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JAZZNOCRACY

RECORDED BY JIMMIE LUNCEFORD

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FULL SCORE

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JAZZNOCRACY (1934)

Background:

By 1934, Jimmie Lunceford's band was well on the way to becoming one of the top bands in American music. Not only could it play 'down home' swing and jazz, it was a precision machine out of the mold of the Glen Gray Casa Loma Orchestra. The Lunceford ensemble was a precision band that could out swing most ensembles and it inspired many leaders such as Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey. Miller borrowed some of the Lunceford choreography, and Dorsey eventually hired Lunceford arranger Sy Oliver. Lunceford's recording contract with the new record label Decca would yield many hits, as well as assure that his records would be heard in jukeboxes across the country.

The Music:

During the 1930s, Lunceford was being managed by Irving Mills, whose chief client was the Duke Ellington Orchestra. It was Mills who paid for the recording dates the Lunceford band made for RCA Victor in the 1930s. Jazznocracy was one of the selections recorded during this time. Written by Will Hudson, the tune was published by Mills as the Lunceford organization was under contract to Mills's publishing company. This fast moving novelty title was an early hit for the Lunceford Orchestra and very typical of the day.

This publication is sourced from the original stock arrangement. Errors have been corrected and notation has been clarified. This was a showpiece at theater dates and college proms because there were few bands that could play at this tempo with precision and swing. Yet with a little practice, a high school or college big band of today would be able to play this well.

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