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PRODUCTINFO (Vinyl) June 6, 2025

Artist **Bobby 'Blue' Bland**
Title **His California Album**
Label Bear Family Records
Catalog no. BAF18036 Price code: BAF
EAN-Code 4000127180360
Format 12" vinyl LP (30 cm / 180-gram), 33 rpm, re-issue, original cover
Genre Soul / Blues
No. of tracks 10 approx. 39:00 min.
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INFO:

- Bear Family Records® re-releases the second soul/blues album Bobby 'Blue' Bland recorded in Los Angeles during 1973/'74 - entitled 'His California Album'!
- Another milestone in soul/blues history on high-quality 180gram vinyl.
- Bland is quite justly regarded as one of the greatest US blues, soul and R&B singers of all time.
- Producer Steve Barri - also responsible for 'Dreamer' (BAF18029) the following year - brought guitarists Larry Carlton, Mel Brown and Dean Parks, a.o., into the studio.
- Contains *This Time I'm Gone For Good*, *(If Loving You Is Wrong) I Don't Want To Be Right* and *Help Me Through The Day*, classics of the genre.
- This first vinyl reissue on 180-gram has been carefully remastered and the original cover art is reproduced.

When Bear Family released 'Dreamer' by Bobby 'Blue' Bland (1930 - 2013) on vinyl for the first time since its original release, we had no idea of the demand for this record. In 1973/'74, Steve Barri produced two albums in Los Angeles with perhaps the greatest soul/blues singer of all time, which both met with a mixed reception at the time. After more than 50 years, however, 'Dreamer' (BAF18029) and its predecessor 'His California Album' sound so 'hung up', cool and timeless, fantastic classics.

The chant of the church combined with deep blues in Bland's interpretation is incredibly moving, the melancholy in his voice sounds so emotional, sometimes heartbreaking, at times cool and soft. Bland could be tough, but he also possessed the crooner qualities of Nat 'King' Cole, for example.

With both LPs on ABC Dunhill and the subsequent records with B.B. King, he reached a wider and white audience. 'His California Album' - the perfect synthesis of black soul and blues from the South and the coolness and laid-back attitude of Los Angeles.

TRACKLISTING:

Side A:

This Time I'm Gone For Good Up And Down World It's Not The Spotlight (If Loving You Is Wrong) I Don't Want To Be Right
Goin' Down Slow

Side B:

The Right Place At The Right Time Help Me Through The Day Where Baby Went Friday The 13th Child
I've Got To Use My Imagination

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ALSO AVAILABLE:

**Bobby 'Blue' Bland:
Dreamer**

BAF18029 BAF
12inch vinyl LP (180g)
EAN: 5397102180293



**Etta James:
Tell Mama**

BAF18026 BAF
12inch vinyl LP (180g)
EAN: 5397102180262



**B.B. King:
Completely Well**

BAF18015 BAF
12inch vinyl LP (180g)
EAN: 5397102180156



**B.B. King:
Live And Well**

BAF18013 BAF
12inch vinyl LP (180g)
EAN: 5397102180132

