



Pure Pleasure BCP-20

Chris Connor: This Is Chris

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During 1953-1955, singer Chris Connor recorded regularly for Bethlehem. This LP has her final recordings for the label (before moving to Atlantic) with such fine sidemen as Herbie Mann (doubling on flute and tenor), pianist Ralph Sharon, guitarist Joe Puma, bassist Milt Hinton, and drummer Osie Johnson. The two-trombone team of J.J. Johnson and Kai Winding (which had recently become very popular) is prominent on four of the ten selections. Connor's cool tone, subtle, emotional delivery and haunting voice were perfect for the music of the 1950s. Highlights of this superior set include "The Thrill Is Gone", "Blame It On My Youth", and "I Concentrate On You", but all ten numbers are rewarding.

Recording: April 1955 in New York City by Tom Dowd

Production: Creed Taylordeutsch  
"This Is Chris" - Chris Connor (voc); J. J. Johnson, Kai Winding (tb);  
Herbie Mann (fl, ts); Joe Puma (g); Ralph Sharon (p); Milt Hinton (b); Osie Johnson (dr)