# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

#### PRODUCTINFO (Vinyl) May 7, 2021 Various Artists

Artist Title Label Catalog no.

EAN-Code

Format

Genre

Little Heart Attacks from North Carolina Rockabilly and Rock 'n' Roll on Oak Records Bear Family Productions BAF14014 Price code: BAFX 5397102140143 10" vinyl LP (25 cm), 45 rpm, with 8-page booklet and bonus CD Rockabilly, Rock 'n' Roll No. of tracks 12 (LP) / 25 (CD) approx. 28:00 min. (LP) / 60:00 min. (CD) Release date May 7, 2021

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### INFO:

- Strictly limited to 500 copies, this exclusive LP/CD combo on Bear Family is dedicated to Oak Records, a small, only sporadically active label from North Carolina.
- Only eight singles were released on Oak Records between 1957 and 1966.
- The original Oak records are rarities and sometimes hard to find.
- The Bear Family bundle of LP and CD provides for the first time all recordings made for the Oak label, including originally unreleased alternate versions: three titles for the first time on CD and LP!
- Rockabilly collectors appreciate such great artists as Don Hager, Glenn Johnson and Bobby Green, R&B fans will be delighted with the rare recording of Big Jay Mercer.
- With this edition we document a small yet significant aspect of the music history of the state of North Carolina.
- High-quality pressing, luxurious cover, bonus CD in full-color sleeve, a postcard and a large-format booklet with the results of the meticulous research by author Lightnin' Wells and producer Nico Feuerbach!

The ending of World War II brought the age of the independent record label and introduced new, often younger, artists who were no longer beholden to the demands of the major record labels. Eastern North Carolina stretches from east of the Piedmont area of the state to the Atlantic coastline. Eastern Carolina was known as a tobacco belt because of the large number of tobacco warehouses and markets.

During the late 1950s a small record label was established in Whitaker. The label was established with guidance from and based on the fame of local celebrities, Mustard and Gravy who were a comedy/musical duo. Oak Records mainly promoted younger local performers who were attempting to establish their musical identity through the new medium of Rock 'n' Roll yet filtered through their own rural North Carolina culture, upbringing and experiences. Such colorful acts such as Don Hager & The Hot Tots, Glenn Johnson & The Acorns and P. Jay & The Haystackers made their few recordings for Oak Records and then vanished into obscurity leaving hardly a trace of their stories behind. These recordings on the Oak label remain as some of the most prized and desirable among collectors of rockabilly records and indeed are some of the rarest. Enjoy this taste of 1950s tobacco belt Rock 'n' Roll Eastern North Carolina style!

### TRACKLISTING:

#### LP: Side A

Bobby Green & The Sportsmen: Sweet Thing Glenn Johnson & The Acorns: Little Heart Attacks Don Hager & The Hot Tots: Be Bop Boogie P. Jay & The Haystackers: Haystack Rock & Roll Frank Rice: My Honey, My Honda Don Hager & The Hot Tots: River Rock (version 1)

#### LP: Side B

Glenn Johnson & The Acorns: Run Here Honey Bobby Green & The Corvettes: Little Heart Attacks Big Jay Mercer: Bermudas Frank Rice: Dr. Nack's Tom Cat Don Hager & The Hot Tots: Liza Jane Bop Big Jay Mercer: Sure Is A Cryin' Shame

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#### CD:

Bobby Green & The Sportsmen: Sweet Thing<br/>P. Jay & The Haystackers: Haystack Rock & Roll<br/>Glenn Johnson & The Acorns: Run Here HoneyGlenn Johnson & The Acorns: Little Heart Attacks<br/>Bobby Green & The Corvettes: Little Heart Attacks<br/>Bobby Green & The Hot Tots: River Rock (version 1)Glenn Johnson & The Acorns: Run Here HoneyFrank Rice: My Honey, My Honda<br/>Bobby Green & The Corvettes: Little Heart Attacks<br/>Big Jay Mercer: BermudasFrank Rice: Dr. Nack's Tom CatDon Hager & The Hot Tots: Liza Jane Bop<br/>Don Hager & The Hot Tots: Liza Jane Bop<br/>Big Jay Mercer: Sure Is A Cryin' ShameGlenn Johnson & The Acorns: Putting It Together<br/>AttacksDon Hager & The Hot Tots: Calypso Boogie<br/>Don Hager & The Hot Tots: Liza Jane Bop<br/>Don Hager & The Hot Tots: Liza Jane Bop Glenn Johnson & The Acorns: Little<br/>Heart Attacks (alt. Version)Don Hager & The Hot Tots: River Rock (version 2)Don Hager & The Hot Tots: Liza Jane Bop (alt. version)<br/>Don Hager & The Hot Tots: Liza Jane Bop (alt. version)Don Hager & The Hot Tots: River Rock (version 2)Don Hager & The Hot Tots: Liza Jane Bop (alt. version)<br/>Don Hager & The Hot Tots: I<br/>Love You Dear Forever (alt. Version)Clenn Johnson & The Raleighans: If You Wouldn't Be So Mean To Me<br/>Glenn Johnson & The Raleighans: If You To An Island

#### ALSO AVAILABLE:

Roy Orbison: The Cat Called Domino

The Mystery Of Dennis Herrold

BAF14015 BAFX 1-LP (10inch, 25cm) with 8-page booklet und bonus CD EAN: 5397102140150

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Ric Cartey: Heart Throb - The Rockin' Sides Of Ric Cartey

BAF14002 BAF 1-LP (10 inch, 25cm) EAN: 5397102140020



Tex Harper: Dig Me Little Mama

BAF14006 BAF 1-LP (10inch, 25cm) EAN: 5397102140068



#### Carl Perkins:

Dennis Herrold:

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