

Info on this CD:

In May of 2004, The Syracuse Symphony Orchestra in conjunction with the Stan Colella Orchestra paid tribute to Syracuse's Music Man, the late Stan Colella. This gala filled the Crouse Hinds Theater in the Mulroy Civic Center to capacity crowds for two separate performances. Whether those in the audience enjoyed the Stan Colella Orchestra at dances, weddings, firework celebrations, or any one of the hundreds of concerts during Stan's 62 year career, they were sure to have a flashback with some fond memories. The tribute was filled with heartwarming performances which featured many of Stan's favorite songs along with a few of the Colella Orchestra's most requested songs. Since this performance, hundreds of people have commented on how much they enjoyed the evening and how great the Orchestra sounded. So with that in mind, The Stan Colella Orchestra decided to release a recording that has the feel of sitting in a venue and listening to a live orchestra.

On March 15, 2005, over thirty of central New York's finest musicians gathered in Crouse College's Setnor Auditorium at Syracuse University under the direction of Stan's son Len Colella. How appropriate to bring the band back to the place where Stan spent many hours studying his craft and earning his degree in music education. The three hour session was recorded in the truest tradition of big band recordings. We recorded this on one track with no editing. The takes were saved exactly as they were recorded, as if it was a live concert. The musicians and the wonderful "sound" of Setnor Auditorium provide the dynamics for your listening pleasure. This is as true as it gets.

This CD contains many favorite songs along with a few songs that will hopefully become new favorites. As an added bonus, we have included a live version of Stan's rendition of Sugar Blues, the song that started his career at the age of seven.

We hope that you enjoy this CD as much as we enjoyed recording it.