

Annette Funicello – albums and singles

Annette Joanne Funicello (October 22, 1942 – April 8, 2013) was an American actress and singer. Funicello began her professional career as a child performer at the age of twelve.

She rose to prominence as one of the most popular "Mouseketeers" on the original *Mickey Mouse Club*. As a teenager, she transitioned to a successful career as a singer with the pop singles "O Dio Mio," "Tall Paul" and "Pineapple Princess", as well as establishing herself as a film actress, popularizing the successful "Beach Party" genre alongside co-star Frankie Avalon during the mid-1960s.

Funicello, Annette Custom City/Rebel Rider Buena Vista 432 (US) 1964

Leon piano on both

Funicello, Annette Muscle Beach Party/I Dream About Frankie Buena Vista 433 (US) 1964

Leon piano on 1

LPs:

Funicello, Annette **Muscle Beach Party** Buena Vista S-3314 (US) 1964

Muscle Beach Party*
 A Girl Needs A Boy
 Surfer's Holiday
 I Dream About Frankie
 Muscle Bustle
 Merlin Jones
 Custom City*
 Draggin USA*
 Rebel Rider
 Waikiki*
 Shut Down Again*
 The Scrambled Egghead

Leon piano* - recorded March 1964.





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Annette at Bikini Beach

Buena Visa 3324 (US) 9.1964

Bikini Beach
 Because You're You
 Secret Weapon (piano!)
 This Time It's Love
 How About That
 Happy Feeling
 The Clyde (organ)
 Let's Twist Again (piano)
 Wah Watusi (piano)
 Blame It On The Bossa Nova (organ – solo!)
 Jamaica Ska
 Monkey's Uncle

The backing sounds like The Wrecking Crew all over - with Leon on piano. The saxophone is the featured solo instrument with short, but fine solos. "Monkey's Uncle" has the finest surf backup singing. Must be some known singers like The Fantastic Baggys or from Beach Boys. Nice it is. Several of the tracks on the album, was not in the movie.

In the movie more singers are performing, but none of them are on the album.

(Little Stevie Wonder (14 years) is singing "Happy Feeling" in the movie. Frankie Avalon is singing "How About That" and "Because You're You" as a duet with Annette. Donna Loren sings "Secret Weapon", but not on the record.)