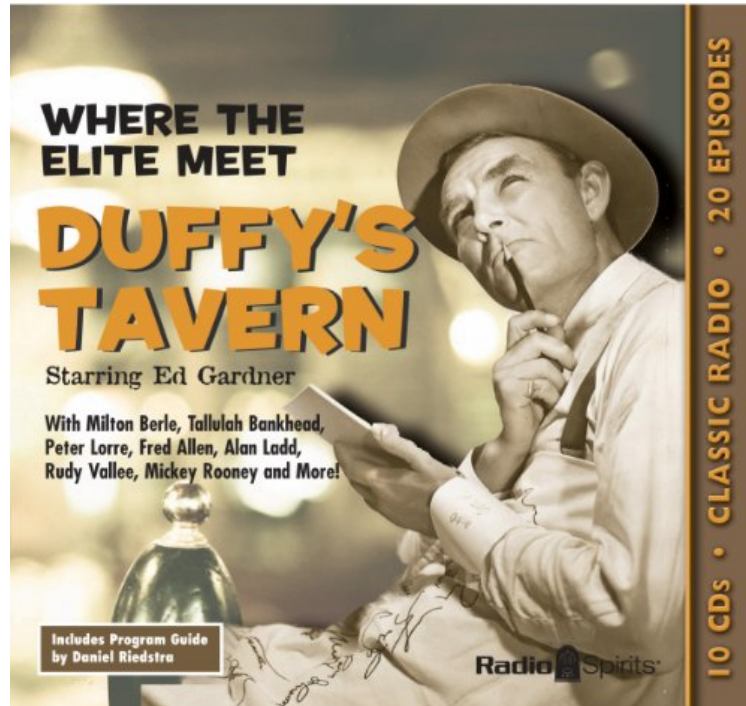


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A GREAT CLASSIC RADIO COMEDY! By Joseph Baneth Allen Just finished listening to "Duffy's Tavern - Where The Elite Meet" released by Radio Spirits. Created in 1937 by advertising executive/radio writer/director Ed Gardner, "Duffy's Tavern" first aired as a one-shot episode back in the summer of 1940 on CBS's Forecast radio program before it was picked up for a 13-week trail run in 1941. The quirkiness of Archie the Bartender, master of the malaprop; Eddie the Snarky Waiter, the ever faithful employee; Miss Duffy, the boss' man-crazed daughter; Clifton Finnegan, dim-witted childhood pal of Archie; the never-present Duffy himself endeared themselves to listeners and the program enjoyed 10-year run - seven of which saw the radio show being aired live from Puerto Rico because the island had declared a 12-year tax holiday in 1947 in order to attract new industry - which caused Gardner to jump at the chance because the tax-man's take of his income and profits from "Duffy's Tavern" - which included a hit spin-off movie - hit him heavy in the pocket book. Guest stars who appeared on the show were paid with an all-expense paid vacation to Puerto Rico. Interestingly, "Duffy's Tavern," provoked a lot of ire in some quarters because of the title. Some listeners were upset that the radio show took place in an imaginary tavern - showing that even back then - people were easily offended. The shows in this collection were originally rebroadcast over the armed services radio network. My favorite episodes in this collection are: "Guest: Tallulah Bankhead;" "Guest: Mickey Rooney;" "Guest: Archie Has His Tonsils Out;" "Finnegan the Millionaire;" and "Guest: Peggy Lee." Great traditional radio comedy with a lot of sexual innuendo that somehow got past the censors. Of

particular note: "Duffy's Tavern - Where The Elite Meet" was made and released before Radio Spirits switched manufactures that now produce the cheaper, easily breakable cases. Radio Spirits should return to what worked in the past in housing their collections.HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!FiVESTARS!

That opening line invited listeners to enjoy the weekly exploits of Archie the Bartender, master of the malaprop; Eddie the Waiter, the ever faithful employee; Miss Duffy, the boss' man-crazed daughter; Clifton Finnegan, dim-witted childhood pal of Archie; the never-present Duffy himself; and just about any famous personage of stage, screen, radio, or music that might drop in at the tavern, usually to try and fulfill one of Archie's misguided endeavors.Ed Gardner stars alongside Eddie Green, Charlie Cantor, Shirley Booth, Florence Halop, and Sandra Gould. Adding to the mirth and madness are a parade of guest stars - including Milton Berle, Tallulah Bankhead, Peter Lorre, Fred Allen, Alan Ladd, Peggy Lee, Louella Parsons, George Jessel, Rudy Vallee, Mickey Rooney, and more - who drop in to match wits with Archie and the gang!Includes 20 digitally remastered episodes and a Program Guide by Daniel Riedstra.EPISODES INCLUDE: Guest: Milton Berle 01-05-43; Guest: Tallulah Bankhead 06-01-43; Guests: Peter Lorre and Raffles the Talking Mynah Bird 10-19-43; Guest: Fred Allen 01-04-44; Guest: Gracie Fields 02-29-44; Guest: Gertrude Lawrence 03-14-44; Guest: Carole Landis 04-11-44; Guest: Ransom Sherman 06-27-44; Finnegan The Millionaire 04-06-45; Guest: Deems Taylor 09-28-45; Eddie Quits (Guest: Maxie Rosenbloom) 11-09-45; Guest: Alan Ladd 01-04-46; Guest: Peggy Lee 02-01-46; Archie Has To Have His Tonsils Out 02-08-46; Archie Returns From Hospital 02-22-46; Archie the Horticulturist 03-01-46; Guest: Louella Parsons 11-06-46; Guests: George Jessel and Rudy Vallee 11-05-47; Guest: Jean Sablon 12-03-47; Guest: Mickey Rooney 03-02-49