

DANCING AT THE TOWER

A photograph of Ernest Broadbent, a man in a dark suit and tie, sitting on a red upholstered bench in front of a large, ornate Wurlitzer jukebox. He is smiling and has his right hand raised in a gesture. The jukebox is light-colored with gold accents and features the 'WURLITZER' brand name in large letters on the top and smaller on the front. A clock is visible on the front panel of the jukebox. The background is dark, suggesting an indoor setting at night.

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BROADBENT

Ernest Broadbent was born in 1910 in Oldham, but the age of three he moved to Leeds to live with his grandmother as his father was killed in WWI. While at Leeds Ernest studied piano and musical theory at the college of music, this lead him to win the mar- quess of normanby price for piano and theory. Ernest's first en- gagement playing in a cinema environment was at the New Cinema Ilkley where he stayed there for 4 years. Ernest next move was to the Dominion Theatre Tottenham Court Road. Ernest never settled in London so he next move was to be the resident Organist at the Regent Brighton, where he stayed for 19 years. Ernest was practically the last Cinema organist playing the sub- urbs and it was soon time he was given notice. Laurence Wright fixed Ernest up for a season on Blackpool north pier. It was here that Josef Locke heard Ernest play and asked him to accompany him on a 4 years tour aftwe which we started working for Tower Company, Initially playing a piano in the Tower Lounge and con- tinuing that post when it was replaced with a Hammond Organ. In 1962 after Horace Finch's accident Ernest ended up deputising for Watson Holmes until his retirement in 1966. Ernest was then covering all requirements in the Empress, Tower and Opera House if necessary. During this time he was deputising for Regi- nald Dixon. and when he retired in 1970 Ernest was the obvious choice to take over! It had taken a long time for Ernest's talent to be recognised, but was short lived as Ernest developed thrombo- sis in his leg which he believed was caused by an accident at the Regal Edmonton in 1974. After his first operation he initially re- sponded well to treatment and continued playing concerts for the next 5 years until 1982 when his legs deteriorated so much he couldn't play any more. Ernest didn't play for 4 years until 1986, when he was invited to play at the Worthing Wurlitzer for its 5th anniversary and with great pain played his last concert and went down with a wild audience. Shortly after his legs had to be re- moved, he died January 1994 at the B.L.E.S.M.A care home.

This CD was mastered from an amature cassette, made by a member of the public during 1975. We hope the odd blimish wont distact from the performace.

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| 01) Signature Tune- For You | 09) Paso Doble- |
| 02) Waltz- | Y Viva Espana |
| I'm Dancing With Tears In My Eyes | 10) St Bernards Waltz- |
| Always | Nights Of Gladness |
| When The Blue Of The Night | Destiny |
| The Wedding | I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now? |
| 03) Waltz- | Vienna, City Of My Dreams |
| Can't Help Falling In Love | I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles |
| 04) Quickstep- | 11) St Bernards Waltz- |
| Bye Bye Blues | Wine, Women And Song |
| Marie | Tesoro Mio..! |
| A Walk In The Black Forest | Two Lovely Black Eyes |
| Who's Sorry Now? | I Belong To Glasgow |
| All My Loving | 12) Barn Dance- |
| 05) Foxtrot- | Waiting At Church |
| Whispering | Maybe It's Because I'm A Londoner |
| I Left My Heart In San Fransisco | On Mother Kelly's Doorstep |
| Dance In The Old Fashioned Way | Back Home In Tennessee |
| The White Rose Of Athens | Have You Ever Been Lonely? |
| 06) Foxtrot- | 13) Barn Dance- |
| Thank Heaven For Little Girls | Lilly Of Laguna |
| Fly Me To The Moon | Wouldn't It Be Lovely |
| Moonlight And Roses | You Made Me Love You |
| 07) Veleta- | 14) Gay Gordons- |
| The Veleta | Cock O' The North |
| I Have Never Kissed Before | 15) Gay Gordons- |
| Lara's Theme From Dr. Zhivago | Scotland The Brave |
| Around The World | Blaydon Races |
| 08) Veleta- | 16) Last Waltz- |
| Loves Roundabout | The Last Waltz |
| Say Wonderful Things To Me | Auf Wiedersehen Sweetheart |
| Skye Boat Song | I'll See You Again |
| Let Me Call You Sweetheart | For You |

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