

James Darren – singles and LPs – born **James William Ercolani** (born June 8, 1936)
 Darren have released records from 1959-1978, starred in movies and TV-series and have directed several TV-shows and -series. Still active into the 2010's. Married in 1960 to Danish beauty queen Evy Norlund.

Leon could be present from 1962 onwards.

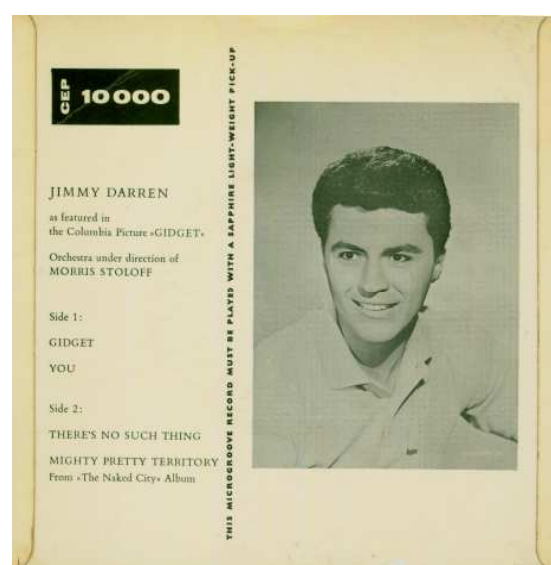


1022 Darren, James *I Don't Wanna Lose Ya/Angel Face* Colpix CP 119 (US) 1959

1: With 4 Blossoms vocal group – arr. and cond. by George Duning –
 2: Arr. & cond. Bob Mersey – prod. Heckey Krasnow

Darren, James Those Teenage Tears/Let There Be Love Colpix CP 130 (US) 1959
 Darren, James Those Teenage Tears/Let There Be Love Colpix CP 15003 (DK) 1959



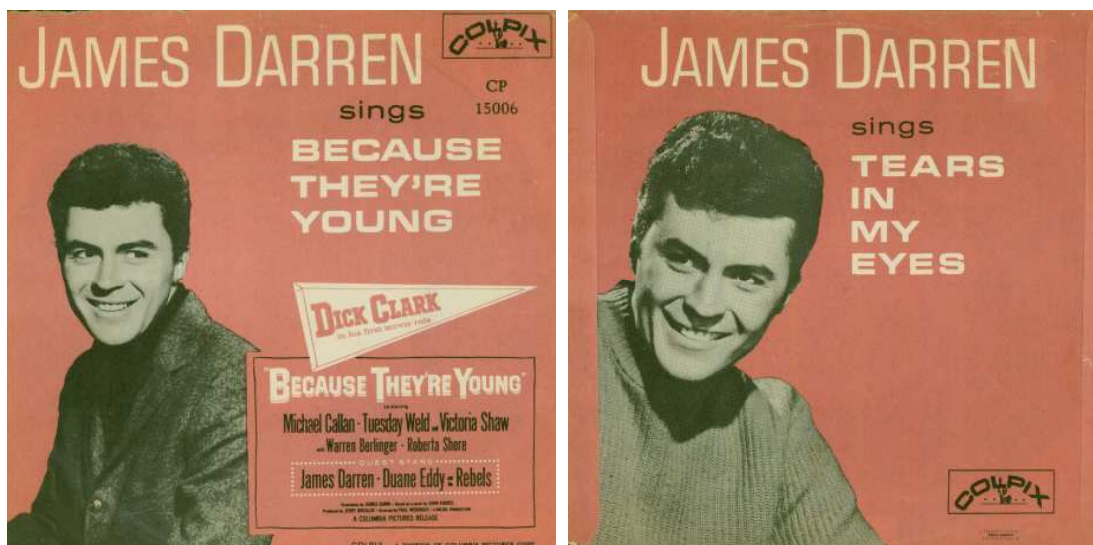


0948	Darren, James	<i>Gidget/There's No Such Thing</i>	Colpix CP 15000 (DK)	1959
0466	Darren, James	<i>Gidget/You/There's No Such Thing/ Mighty Pretty Territory</i>	Colpix CEP 1000 (DK)	1959

Orch. cond. by Morris Stoloff. Nice crooning with a fine and big orchestra. Note it's "Jimmy" not "James". Both songs from the movie "Gidget".

Darren, James	<i>Man About Town/ Until The Real Thing Comes Along</i>	Colpix CP 168 (US)	1960
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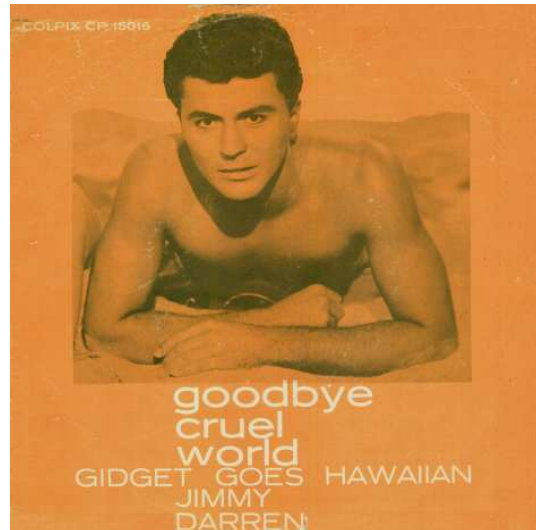
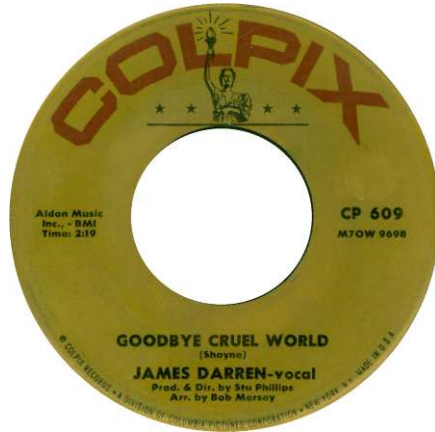
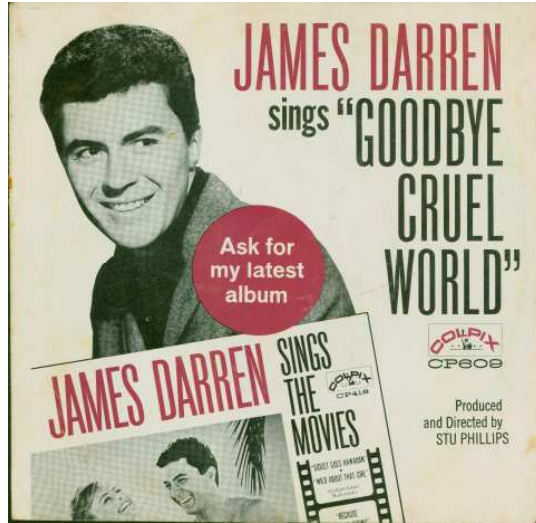
Darren, James	Man About Town/ Until The Real Thing Comes Along	Colpix CP 15002 (DK)	1960
Darren, James	Travelling Down A Lonely Road/P.S. I Love You	Colpix CP 145 (US)	1960
Darren, James	Travelling Down A Lonely Road/P.S. I Love You	Colpix CP 15005 (DK)	1960

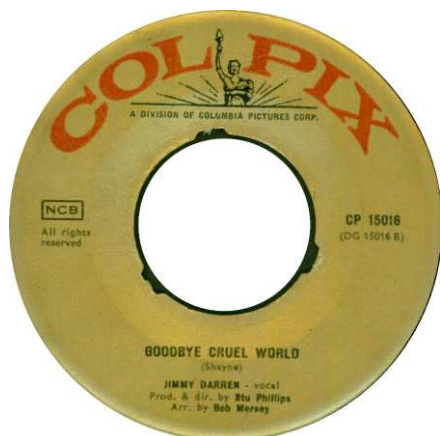


1335	Darren, James	<i>Because They're Young/Tears In My Eyes</i>	Colpix CP 142 (US)	1960
1335	Darren, James	<i>Because They're Young/Tears In My Eyes</i>	Colpix CP 15006 (DK)	1960

Thumbing Leon-like "rhythm piano" on both, but it can't be Leon in 1960. Arr. and cond. George Duning. Track 2 sounds like an early "Wrecking Crew" recording, with strong guitar, piano and drums. But in 1960...?

Darren, James	All The Young Men/Come On My Love	Colpix CP 155 (US)	1960
Darren, James	All The Young Men/Come On My Love	Colpix CP 15008 (DK)	1960
Darren, James	Gidget Goes Hawaiian/Wild About The Girl	Colpix CP 189 (US)	1961
Darren, James	Hand In Hand/You Are My Dream	Colpix CP 194 (US)	1961

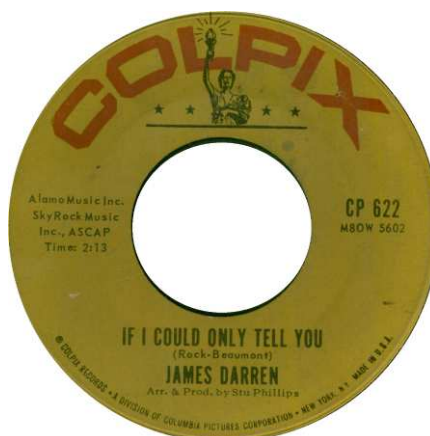




0378	Darren, James	<i>Goodbye Cruel World/Valerie</i>	<i>Colpix CP 609 (US)</i>	1961
0465	Darren, James	<i>Goodbye Cruel World/Gidget Goes Hawaiian</i>	<i>Colpix CP 15016 (DK)</i>	1961

“Goodbye...”: Another track sounding like the “Wrecking Crew” with heavy drums. Piano too.
 “Valerie”: Tinkling piano like on so many other Leon tracks. Could be Leon tracks, despite from 1961.
 Both arr. by Bob Mersey. Prod. & dir. Stu Phillips.

“Gidget goes...” Hoola choir and Hawaii-guitar and violins, lots! No piano. Again “Jimmy” on the cover.
 Arr. and prod. by Stu Phillips. Orch. cond. by Billy May.

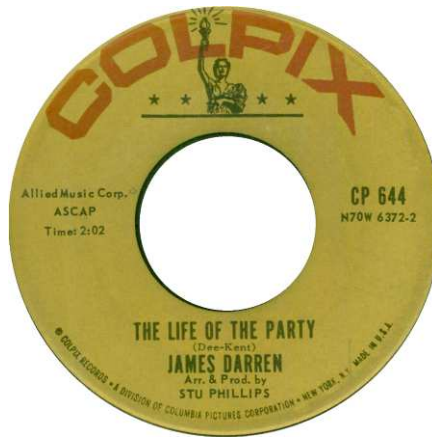




0949 Darren, James *Her Royal Majesty/If I Could Only Tell You* Colpix CP 622 (US) 1962
 1449 Darren, James *Her Royal Majesty/If I Could Only Tell You* Colpix CP 15022 (DK) 1962

1. Heavy brass arr. no piano. A catchy Goffin/King tune.
 2: Violins all over... no piano. Both arr. and prod. by Stu Phillips.

Darren, James *Conscience/Dream Big* Colpix CP 630 (US) 1962



0565 Darren, James *The Life of the Party/Mary's Little Lamb* Colpix CP 644 (US) 1962

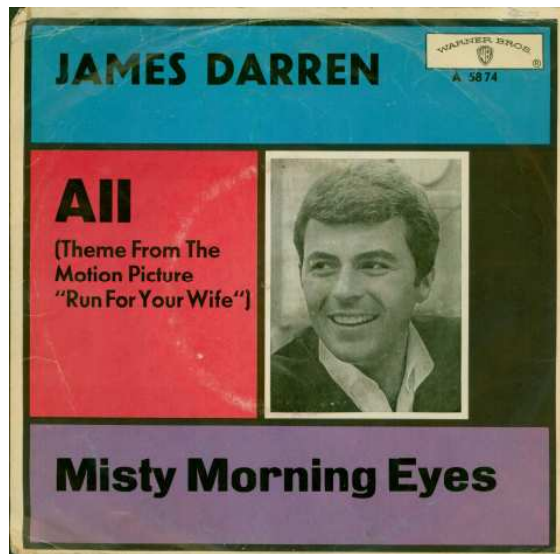
Leon all over 1!! A nice up-tempo song. No piano on 2.
 Arr. and prod. by Stu Phillips

Darren, James *Hail, To The Conquering Hero/ Too Young To Go Steady* Colpix CP 655 (US) 1962



1450	Darren, James	<i>I'll Be Loving You/Hear What I Wanna Hear</i>	<i>Colpix CP 664 (US)</i>	1962
		<i>No piano on 1 – lots of violins.. There is piano on 2, which could be Leon. Sounds like it. Nice sax solo.</i>		
	Darren, James	Pin A Medal On Joey/Diamond Head	Colpix CP 672 (US)	1963
	Darren, James	They Should Have Given You The Oscar/ Blame It On My Youth	Colpix CP 685 (US)	1963
	Darren, James	Gegetta/Grande Luna, Italiana	Colpix CP 696 (US)	1963
	Darren, James	Under The Yum Yum Tree/Backstage	Colpix CP 708 (US)	1963
	Darren, James	Punch and Judy/Just Think of Tonight	Colpix CP 758 (US)	1964
	Darren, James	A Married Man/Baby, Talk To Me	Colpix CP 765 (US)	1965
	Darren, James	Because You're Mine/Millions of Roses	WB 5648 (US)	1965
	Darren, James	I Want to be Lonely/Tom Hawk	WB 5689 (US)	1966
	Darren, James	Where Did We Go Wrong/Counting the Cracks	WB 5812 (US)	1966
	Darren, James	Didn't We/Counting the Cracks	WB 7053 (US)	1967/1966
	Darren, James	Crazy Me/They Don't Know	WB 5838 (US)	1966
	Darren, James	Love Is Where You Find It((Let's Worry About) Tomorrow Tomorrow	WB 5856 (US)	1966





0544	Darren, James	<i>All /Misty Morning Eyes</i>	WB 5874 (US)	1966
1336	Darren, James	<i>All /Misty Morning Eyes</i>	WB A 5874 (D)	1966

Leon has arranged both tracks and plays very little piano, you have to listen closely to catch it. Prod. by Dick Glasser. Track 1 from the movie "Run For Your Wife"



0990	Darren, James	<i>I Miss You So/Since I Don't Have You</i>	WB 7013 (US)	1967
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*There is piano on both, but no Leon real licks. It could be him, especially on track 1.
Prod. Dick Glasser and arr. by Ernie Freeman*

Darren, James They Don't Know/The House Song WB 7071 (US) 1967

Both prod. by Dick Glasser. 1 arr. by Gene Page and 2 by Anita Kerr

Darren, James Cherie/Wait Until Dark WB 7152 (US) 1967

Both prod. by Dick Glasser and arr. by Al Capps

Darren, James A Little Bit Of Heaven/
Each And Every Part of Me WB 7206 (US) 1968

From WB (ended 1968) Darren went to Kirschner, MGM, Private Stock and RCA to release records.
Released on his own label in 2013. Pye re-released some of the old hits.

LPs

0885 Darren, James **James Darren sings the movies** Colpix CP 418 (US) 1961

Gidget goes Hawaiian – Not mine – Come on my love – Wild about that girl –
Until the real thing comes along – Goodbye my lady love – P.S. I love you –
Hand in hand – Traveling down a lonely road – You are my dream –
Your smile – Because they're young

har den Darren, James **The Very Best of Jimmy Darren** Colpix CS 501 (US) 1965?

Goodbye Cruel World - Her Royal Majesty – Gidget – Conscience - Dream Big –
Hail To The Conquering Hero - Hear What I Wanna Hear - They Should Have Given You The Oscar –
Pin The Medal On Joey - Diamond Head - Gotta Have Love - If I Could Only Tell You –
Angel Face - Teenage Tears - I Don't Wanna Loose Ya - Punch And Judy

Darren, James **ALL** WB WS-1688 (US) 1967

Georgy Girl – A Man And A Woman – My Cup Runneth Over – This Is My Song –
I Miss You So – All – Born Free – Lady – Since I Don't Have You - Sunny

Russell: piano and arranger