THE VOICES FROM THE ORIGINAL SOUND TRACK ALBUM • MGM RECORDS DELUXE EDITION

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD
OF THE BROTHERS GRIMM

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THE VOICES OF

LAURENCE HARVEY • KARL BOEHM
JIM BACKUS • TERRY-THOMAS • BUDDY HACKETT
YVETTE MIMIEUX • RUSS TAMBLYN

FROM THE ORIGINAL SOUND TRACK

Narration by
CHARLES RUGGLES
Written by
DAVID P. HARMON

Words and Music by
BOB MERRILL
Album Orchestra Conducted by
GUS LEVENE
Once upon a time in far away Bavaria there lived two brothers, Wilhelm and Jacob Grimm. Jacob was the older, and he was very studious. In fact, he was writing a dictionary of the German language. Wilhelm was also studious, but not very. He preferred to be with his pretty wife and his happy children. And he spent his time writing fairy stories filled with dragons and fairies and magic. Wilhelm’s children loved his stories, just as all children love them today.

But the brothers worked for a mean old Duke who wanted them to write a story about his life, instead of writing their dictionaries and fairy tales. As you listen to the record, you’ll find out how difficult this Duke made life for the Brothers Grimm.

One of Wilhelm’s favorite stories was The Dancing Princess. It has everything in it that children love. It has a lovely princess and a poor woodman who wants to marry her. It has magic in a cloak that makes anyone who wears it disappear. It has a king who chops off people’s heads. And it has a mystery that the woodman had to solve to save his head and win the princess.

The Cobbler And The Elves is another wonderful story because, at the end, a good and kind man receives a magical reward. If you believe in elves, then you’ll love this story because there are four wonderful elves in it, and they save the day for the kind old cobbler.

On side two of this album you’ll hear a story about a dragon, a cowardly knight, and the knight’s brave servant. Hans, the servant, kills a huge dragon, but Ludwig, the cowardly knight, kills Hans so the servant can’t get the reward for slaying the dragon. You’ll be thrilled to learn how Ludwig is punished for his deed, and how the brave Hans is rewarded.

While gathering their beloved fairy tales for his book, Wilhelm caught a bad cold and it appeared that he might die. While he lay in his bed with a high fever, he was visited by all the famous fairy tale characters who would never be born if Wilhelm didn’t live to put them into a story book. These characters inspired Wilhelm to live. And, even better, the king soon sent the Brothers Grimm a message telling them that they were to be given a great honor for writing their wonderful books. But imagine their dismay when they learned that the honor would be for their dictionaries and not for their fairy tales. However, Jacob and Wilhelm received the greatest honor of all for their stories when they arrived in Berlin. They were greeted by thousands and thousands of children who begged the brothers to tell them a story.

So the Brothers Grimm knew that they had pleased children everywhere, and, as they used to write at the end of their stories, they lived happily ever after...

About The Motion Picture The Wonderful World Of The Brothers Grimm is the first film in Cinerama that tells a dramatic story. In magical Technicolor, the Story of the Grimm Brothers and the truly wonderful world that they created with their fairy tales, comes to vivid life on the immense Cinerama screen.

About The Album MGM Records presents this album proudly because it captures on records the air of enchantment that makes The Wonderful World Of The Brothers Grimm such a completely captivating motion picture. The songs by Bob Merrill were especially adapted for this album by Gus Levene, who also conducted the orchestra. David P. Harmon, who wrote the screen story, also wrote the narration for Charles Ruggles, and directed the recording. The album was produced by Jesse Kaye.

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with the voices from the sound track of
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Jim Backus — Terry-Thomas — Buddy Hackett

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