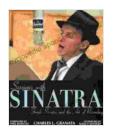
Frank Sinatra and the Art of Recording: A Journey into the Making of an American Icon



Frank Sinatra, the "Chairman of the Board," was not only one of the most popular and successful singers of the 20th century but also a master of the recording process. His unique blend of vocal artistry, musicality, and understanding of the recording studio environment allowed him to create some of the most iconic and beloved recordings in American history.

Sessions with Sinatra: Frank Sinatra and the Art of Recording by Charles L. Granata



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In his book, _Frank Sinatra and the Art of Recording_, renowned music historian Marc Myers takes readers on a fascinating journey into the making of Sinatra's timeless musical legacy. Through meticulous research and exclusive interviews with Sinatra's collaborators, Myers provides an unprecedented glimpse into the singer's meticulous approach to recording, his relationships with producers and engineers, and the innovative techniques he employed to achieve his signature sound.

Sinatra's Early Recording Career

Sinatra's recording career began in the late 1940s, when he signed with Columbia Records. His early recordings were heavily influenced by the big band sound of the era, but he quickly developed his own unique style, characterized by his smooth vocals, impeccable phrasing, and unmatched emotional depth.

According to Myers, Sinatra was a meticulous perfectionist in the recording studio. He spent hours rehearsing with his band, ensuring that every note

and inflection was perfect. He also had a close working relationship with his producers, who helped him shape the overall sound of his recordings.



One of Sinatra's most important collaborators was arranger and conductor Nelson Riddle. Together, they created some of Sinatra's most iconic recordings, including "I've Got You Under My Skin," "Fly Me to the Moon," and "Strangers in the Night." Riddle's lush orchestrations perfectly

complemented Sinatra's vocals, creating a sophisticated and timeless sound.

The Capitol Years

In the early 1960s, Sinatra left Columbia Records and signed with Capitol Records. This period marked a turning point in his recording career, as he began to experiment with new musical genres and styles.

Myers argues that Sinatra's Capitol recordings showcased his versatility and his ability to adapt to changing musical trends. He recorded everything from traditional pop standards to contemporary folk and rock songs, always maintaining his unique signature sound.

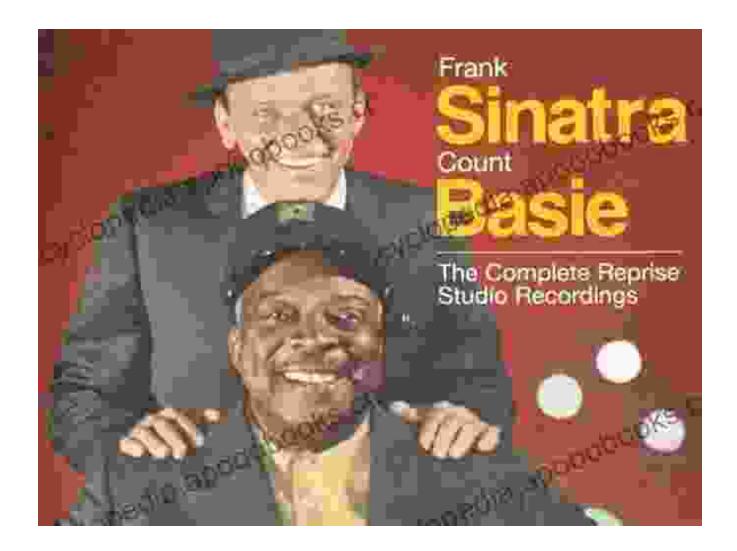


One of the highlights of Sinatra's Capitol years was his 1966 album,
September of My Years. Featuring lush arrangements by Gordon
Jenkins, the album was a critical and commercial success, earning Sinatra his first Grammy Award for Album of the Year.

The Reprise Years

In 1969, Sinatra founded his own record label, Reprise Records. This gave him complete control over his recordings and allowed him to experiment even more freely with new musical directions.

During his Reprise years, Sinatra recorded some of his most personal and intimate work. He also collaborated with a wide range of musicians, from Count Basie to Antonio Carlos Jobim, expanding his musical horizons and creating a body of work that transcended genres.



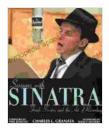
One of the most enduring albums from Sinatra's Reprise years is his 1973 album, _Ol' Blue Eyes Is Back_. Featuring a mix of classic standards and original songs, the album showcased Sinatra's timeless vocals and his ability to connect with listeners on a personal level.

Sinatra's Legacy

Frank Sinatra's influence on American music is immeasurable. His recordings have sold millions of copies worldwide and have been inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. His unique vocal style and meticulous approach to recording have inspired generations of singers.

In _Frank Sinatra and the Art of Recording_, Marc Myers provides a comprehensive and engaging account of Sinatra's recording career. Through his detailed research and exclusive interviews, Myers offers a unique perspective on the making of some of the most iconic recordings in American history.

For fans of Frank Sinatra and lovers of music, _Frank Sinatra and the Art of Recording_ is an essential read. It is a fascinating journey into the mind of a musical genius and a testament to the enduring power of great art.



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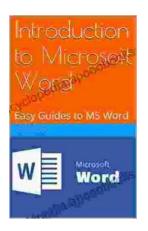
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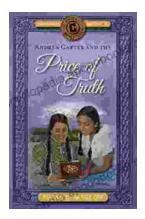
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