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## Side One

1. **PACSIRTA** The Lark (3:35)
2. **MAGYAR ÁBRAND** Hungarian Fantasy (4:50)
3. **NÓTACSOKOR** Medley (7:45)
4. **SARKANTYÚS VERBUNK** Recruiting Dance (3:05)
5. **NÓTACSOKOR** Medley (6:25)

## Side Two

1. **RITKA BÚZA** Wheat and Barley } (3:35)  
2. **CASINÓ CSÁRDÁS** Casino Czardas }
2. **ÉRIK A HAJLIK A BÚZAKALÁSZ** Undulating Wheat Fields } (2:25)  
3. **HAJLIK A RÓZSAFA** Bowing Rose Bush }
3. **REPÜLJ FECSKÉM** Fly, My Swallow (4:10)
4. **BADACSONYI KÉKNYELŐ** Balaton Wine } (2:10)  
5. **PAPRIKA, SÓ** Paprika and Salt }
5. **LAVOTTA SZERENAD** Lovotta Serenade (3:20)
6. **MAGAS A KASZÁRNYA** How High the Barracks Are ... } (2:40)  
7. **NEM VAGYOK ÉN** I Am Not ... }
7. **HA MADÁRKA VOLNEK** If I Were A Little Bird }
7. **PALOTÁS ÉS FRISS** Two Dances (4:20)

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Side One, Bands 1-5; Side Two, Bands 5, 6, 7.

HUNGARIAN GYPSY ORCHESTRA conducted by Sándor Lakatos  
Side Two, Bands 1-4.

In the fall of 1972 the Rajko Hungarian Gypsy Ensemble of musicians and dancers invaded the United States. The 35 performers, whose average age is 17, brought the house down night after night with a program described by the Philadelphia Inquirer's Daniel Webster as "fast, frenzied, passionate." "Rajko is literally translated as "Gypsy Youth" and every member of the company is descended from Gypsy musicians—singers, dancers, violinists and violin makers. Whether in the traditional czardas or the lively dances of the mountains, Rajko is the most successful Gypsy group to visit the United States in many years. The recording opens with "The Lark," one of their most famous and successful numbers, and continues with a varied repertory which defies the listener not to beat time to the exciting and pulsating music.

Although the majority of the selections on this recording are performed by the Rajko Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra, four of the numbers on Side Two are played by the Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra of Sandor Lakatos who is, as every visitor to Budapest can testify, one of the major musical attractions in the Hungarian capitol.

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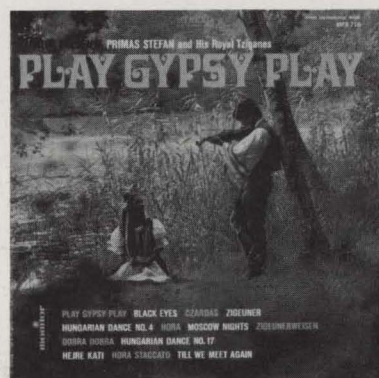
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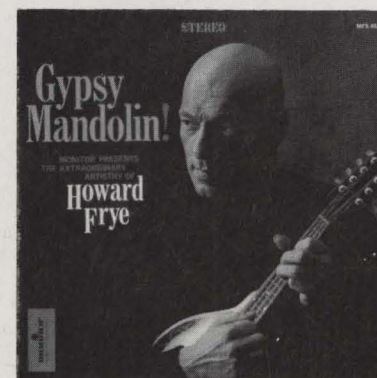
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