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ARTIST	LINK DAVIS
TITLE	Big Mamou
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BCD 16523
PRICE-CODE	AR
EAN-CODE	 4000127165237
ISBN-CODE	978-3-89916-435-0
FORMAT	CD digipac with 64-page booklet
GENRE	Cajun / Rockabilly / Country
TRACKS	34
PLAYING TIME	83:30



KEY SELLING POINTS

- The complete OKeh/Columbia and Starday recordings of this classic Texas singer collected together for the first time, most from the original master tapes
- The version of *Big Mamou* that became a country-Cajun standard
- Four unissued OKeh sides, and two alternate takes from Starday masters
- A newly researched biography of Link Davis by Andrew Brown, with rare unpublished photos from the Davis family

SALES NOTES

If the Fifties in America are remembered as a decade of remarkable transformations in popular music, the multiple rebirths of Texan fiddler-saxophonist Link Davis during those turbulent ten years must qualify him for special study. National recognition eluded him, and posterity has not been especially kind to him, but a closer look at his career forces us to consider him in a different light than nearly all of his peers. He began the Fifties as a forward-looking white R&B singer and saxophonist, recording a storming version of *Good Rockin' Tonight* five years before Elvis Presley's supposedly ground-breaking attempt at the same song. Davis then morphed into a Cajun fiddler, scoring a big regional hit with the ancient-sounding waltz *Big Mamou*, which (along with *Jole Blon* a few years earlier) helped introduce America to Cajun music. By mid-decade, when rock 'n' roll came along and forced most of his country music friends into early retirement, Link instead re-emerged as a born-again rocker, cutting some of his most memorable records: *Don't Big Shot Me*, *Trucker From Tennessee*, and *Sixteen Chicks*.

Bear Family collects all of Link Davis's OKeh/Columbia (1952-1954) and Starday (1956-57) recordings together here for the first time, presented in their best sound quality ever. With the exception of *Big Mamou*, none of these records sold well when new, yet their irrepressible quality ensured that they would not be forgotten. Nor would their creator.

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TRACK LISTING

Big Mamou - Pretty Little Dedon - Lafayette Wedding - Rice And Gravy Blues - Chere Petite (Dear Little One) - Port Arthur - Lonely Heart - Time Will Tell - Mamou Waltz - Hey, Garcon! - Falling For You - Gumbo Ya-Ya (Everybody Talks At Once) - The Crawfish Crawl - You're Little But You're Cute - Mama Say No - You Show Up Missing - Everytime I Pass Your Door - Cajun Love - Va t'cacher (Go Hide Yourself) - Kajalena - Sixteen Chicks - Deep In The Heart Of A Fool - Don't Big Shot Me - Grasshopper Rock - Trucker From Tennessee - Bayou Buffalo - Would You Be Waiting - Slippin' And Slidin' Sometimes - Allons A Lafayette - Waltz Of The Jambalaya - Big Coonie (Two-Step) - Bayou Buffalo - Slippin' And Slidin' Sometimes - Big Coonie (Two-Step)

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VARIOUS

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