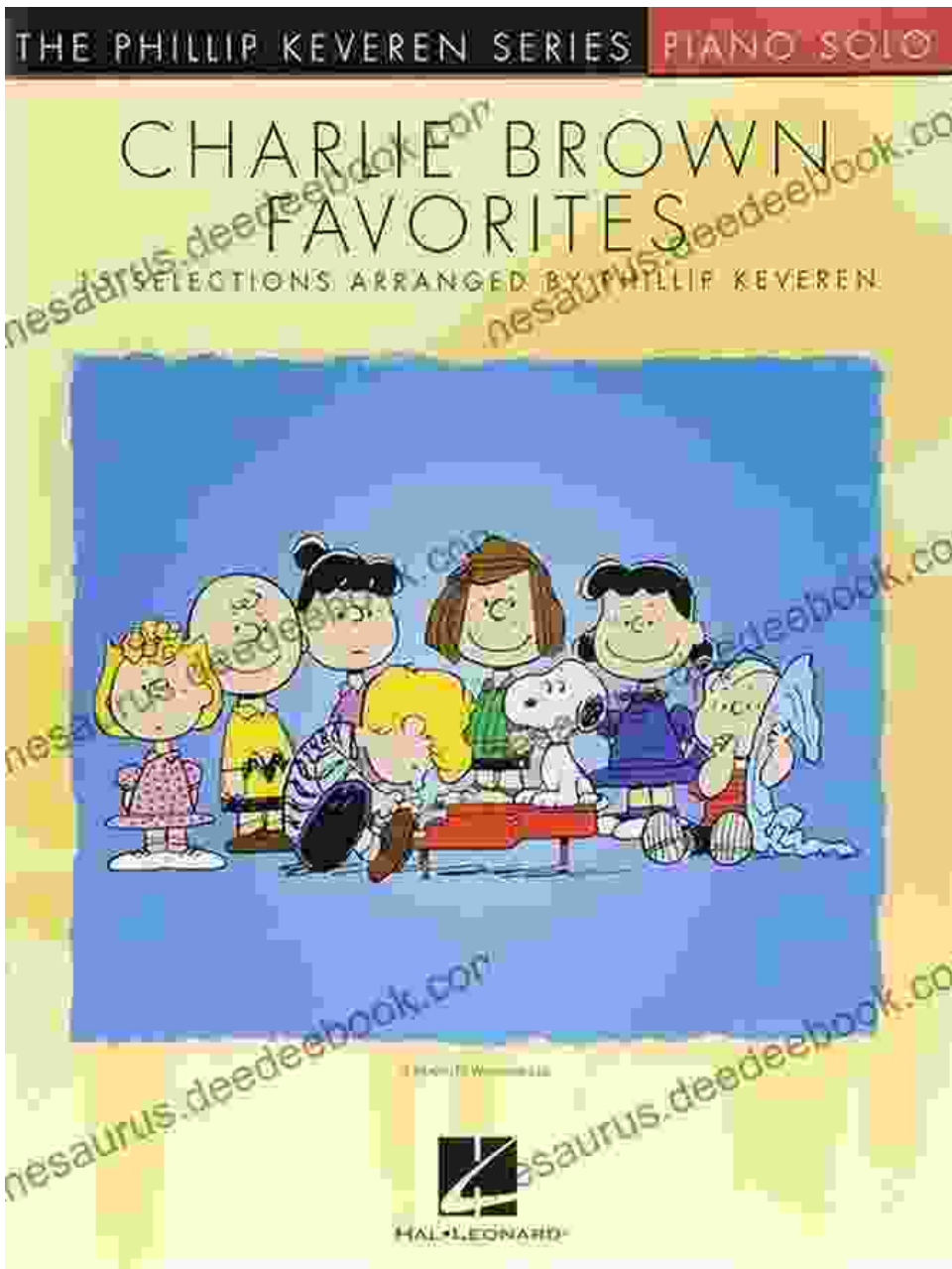
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Charlie Brown Favorites: 15 Selections is a jazz album featuring music from the Peanuts animated television specials and films. The album was arranged and conducted by Phillip Keveren and released in 1966 on the RCA Victor label. The album has since been reissued several times, most recently in 2012 on the Concord Jazz label.

The album features a mix of up-tempo and down-tempo tracks, all of which are based on the music of Vince Guaraldi. Guaraldi was the primary composer for the Peanuts specials and films, and his music has become synonymous with the franchise. The album also features several original compositions by Keveren.

Charlie Brown Favorites: 15 Selections has been praised for its high quality musicianship and its faithful renditions of Guaraldi's music. The album has been certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

Track Listing

1. Linus and Lucy 2. Charlie Brown Theme 3. Skating 4. Christmas Time Is Here 5. Great Pumpkin Waltz 6. The Christmas Song 7. Little Birdie 8. Schroeder 9. Cast Your Fate to the Wind 10. Thanksgiving Theme 11. Joe Cool 12. Peppermint Patty 13. Baseball Theme 14. Frieda 15. Happiness Is

Personnel

* Phillip Keveren - arranger, conductor * Vince Guaraldi - piano * Joe Pass - guitar * Red Mitchell - bass * Jerry Granelli - drums

Production

Charlie Brown Favorites: 15 Selections was recorded in Los Angeles, California, in 1966. The album was produced by Lee Mendelson and Bill Melendez. Mendelson and Melendez were the creators of the Peanuts animated television specials and films.

The album was recorded using a 3-track recorder. This was the standard recording format for jazz albums at the time. The album was mixed down to

a single track for release on vinyl.

Release and Reception

Charlie Brown Favorites: 15 Selections was released in 1966 on the RCA Victor label. The album was a commercial success, reaching number 10 on the Billboard 200 chart. The album also received positive reviews from critics.

The album has been reissued several times, most recently in 2012 on the Concord Jazz label. The 2012 reissue features remastered audio and liner notes by jazz historian Ted Gioia.

Legacy

Charlie Brown Favorites: 15 Selections is considered one of the definitive jazz albums of the 1960s. The album has been praised for its high quality musicianship and its faithful renditions of Guaraldi's music. The album has also been credited with helping to popularize jazz music among a new generation of listeners.

The album has been featured in several films and television shows, including the 1983 documentary This Is America, Charlie Brown and the 2015 animated film The Peanuts Movie. The album has also been sampled by several hip-hop artists, including J Dilla and Madlib.
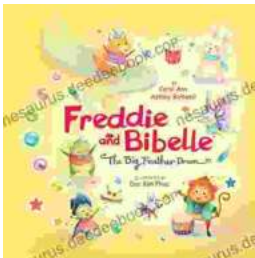
Charlie Brown Favorites: 15 Selections is a classic jazz album that continues to be enjoyed by listeners of all ages. The album is a testament to the enduring power of Guaraldi's music and the artistry of Phillip Keveren.

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