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Duke Ellington & Johnny Hodges: Side By Side (45rpm, 200g-edition)

Format: 2LPs 45rpm / standard sleeve

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When Norman Granz signed Johnny Hodges to a recording contract in 1951, it was a prelude to Hodges' leaving the Duke Ellington orchestra to lead his own small band. Four years later Hodges was back in the Ellington fold, but he continued to record for Granz under his own name. "Side By Side", recorded in 1958 and 1959, is a throwback to the small-group sessions Ellington recorded with Hodges and other members of his orchestra in the Thirties, but with a couple of important differences: the absence of Ellington himself on several cuts (with Billy Strayhorn taking over on piano), and the presence of such notable non-Ellingtonians as drummer Jo Jones and trumpeters Roy Eldridge and Harry 'Sweets' Edison.

"Side By Side" - Johnny Hodges (as); Ben Webster (ts); Harry Edison, Roy Eldridge (tp); Lawrence Brown (tb); Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn (p); Al Hall, Wendell Marshall (b); Leslie Spann (g, fl); Jo Jones (dr)