

Records Over the Nation

A Dealer Survey of Top Record Sellers

City and Store	Popular Singles	Popular Albums	Classical Singles	Classical Albums
BIRMINGHAM (Stairway to Music)	All I Want for Christmas (RCA)	Dorothy Shay (C)	Clair de Lune (RCA)	I Can Hear It Now (C)
BOSTON (Boston Music Co.) (Mosher Music Co.)	All I Want for Christmas (RCA) I've Got My Love (C)	I Can Hear It Now (C) Sidewalks of New York (D)	Because (RCA) Mozart Symphony No. 26 (RCA)	Gaité Parisienne (C) Piano Quartet Encores (RCA)
CHICAGO (Hudson-Ross, Inc.)	All I Want for Christmas (RCA)	Brigadoon (RCA)	Bluebird of Happiness (RCA)	I Can Hear It Now (C)
CINCINNATI (Steinberg's, Inc.)	All I Want for Christmas (RCA)	Merry Christmas (D)	Fauré Pavane (C)	I Can Hear It Now (C)
DALLAS (The Record Shop) (Whittle Music Co.)	Buttons and Bows (C) Buttons and Bows (C)	Dorothy Shay (C) Night Before Christmas (D)	Dream of Olwen (C) Hallelujah Chorus (RCA)	Chopin Favorites (RCA) Chopin Preludes (RCA)
DETROIT (Campus Record Shop) (Doubleday Book Shop)	A Little Bird (D) A Little Bird (D)	Merry Christmas (D) I Can Hear It Now (C)	Fauré Pavane (C) Bach-Christmas Oratorio (RCA)	Christmas Carols-Shaw (RCA) Hamlet (RCA)
KANSAS CITY (Jenkins Music Co.)	A Little Bird (D)	Auld Lang Syne (D)	Bluebird (RCA)	Piano Quartet Encores (RCA)
MEMPHIS (Words & Music)	A Little Bird (D)	Roses in Rhythm (C)	Clair de Lune (RCA)	Piano Quartet Encores (RCA)
MINNEAPOLIS (Don Leary's, Inc.)	A Little Bird (D)	Hits from the Hills (RCA)	Clair de Lune (RCA)	I Can Hear It Now (C)
NASHVILLE (MU Sound System)	Buttons and Bows (C)	Vaughn Monroe (RCA)	Clair de Lune (RCA)	I Can Hear It Now (C)
NEW ORLEANS (Van Husen Music Co.)	A Little Bird (D)	Merry Christmas (D)	Mignon-Di Stefano (RCA)	Rachmaninoff Concerto No. 2 (RCA)
NEW YORK (Doubleday Book Shop) (Dynamic Electronics) (Haynes Griffin) (Heins & Bolet) (Liberty Music Shops) (Rabson's)	A Little Bird (D) Cuanto le Gusta (D) Buttons and Bows (C) A Little Bird (D) A Little Bird (D) Buttons and Bows (C)	I Can Hear It Now (C) Perfume Set to Music (RCA) Manhattan Tower (D) Student Prince (C) Words and Music (MGM) Previn Plays (RCA)	Fauré Pavane (C) Bachianas (C) Buxtehude Cantata (RCA) Et incarnatus est (RCA) Bachianas (C) Buxtehude Cantata (RCA)	Hamlet (RCA) I Can Hear It Now (C) I Can Hear It Now (C) Hamlet (RCA) Bartók Concerto for Orchestra (C) Pictures at an Exhibition (RCA)
OMAHA (Lyon & Healy, Inc.)	Buttons and Bows (C)	Manhattan Tower (D)	Clair de Lune (RCA)	I Can Hear It Now (C)
PHILADELPHIA (Jacobs Bros.)	Buttons and Bows (C)	Brigadoon (RCA)	Järnefelt Praeludium (RCA)	I Can Hear It Now (C)
PORTLAND, ORE. (The Record Shop) (Sherman Clay & Co.)	All I Want for Christmas (RCA) Buttons and Bows (C)	Night Before Christmas (D) Merry Christmas (D)	Hallelujah Chorus (RCA) Bluebird (RCA)	I Can Hear It Now (C) Christmas Carols-Shaw (RCA)
ST. LOUIS (Doubleday Book Shop)	Buttons and Bows (C)	I Can Hear It Now (C)	Hallelujah Chorus (RCA)	Midsummer Night's Dream (RCA)
WASHINGTON, D. C. (Brentano's)	Slow Boat to China (C)	African Veldt (D)	Bluebird (RCA)	I Can Hear It Now (C)

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Key: C--Columbia D--Decca RCA--Victor

Leaders: This month's poll reflects the records favored in last-minute Christmas buying. "Buttons and Bows" is still in the running among popular singles for the third month in a row but is equaled now by "A Little Bird Told Me." Old favorites reappear in the classical single column, Iturbi's "Clair de Lune" being the disc most in demand. The big winner of the month is Columbia's "I Can Hear It Now." Reported both as a popular and classical album, the Murrow montage totals fifteen entries.



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By LLOYD C. DOUGLAS

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