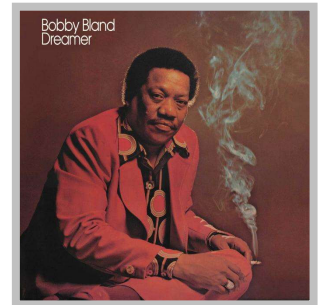


BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



PRODUCT INFO (Vinyl) May 19, 2017

Artist **Bobby 'Blue' Bland**
Title **Dreamer**
Label Bear Family Productions
Catalog no. BAF18029 Price code: BAF
EAN-Code 5397102180293
Format 1-LP 180g (Gatefold sleeve)
Genre Blues, Soul
No. of tracks 10 37:18 min.
Release date May 19, 2017



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PRODUCTIONS 

INFO:

- **Bobby 'Blue' Bland is one of the most magnificent Blues and Soul singers of all time!**
- **His 1974 album 'Dreamer' is a milestone in Blues and Soul music!**
- **Recorded in Los Angeles with the cream of the city's studio musicians!**
- **New mastering and the original gatefold design.**
- **Contains later classics like *Ain't No Love In The Heart Of The City* and *I Wouldn't Treat A Dog (The Way You Treated Me)*.**
- **Re-issued for the first time on vinyl (180 gram)!**

Bobby 'Blue' Bland (1930 – 2013) was one of the leading US-American Blues, R&B and Soul entertainers. He knew how to combine the intensity of Gospel music with the expression of the Blues. His voice sounded as he wanted to bear witness to one's resolve but he was able to let his voice sound soft, sometimes cool but always cultivated. Thus he also reached out to the fans of Frank Sinatra and Nat 'King' Cole with tremendous success. He formed his remarkable style of singing out of many different influences, characteristic and exclusively reserved for Bobby 'Blue' Bland.

Bland's voice was always the center of attention. After his huge successes during the 1950s and 1960s for the Duke label, he moved to ABC Dunhill when Duke was sold. He could reach a wider white audience in the early 1970s with his two LPs, '*His California Album*' and '*Dreamer*', plus productions together with B.B. King. '*Dreamer*' was the record company's trial to produce an album in California with the cool Soul appeal of the city of Los Angeles. As a timeless Soul and Blues classic the album contains the in recent years often sampled track *Ain't No Love in the Heart of the City*, one of the musical back bones to one of the favorites by Jay Z. The whole album is a wonderful soundtrack for those lonely nights alone and blue in a sleazy joint trying to forget a lost love in a bottle of bourbon. '*Dreamer*' is the warm velvet cover against cold loneliness with so many great songs like *I Wouldn't Treat A Dog (The Way You Treated Me)* and *Whose Foolin' Who?*, the bluesy *Cold Day In Hell*, *Lovin' On Borrowed Time* and *When You Come To The End Of Your Road*. *I Ain't Gonna Be The First To Cry* has indeed the lyrical quality of *The Thrill Is Gone*. The production by Steve Barri and Michael Omartian sounds full and ponderous. The accompanying musicians, amongst them guitarists Dean Parks and Larry Carlton, bassist Wilton Felder and drummer Ed Green, belong to the cream of L.A.'s studio musicians.

When '*Dreamer*' was first issued in 1974, a controversial discussion started regarding the production and the arrangements which included a brass section and strings. But now, more than forty years later, the LP album counts as one of the great masterpieces of its genre, and the songs became standards in the repertoires of many Soul and Blues performers.

Newly remastered and reproduced with its original gatefold cover jacket, the first reissue on vinyl after 43 years comes from Bear Family!

Bobby 'Blue' Bland was inducted into the 'Blues Hall of Fame' in 1981. Eleven years later he became member of the 'Rock and Roll Hall of Fame'. In 1997 he received a Grammy® lifetime achievement award.

TRACK LISTING

Ain't No Love In The Heart Of The City - *I Wouldn't Treat A Dog (The Way You Treated Me)* - *Lovin' On Borrowed Time* - *The End Of The Road* - *I Ain't Gonna Be The First To Cry* - *Dreamer* - *Yolanda* - *Twenty-Four Hour Blues* - *Cold Day In Hell* - *Who's Foolin' Who*

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