## BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



PRODUCTINFO (Vinyl) May 5, 2023

Artist Howlin' Wolf

Title Boy, You Got More Blues Here!

The Wolf's West Memphis Blues, Vol. 2

Originally unreleased tracks from his earliest sessions, 1951/52

Label Bear Family Records

Catalog no. BAF14032 Price code: BAF

EAN-Code 4000127140326

Format 10" vinyl LP (25 cm), 45 rpm, with 12-page booklet

Genre Blues

No. of tracks 10 approx. 28:40 min.

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## INFO:

- Second album with more great recordings from the earliest sessions (1951 and 1952) featuring Chester Burnett aka The Howlin' Wolf.
- The recordings were made by Sam Phillips at his Memphis Recording Service.
- At the time, these recordings remained unreleased!
- These masters and alternate versions were discovered decades later.
- Howlin' Wolf is one of the giants of the blues with his hard electric blues style and his unique voice that
  is just bursting with power.
- Guitarist Willie Johnson one of the first to get such brutal sounds out of an amp in the blues ... luckily the amp barely survived those sessions.
- Digitally copied from the original sources and currently remastered for the vinyl edition using state-ofthe-art studio technology: both 10" albums sound fantastic!
- The liner notes and discographical details in the illustrated booklet are by British blues expert and music historian Martin Hawkins.
- Also available: 'Boy, You Got The Blues There!' (BAF14031) with another 10 originally unreleased early Memphis recordings.

This and the recently released 10" vinyl LP 'Boy You Got The Blues There!' (BAF14031) provide radically remastered early recordings that already reflect the later Chicago blues style of one of the most important exponents of the blues ever! Captured between May 1951 and early 1953 at the Memphis Recording Service by producer and engineer Sam Phillips, these very first recordings of Chester Burnett aka The Howlin' Wolf were made when the singer, guitarist and harmonica player was already over forty years old. A true Methuselah among fellow bluesmen, his modest reputation at the time was an insignificant local radio show across the Mississippi River at KWEM in West Memphis.

It was Sam Phillips who first saw the man's potential. He had never heard a voice like that, that power, that manliness. That very spring of 1951, Phillips sold his Wolf recordings to Chess Records in Chicago. The first release, *How Many More Years*, became a national R&B hit at number four on the charts that summer.

The Howlin' Wolf recorded for Sam Phillips in Memphis for only two years; that time was enough for him and his band with congenial guitarist Willie Johnson to perfect many of his signature phrases, howlers, rhythms, grooves, riffs and solos. Sam Phillips captured all of these moments of musical development in the ten tracks on this album (and in the ten other recordings on the companion album, 'Boy, You Got The Blues There!'), which lay unreleased in Phillips' band archives for twenty-five years until they were finally rediscovered.

These recordings signify a milestone in the development of a modern electric blues style of playing after World War II. Never before had such gruff, loud and frightening sounds been recorded and released! The music from these Memphis sessions is vital to all blues fans and never sounded better!

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## TRACKLISTING:

## Side A:

Mr. Highway Man / Cadillac Daddy Color And Kind My Baby Walked Off Baby Ride With Me (Ridin' In The Moonlight)
Dorothy Mae #2

### Side B:

Smile At Me Decoration Day Blues California Blues Well That's All Right CV Wine Blues / Drinkin' CV Wine

## **ALSO AVAILABLE:**

#### Howlin' Wolf: Boy, You Got The Blues There! Vol. 1

BAF14031 BAF 10inch vinyl LP, with 12-page booklet EAN: 4000127140319



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## Stomp Gordon:

BAF14023 BAFX 10inch vinyl LP, with 8-page booklet, postcard and bonus CD EAN: 5397102140235



#### Link Davis: Laissez Les Bon-Ta-Ru-La

BAF14020 BAFX 10inch vinyl LP, with 8-page booklet, poster and bonus CD EAN: 5397102140204



#### Ronnie Hawkins: Red Hot Rockin' with Ronnie Hawkins & The Hawks

BAF14027 BAFX 10inch vinyl LP, with 12-page booklet, postcard and bonus CD EAN: 4000127140272



#### Wanda Jackson: Honey Bop

BAF14029 BAF 10inch vinyl LP, with 12-page booklet and postcard EAN: 4000127140296

