



Paul Carrack & The SWR Big Band
Winter Wonderland

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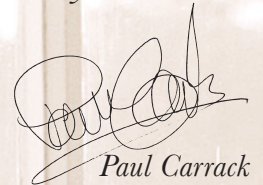


One day back in August I had an unusual phone call from German trumpet player Joo Kraus asking if I would be interested in being involved in a new project. The world renowned SWR Big Band were going to record an album of Christmas classics and they would like to invite me to be guest vocalist. I was thrilled at the prospect of singing some wonderful songs with a truly awesome band and immediately agreed to travel to Stuttgart and meet with band leader Rudi Reindl, SWR radio music director Hans-Peter Zachary, Joo Kraus and A&R consultant Michael Golla to discuss how we could make this pipe-dream a reality.

Over a dish of Saurbraten and a couple of steins of the local brew we talked about songs and arrangers and vowed that we would make this happen. Our idea was to make a beautiful album that would evoke feelings of warmth and joy for the Christmas season.

An album like this is only as good as its musical arrangements and I would like to pay tribute to the fine job done by Chris Walden along with Steve Sidwell and Dieter Reith.

A happy and peaceful Christmas



Paul Carrack

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- 1 *Winter Wonderland*
 - 2 *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer*
 - 3 *White Christmas*
 - 4 *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*
 - 5 *Let It Snow*
 - 6 *The Christmas Song*
 - 7 *Sleigh-Ride*
 - 8 *What A Wonderful World*
 - 9 *Silver Bells*
 - 10 *Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree*
 - 11 *Beautiful World*

In the more than half a century it has been in existence, the SWR Big Band has become one of the major forces on the German and international music scenes. The orchestra has innumerable concerts, recording sessions, radio and TV shows to its name. The list of nationally and internationally renowned soloists the ensemble has worked with over the years reads like a 'who's who' of jazz. On the back of outstanding results spawned from its creative collaboration with the likes of Slide Hampton, Frank Foster, Sammy Nestico, Bob Florence, Bob Mintzer and Maria Schneider the SWR Big Band has acquired an excellent reputation both domestically and worldwide, culminating in three successive US Grammy nominations in recent years.



The SWR Big Band

Conducted by Chris Walden

Woodwind section

Saxophones:

Klaus Graf

Axel Kühn

Jörg Kaufmann

Andreas Maile

Pierre Paquette

Trumpets & flugelhorns:

Felice Civitareale

Claus Reichstaller

Karl Farrent

Rudolf Reindl

Trombones:

Marc Godfroid

Ernst Hutter

Ian Cumming

Georg Maus

Rhythm section:

Klaus Wagenleiter (piano & keyboards)

Conny Schock (keyboards)

Klaus Peter Schoepfer (guitar)

Dieter Reith (organ)

Decebal Badila (bass)

Guido Joeris (drums)

Thomas Simmerl (drums)

Jörg Gebhardt (percussion)

Choir:

Angela Gerhold

Katrin Haug

1 *Winter Wonderland* 3:24

*(Felix Bernard – Dick Smith). Arranged by Chris Walden
Published by Warner Bros. Music*

2 *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer* 3:15

*(John David Marks). Arranged by Steve Sidwell
Published by St. Nicholas Music*

3 *White Christmas* 3:44

*(Irving Berlin). Arranged by Chris Walden.
Published by Irving Berlin*

4 *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas* 4:09

*(Music: Hugh Martin. Words: Ralph Blane). Arranged by Chris Walden
Published by MGM / EMI / Feist*

5 *Let It Snow* 2:34

*(Music by Jule Styne. Words by Sammy Cahn). Arranged by Chris Walden
Published by Chappell / Cherry Lane / Dreamworks*

6 *The Christmas Song* 3:27

*(Melvin Howard Tormé – Robert Wells). Arranged by Chris Walden
Published by Edwin H. Morris*

7 *Sleigh-Ride* 2:27

*(Melvin Howard Tormé – Robert Wells). Arranged by Chris Walden
Published by Edwin H. Morris*

8 *What A Wonderful World* 3:04

*(George David Weiss – Robert Thiele). Arranged by Chris Walden
Published by Range Road Music / Quartet Music / Abilene Music*

9 *Silver Bells* 3:33

*(Jay Livingston / Raymond Bernard Evans). Arranged by Dieter Reith
Published by Paramount Music*

10 *Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree* 2:32

*(John David Marks). Arranged by Dieter Reith
Published by Chappell / St. Nicholas Music*

11 *Beautiful World* 4:11

*(Paul Carrack / Tom "T-Bone" Wolk). Arranged by Steve Sidwell
Plangent Visions Music / Say See Bone Music*





Produced by Chris Walden

*Executive producers: Ulrich de Veer, Rudolf Reindl
and Karl Farrent*

Recording supervisor: Manfred Deppe

Recording engineer: Volker Neumann

Recording assistant: Tanja Hiesch

Mix and additional production: Klaus Peter Schoepfer

Mastered by Jürgen Koppers at Mastering Lab Munich

Remastered by Graham Bonnett

Sleeve notes: Felix Gaubatz

Album concept: Hans Peter Zachary

A&R consultant: Michael Golla

Photography: Marcus Weber

Design: WAPS, Hamburg / iTunes redesign: ianrossdesigner.com

*Recorded during September 2005 at the U-Musikstudio,
SWR Stuttgart, Germany*

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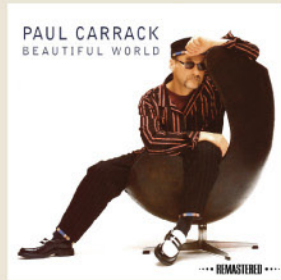




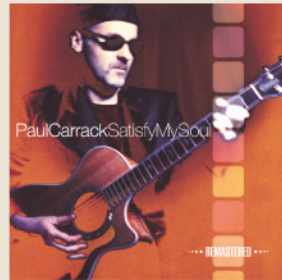
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*Beautiful World**



*Satisfy My Soul**



*Still Groovin'**



*It Ain't Over**



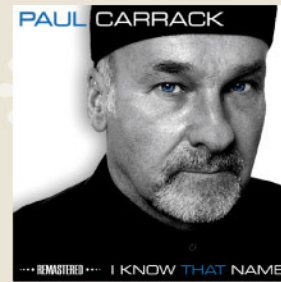
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with the SWR Big Band*



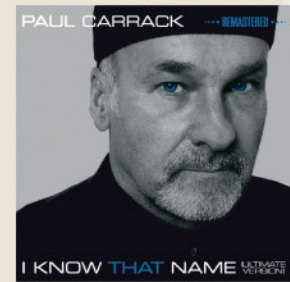
*The Story So Far...
Greatest Hits*



Old, New, Borrowed and Blue



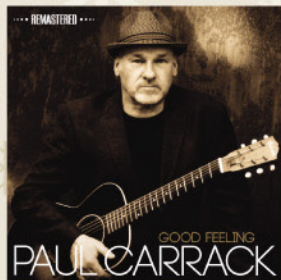
I Know That Name



*I Know That Name
Ultimate Version*



*A Different Hat
with the RPO*



Good Feeling



Rain Or Shine

**Includes bonus tracks from special editions*



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