



Sinatra Sings...

for Nixon and Agnew
Live At The White House

NIXON'S BEST DECISION



Recalling the White House night in her book *Frank Sinatra: An American Legend*, Nancy Sinatra wrote: "Dad was invited by President Nixon to perform at a White House dinner for Giulio Andreotti, president of Italy. President Nixon wrote to me on Jan 30, 1984, that: 'My most vivid memory is of that occasion when he sang at the White House after the dinner we gave for the president of Italy. When it was announced that he would sing, some of the

critics wrote to me, objecting that because of his 'background', he should not have been invited, I thought this was nonsense and responded in that vein... I felt that he was one of the nation's outstanding performing artists and that our guests from Italy could not feel more complimented than to have him perform on that occasion'.

"Mr Nixon said that he considered it one of his best decisions. And I wondered who some of the 'critics' were. Apparently they had not read the New York Times on Dad's 'politics of fantasy', or perhaps they were under a rock when members of Congress publicly apologised to him. Nixon warmly introduced my father as 'The Washington Monument of Entertainment'. With Nelson Riddle conducting, Dad sang *The House I Live In* and 10 other popular numbers over the next 40 minutes. 'Once in a while,' Nixon recalled, beaming with satisfaction, 'there is a moment when there is magic in the room, when a singer is able to move us and capture us all. Frank Sinatra has done that tonight.' Dad was moved to tears. At the end of the evening, Nixon took him aside and said, 'You must get out of retirement.' Dad replied, 'Mr President, after tonight, I'll have to think about it'."

Sinatra had retired in June 1971 but was persuaded back in June 1973 to record *O! Blue Eyes Is Back*. Sinatra's earliest political involvement was campaigning for the Democrats back in 1960, first for John F Kennedy than later, in 1968, for Hubert Humphrey. Later he switched sides and supported Richard Nixon for president against the Democratic candidate George McGovern. He then became a Republican supporter till the September of his years. – **The Naughty Dog**

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- 2 You Make Me Feel So Young
- 3 Moonlight In Vermont
- 4 One For My Baby
- 5 I've Got You Under My Skin
- 6 I Have Dreamed
- 7 Fly Me To The Moon
- 8 Try A Little Tenderness
- 9 Ol' Man River
- 10 I've Got The World On A String
- 11 Sinatra thanks Nixon and talks about
the dignity of the President's office.
- 12 The House I Live In

This is the complete unedited concert at the White House on April 17,
1973 in Washington in honor of the visiting Italian President.

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