

Groove Label Discography

In 1953, RCA diversified their record operations by establishing three new record labels. RCA Victor remained the main pop and classical label. They established a budget label called Camden. A new wholly owned subsidiary called "X" Label was established. A new R & B oriented label called Groove Records was established.

Groove Records, which was to be RCA's new R&B label, was formally introduced in January 1954 with its first releases in February 1954. Bob Rolontz was the head of the label. Unlike "X", which was designed to operate independently of RCA except that RCA record plants pressed its records, Groove's primary distribution came through RCA channels.

The purpose of the label was to move into the R&B field with black artists. The original incarnation of Groove was folded into the Vik label in early 1957. The artists were transferred to the Vik label. The Groove label was reestablished in 1961 with singles and there were one or two albums issued in 1964. This second incarnation of the Groove ended in 1965.

Groove Label 1950s Series Discography:

The Groove label was light green with black printing. "GROOVE" in black above the center hole.

LG 1000 - *Rock That Beat* - **Boots Brown and his Blockbusters and Dan Drew and his Daredevils** [10/55] Boots Brown and the Blockbusters were actually jazz musicians Shelly Manne, Gerry Mulligan and Shorty Rogers, Dan Drew and his Daredevils were actually jazz musicians Al Cohn, Elliot Lawrence and Nick Travis. Side one by Boots Brown Block Buster/Short'nin' Bread/Double Clutch/Hip Boots/Breakfast Ball/Typhoon//Side two by Dan Drew Yes, Yes/Old Man River/Daredevil/Danny's Blues/Coolin' on the Corner/Slow Jin

LG 1001 - *Jonah Jones at the Embers* - **Jonah Jones** [5/56] Reissued as Vik LXA 1135 and then RCA Victor LPM 2004. It's All Right With Me/From This Moment On/Learnin' the Blues/Something's Gotta Give/All of You/Lullaby of Birdland/Basin Street Blues/High Society/Tin Roof Blues/Muskrat Ramble/At Sundown

LG 1002 - *Piano Red in Concert* - **Piano Red** [1956] Wrong Yo-Yo/Don't Get Around Much Anymore/Umph-Umph-Umph/Got You On My Mind/Fatterin' Frogs For Snakes/Rockin' With Red//Jump Man Jump/Do She Love Me/Real Good Thing/Pay It No Mind/Six O'Clock Bounce/Please Tell Me Baby/Jumpin' With Daddy/Goodbye, Goodbye, Goodbye

LG 1003 - *Cool Gabriels* - **Conte Candoli, Nick Travis, Don Stratton, Bernie Glow, Phil Sunkel, Al de Risi and Dick Sherman** [1956] Five O'clock Shadow/Cupcake/Mostly Latin/Something Blue/The Swingin' Scot 1/The Swingin' Scot 2/Love Is Just Around The Corner//Elevation/Spooky/Happy Holligan/Each Other's Arms/Nick

LG 1004 - *Many Moods of Ann Gilbert* - **Ann Gilbert** [1956] Tall Boy/There Must Be Something Better Than Love/Where Are You?/Don't Let It Get You Down/Blame It on My Youth/Smoking My Sad Cigarette/Hooray for Love/He Needs Me/Fun to Be Fooled/What's Wrong with Me?/Spring Is Here/Love Isn't Born

LG 1005 - *Real George!* - **George Rhodes** [1956] Baby, Won't You Please Come Home?/It Had to Be You/Love for Sale//Lover Come Back to Me/That Old Feeling/Who's Sorry Now?

Groove 45 RPM EP's EGA Series

EGA 1

EGA 2 – *Talk That Talk* - **Du Droppers** [1955] Talk That Talk/I Wanna Know//I Only Had A Little/Honey Bunch

EGA 3 – *Jump Man Jump* – **Piano Red** [1955] Master numbers: F5PH-3809; F5PH-3810. Jump Man Jump/Everybody's Boogie//Layin' The Boogie/Just Right Bounce

EGA 4

EGA 5 – *Tops in Rhythm and Blues* – **Du Droppers** [1956] That's All I Need/Smack Dab In The Middle//Story Untold/Rollin' Stone

EGA 6 - *Piano Red in Concert 1* - **Piano Red** [1956] From LG 1001. Real Good Thing/others

EGA 7 - *Piano Red in Concert 2* - **Piano Red** [1956] From LG 1001. Umph-Umph-Umph/Got You on My Mind//Six O'Clock Bounce/Please Tell Me Baby

EGA 8 - *Piano Red in Concert 3* - **Piano Red** [1956] From LG 1001.

EGA 9 - *Cool Gabriels* - **Various Artists** [1956] From LG 1003.

EGA 10 - *Cool Gabriels* - **Various Artists** [1956] From LG 1003.

EGA 11 - *Cool Gabriels* - **Various Artists** [1956] From LG 1003.

EGA 12 - *Many Moods of Ann Gilbert* - **Ann Gilbert** [1956] From LG 1004. Tall Boy/There Must Be Something Better Than Love/Where Are You?/Don't Let It Get You Down

EGA 13 - *Many Moods of Ann Gilbert* - **Ann Gilbert** [1956] From LG 1004. Blame It on My Youth/Smoking My Sad Cigarette/Hooray for Love/He Needs Me

EGA 14 - *Many Moods of Ann Gilbert* - **Ann Gilbert** [1956] From LG 1004. Master numbers: G5JH-5185; G5JH-5186. What's Wrong with Me/Fun to Be Fooled//Love Isn't Born/Spring is Here

EGA 15 - *Real George!* - **George Rhodes** [1956] From LG 1005.

EGA 16 - *Real George!* - **George Rhodes** [1956] From LG 1005.

EGA 17 - *Real George!* - **George Rhodes** [1956] From LG 1005.

EGA 18 – *Love is Strange* - **Mickey and Sylvia** [1957] Master numbers: H5JH-0858; H5JH-0859. Love Is Strange/I'm Going Home//Walkin' In The Rain/No Good Lover

Groove 45 RPM EP's EGB Series

EGB 1000 – *Rock That Beat* – **Boots Brown and Dan Drew** [1955] Two EP set. EP 1 Block Buster – Boots Brown/Shortnin' Bread – Boots Brown//Coolin' on the Corner – Dan Drew/Slow Jin – Dan Drew EP 2 Double Clutch – Boots Brown/Hip Boots – Boots Brown//Yes, Yes – Dan Drew/Old Man River – Dan Drew

EGB 1001 – *Jonah Jones at the Embers* – **Jonah Jones** [1956] Two EP set.

Groove Label Singles

- 0001 - DuDroppers - Speed King/Dead Broke [1954]
- 0002 - Big John Greer - You'll Never Be Mine/Bottle It Up And Go [1954]
- 0003 - Buddy Lucas - I Got Drunk/My Pinch Hitter [1954]
- 0004 - Beatrice Reading - I Gotta Know/I'll Gladly Do It Again [1954]
- 0005 - Sam Butera - The Things I Love/I Don't Want To Set The World On Fire [1954]
- 0006 - Buddy Lucas - I Need Help voc Almeta Stewart/No Help [1954]
- 0007 - Perla Marini - Sunday Kind Of Love/I'll Never Be Free [1954]
- 0008 - Milt Trenier - Straighten Up Baby/Why [1954]
- 0009 - Miss Peaches – Callin' Moody Field (parts 1 and 2) [1954]
- 0010 - Melvin Smith - No Baby/You Can't Stay Here [1954]
- 0011 - Big Boy Crudup - I Love My Baby/Fall On Your Knees And Pray [1954]
- 0012 - Sue Allen & Oscar Black - Hold Me Baby/I'll Get By [1954]
- 0013 - DuDroppers - Just Whisper/How Much Longer [1954]
- 0014 - Paul Williams - Women Are The Root Of All Evil/Spread Joy voc Jimmy Brown [1954]
- 0015 - Sonny Terry – Lost Jawbone/Louise [1954]
- 0016 - John Greer - When Roses Bloom In Lover's Lane/Too Long [1954]
- 0017 – Buddy Jayson – Hot Dog She's Mine/Tell You What I'm Gonna Do [1954]
- 0018 - Sam Butera - The Tout/Sam's Claim [1954]
- 0019 – Madame Ernestine Washington & The Millionaires - Holding On (parts 1 & 2) [1954]
- 0020 - Big Red McHouston w vocals by Larry Dale - I'm Tired/Where Is My Honey [1954]
- 0021 - Sam "Highpockets" Henderson w vocals by Billy Black - Too Bad Sweet Mama/Go Mama Go [1954]
- 0022 - Beatrice Reading - I Wash My Hands/Little Things Mean A Lot [1954]
- 0023 - Piano Red - Decatur Street Blues/Big Rock Joe From Kokomo [1954]
- 0024 – George Benson – She Makes Me Mad/It Should Have Been Me # 2 [1954]
- 0025 - Perla Marini - Candy/All Or Nothing At All [1954]
- 0026 - Big Boy Crudup - Have You Ever Been To Georgia?/She's Got No Hair [1954]
- 0027 - Sonny Brooks - Champ Ale/Sentimental Blues [1954]

0028 - Milt Trenier - Day Old Bread/Give It A Little Time [1954]
0029 - Larry Dale – Please Tell Me/You Better Heed My Warning [1954]
0030 - Buddy Lucas - No Dice/High Low Jack [1954]
0031 - Five Keys - I'll Follow You/Lawdy Miss Mary (promotional copy only) [1954]
0032 - Bonnie Davis & The Picadilly Pipers - Since You're Gone/How Could You [1954]
0033 - Sam Butera - Sam's Reverie/Who Got The Key [1954]
0034 - Otis Blackwell - Here I Am/Oh What A Babe [1954]
0035 - Romaines – Till the Wee Wee Morning/Your Kind of Love [1954]
0036 - DuDroppers - Boot 'Em Up/Let Nature Take Its Course [1954]
0037 - Sue Allen - Don't Leave Me To Cry/Oscar Black - I Dedicate My Heart [1954]
0038 - John Greer - We Wanna See Santa Do The Mambo/Wait Till After Christmas [1954]

Note: New numbering system starts here:

0100 - John Greer - Lucky Lucky Me/Will I Be The One? [1955]
0101 - Piano Red - Jump Man Jump/Pay It No Mind [1955]
0102 - Sue Allen & Oscar Black - Be My Baby/Ain't Nobody Home But Me [1955]
0103 - Maymie Watts - There Goes The Train/Quicksand [1955]
0104 - DuDroppers - Talk That Talk/Give Me Some [1955]
0105 - Chris Powell and the Five Blue Flames - Break It Up/Love You Like Crazy [1955]
0106 - Tiny Kennedy - Country Boy/I Need A Good Woman [1955]
0107 - Chick Green - Greensleeves/Intermezzo [1955]
0108 - John Greer - Soon Soon Soon/I'm Glad For Your Sake [1955]
0109 - Charley Hughes - That's All I'm Asking For/Itsy Bitsy Puddin Pie [1955]
0110 - Four Students - So Near And Yet So Far/Hot Rotten Soda Pop [1955]
0111 - Chris Powell & the Blue Flames - Unchained Melody/Somethings Gotta Give [1955]
0112 - Sonics - As I Live On/Bumble Bee [1955]
0113 - Lil McKenzie & The Four Students - The Others I Like/Run Along [1955]
0114 – Coronets – I Love You More/Crime Doesn't Pay [1955]
0115 - Sue Allen & Oscar Black - I'll Live My Life Alone/Baby Please Don't Go [1955]
0116 - Coronets - The Bible Tells Me So/Hush [1955]
0117 - Gypsies - I'm Good To You Baby/One-Two-Three-Go [1955]
0118 - Piano Red - Six O'Clock Bounce/Goodbye [1955]
0119 - John Greer - Come Back Maybelline/Night Crawl' [1955]
0120 - DuDroppers - I Wanna Love You/You're Mine Already [1955]
0121 - Sycamores - I'll Be Waiting/Darling Is It True? [1955]
0122 - Two Sweethearts - True Love Is Missing/If You Asked Me [1955]
0123 - Cousin Leroy - Come Back Home/Catfish [1955]

0124 - Emmett Hobson - Mattie Bee/Where Is Joe? [1955]
0125 - Mr. Bear and the Bearcats - How Come/I'm Gonna Keep My Eye On You [1955]
0126 - Piano Red - Red's Blues/Gordy's Rock [1955]
0127 - Zilla Mays - Come Back To Me/Right Now [1955]
0128 - Chris Powell & the Blue Flames - Chinatown/Goodbye Little Girl [1955]
0129 - The Gypsies - You've Been Around Too Long/Rock Around The Christmas Tree [1955]
0130 - Oscar Black, Sue Allen & The 4 Students - Think Of Tomorrow/Set A Wedding Day [1955]
0131 - Big John Greer & The 4 Students - Blam/A Man And A Woman [1955]
0132 - Little Tommy Brown - Don't Leave Me/Won't You Forgive Me [1955]
0133 - Tiny Kennedy - Taint Right/Strange Kind Of Feeling [1955]
0134 - The Nitecaps - A Kiss And A Vow/Be My Girl [1956]
0135 - Sonny Terry - Ride & Roll/Hootin Blues #2 [1956]
0136 - Piano Red - She Knocks Me Out/Jumpin' With Daddy [1956]
0137 - The Gypsies - Rockin Pretty Baby/You Been Away Too Long [1956]
0138 - Mr. Bear & His Bearcats - Peek-A-Boo/The Bear Hug [1956]
0139 - Varetta Dillard and the Four Students - Mama Don't Want/Darling Listen To The Words Of This Song [1956]
0140 - Jonah Jones - Come Sit by Me/God Loves You Child [1956]
0141 - Avalons - Och! She Flew/Chains Around My Heart [1956]
0142 - Big Connie - Mumbles Blues/Wait Til Next Week [1956]
0143 - Little Tommy Brown - The Thrill Is Gone/Gambler's Prayer [1956]
0144 - Chris Powell & The Blue Flames - Moritat/Poor People Of Paris [1956]
0145 - Piano Red - That's My Desire/I'm Nobody's Fool [1956]
0146 - Roy "Mr. Guitar" Gaines - Right Now Baby/De Dat De Dum [1956]
0147 - Nightcaps - Sweet Thing/Tough Mama [1956]
0149 - Charles Calhoun - My Pigeon's Gone/Jamboree [1956]
0150 - Mr. Bear & His Bearcats - Radar/Mr. Bear Comes To Town [1956]
0151 - Big Al Sears - Love Call/Rock & Roll Ball [1956]
0152 - Varetta Dillard - Gonna Tell My Daddy/Cherry Blossom [1956]
0153 - Beverly Wright - Shake Til I'm Shook/Don't Let The Sun Catch You Crying [1956]
0154 - The Twilighters - Sitting In A Corner/It's A Cold Rainy Day [1956]
0155 - Johnny Byrd (Mr. Blues) - 22 Minutes/The Last Laugh Will Be On You [1956]
0156 - The Dappers - Unwanted Love/That's All That's All That's All [1956]
0157 - Rebecca Lee - The Devil Hates You/Willie [1956]
0158 - The Nitecaps - You May Not Know/Bamboo Rock & Roll [1956]
0159 - Varetta Dillard - Got You on My Mind/Skinny Jimmy [1956]

0160 - King Curtis - Movin On/Rockabye Baby [1956]
0161 - Roy Gaines - Worried About You/All My Life [1956]
0162 - Clayton Love - Mary Lou/Bye Bye Baby [1956]
0163 - The Collegians - Blue Solitude/Please Let Me Be the One [1956]
0164 - Mickey & Sylvia - No Good Lover/Walking In the Rain [1956]
0165 - Ann Gilbert - Tall Boy/There Will Never Be Another You [1956]
0166 - Big Al Sears - Hear The Beat/Great Googa Mooga [1956]
0167 - Varetta Dillard - If You Want To Be My Baby/I Miss You Jimmy [1956]
0168 - Sue Allen & Oscar Black - If I Cry Tomorrow/Into Each Heart (Some Rain Must Fall) [1956]
0169 - Piano Red - You Were Mine For A While/Ooh-Wee [1956]
0170 - El Venos - Now We're Together/Geraldine [1956]
0171 - Jack Dupree & Mr. Bear - Lonely Road Blues/When I Get Married [1956]
0172 - Anne Alford - Give Up And Tell/It's Heavenly [1956]
0173 - Frank Brunson - Charmaine/I Believe In you [1956]
0174 - Avalons - Sugar Sugar/Funny But It's True [1956]
0175 - Mickey & Sylvia - Love Is Strange/I'm Going Home [1956]
0176 - Nightcaps - In Each Corner Of My Heart/Let Me Know Tonight [1956]
0177 - Varetta Dillard - One More Time/I Can't Help Myself [1956]
0178 - Bobby & Melvin-Forever And A Day/She's Got Eyes [1956]

5000 Series

5000 – Piano Red – Rockin' with Red/Red's Boogie
5001 – Big Maceo – Worried Life Blues/Chicago Breakdown
5002 – Jazz Gillum – Tell Me Mama/Key to the Highway
5003 – Lonnie Johnson – He's a Jelly-Roll Baker/Fly Right Baby
5004 – Lil Green – Romance in the Dark/Why Don't You Do Right?
5005 – Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup – Mean Old Frisco Blues/Rock Me Mamma
5006 – Dr. Clayton – Honey Stealin' Blues/Hold That Train, Conductor
5007 – Johnny Hodges Orchestra – Things Ain't What They Used to Be/Passion Flower

Groove Label 1960's Series Discography:

Groove GM 1000 LP Series:

GM 1000 - *Charlie Rich* - **Charlie Rich** [1964] Big Boss Man/River, Stay 'Way From My Door/Big Jack/Mountain Dew/She Loved Everybody but Me/Let Me Go My Merry Way//Ol' Man River/The Grass is Always Greener/The Ways of a Woman in Love/Why, Oh Why/Rosanna Now/Are You Still My Baby

GM 1001 - *Here's Jack Scott* - **Jack Scott** [1964] This record may or may not have been released, in 40 years of record collecting, I have never seen a copy of this album or a copy for sale on any auction list. I got the track listing from Steve Kolanjian (who wrote the liner notes on the Jack Scott Capitol Collectors Series CD), he got the information from a Jack Scott British Fanzine. It's possible the album was only released in Canada if at all. I Don't Believe In Tea Leaves/I Knew You First/Wiggle On Out/There's Trouble Brewin'/Thou Shalt Not Steal/Flakey John/What A Wonderful Night Out/I Prayed For an Angel/Tall Tales/Blue Skies (Moving In on Me)/Separation's Now Granted

1960's Series Singles:

- 1 – Sonny James – Young Love/Broken Wings [1961]
- 2 – Barry Richards – Last Night a Heart was Broken/What Are You Some Kind of Nut [1961]
- 3 – Ned Landry – Rockin' Fiddle/Western Twist [1961] Released in Canada only.
- 4 – Omegas – Midnight Run/I Wanna Go Home [1961]
- 5 – Laddins – That's what You Do to Me/Try Try Again [1961]
- 6 – Val Martinez – Fools Rush In/Just to be Where You Are [1962]
- 7 – Wally Mack – Crazy Love/Wally's Twist [1962]

1960's New Numbering Series Singles:

- 0001 – Lenny Miles – Stay With Me/Hercules [1963]
- 0002 – Marty Paich – Love is in the Air/Rosanna Theme [1963]
- 0003 – Ginger and the Chiffons – She/Where Were You Last Night [1963]
- 0004 – Tam Duffill – Cooly Dooly/You Put the Hurt on Me [1963]
- 0005 – Thunder Lee – I Won't Be Your Fool No More/Too Late for Tears [1963]
- 0006 – Blue Chips – One Hen/Promise [1963]
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- 0008
- 0009 – Johnny Kongos and the G-Men – Johnny and the Murmaid/Raunchy Twist [1963]
- 0010 – Lenny Miles – I Wouldn't Be Here/Mind Your Own Biz [1963]
- 0011 – Layton Williams –Carpetbaggers/Mama Pinch a Penny [1963]
- 0012 – Big Loser – This is Monte/Save a Kiss at Your Wedding [1963]
- 0013 – Tony Della Malva – Quando, Quando, Quando/Bambina, Bambina [1963]
- 0014 – Avalons – Where We Going [1963]
- 0015
- 0016 – Lovelace Watkins – Tender Love/Ma Cherie Au Revoir [1963]

0017 – Justin Tubb – Here I Sit a-Waiting/Take a Letter, Miss Gray [1963]
0018 – Johnny Nash – Helpless/I've Got a Lot to Offer Darling [1963]
0019 – Justin Tubb – Little Miss Lonesome/Sorry About the World Out There [1963]
0020 – Charlie Rich – The Grass is Always Greener/She Loved Everybody But Me [1963]
0021 – Johnny Nash – Deep in the Heart of Harlem/What Kind of Love is This [1963]
0022 – Avons – Oh, Gee Baby/Push a Little a Harder [1963]
0023 – Lovelace Watkins – I Won't Believe It/He's Lookin' Out for the World [1963]
0024 – Justin Tubb – As Long as There's a Sunday/When Love Goes Wrong [1963]
0025 – Charlie Rich – Big Boss Man/Let Me Go My Merry Way [1963]
0026 – Johnny Nash – It's No Good For Me/Town of Lonely Hearts [1963]
0027 – Jack Scott – There's Trouble Brewin'/Jingle Bell Slide [1963]
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0029 – Narvel Felts – Mountain of Love/The End of My World is Near [1963]
0030 – Johnny Nash – I'm Leaving/Oh Mary Don't You Weep [1964]
0031 – Jack Scott – Blue Skies (Movin' in on Me)/I Knew You First [1964]
0032 – Charlie Rich – Lady Love/Why, Oh Why [1964]
0033 – Avons – Words Written on the Water/Rolling Stone [1964]
0034 – Justin Tubb – If I Miss You (Half as Much as I Have Loved You)/John Mason Whitney III [1964]
0035 – Charlie Rich – The Ways of a Woman in Love/My Mountain Dew [1964]
0036 – Mumford Family Band – After the Tears/Tea and Trumpets [1964]
0037 – Jack Scott – Wiggle on Out/What a Wonderful Night Out [1964]
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0039 – Avons – Whatever Happened to Our Love/Tonight Kiss Your Baby Goodbye [1964]
0040 – Floyd Robinson – Suppose/My Little Martian [1964]
0041 – Charlie Rich – Nice 'N' Easy/Turn Around and Face Me [1964]
0042 – Jack Scott – Thou Shalt Not Steal/I Prayed for an Angel [1964]
0043 – Junior and the Classics – The Dog/Birmingham [1964]
0044 – Johnnie Ray – One Life/Sometime Love [1964]
0045 – Carmen Cole – I Won't Cry/Little Darlin' [1964]
0046 – Channels – Anything You Do/I've Got My Eyes on You [1964]
0047 – Justin Tubb – Prematurely Blue/You'll Never Get a Better Chance (Than This) [1964]
0048 – Mincy Twins – Once Upon a New York Sunday/School Girl [1964]
0049 – Jack Scott – Flakey John/Tall Tales [1964]
0050 – Sugar and Spice – I Got a Man/Easy Squeezin' [1964]
0051 – Mike Daniels – Emily/Youngblood Hawke Theme [1964]
0052 – Della Rae – Happy Day/Someone, Sometime [1964]

0053 – Dian James – High Blood Pressure/Welcome Stranger [1964]
0054 – Ray Griff – Don't Lead Me On/That Weepin' Willow Tree [1965]
0055 – Skip Battin – Searchin'/Mr. Responsibility [1965]
0056 – Pageants – Make It Last/She is Your Girl [1965]
0057 – Carmen Cole – Bobby Darlin'/I Just Don't Understand [1965]
0058 – Magnets – Surprise/You Just Say the Word [1965]
0059 – Margie Mills – Look Who's Crying on My Shoulder/What About Mine [1965]
0060 – Mark Robbin – Little Ole Love Maker/Makin' Love [1965]
0061 – Channels – Old Chinatown/You Can Count On Me [1965]
0062 – Della Rae – Hurry Up Summer/It's My Face [1965]
0063 – Ray Griff – Golden Years/Tongue Twistin' Time [1965]
0064 – Dian James – all You Have to Do is Ask/Some Kind A' Wonderful [1965]
0065 – Skip Battin – Ten Feet Tall/What's Mine is Mine [1965]
0066 – Shelley Shopp and the Shakers – Big Man/Fair Shake [1965]