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TITLE West Indian Rhythm

Trinidad Calypsos on world and local events

featuring the censored recordings

1938-1940

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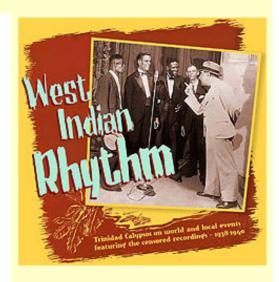
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HISTORIC CALYPSO AT ITS VERY BEST

The ultimate classic calypso anthology! Return with us to Port of Spain, Trinidad during Carnival in 1938, '39, and '40. In 1938 Decca Records in New York shipped recording equipment to Trinidad, giving producer Ralph Perez carte blanche to record what is now acknowledged as the greatest library of calypso music ever captured!

New calypsos, old calypsos, topical songs, dance bands, shango and shouter Baptist hymns, carnival chants, stick-fighter songs, and much else. The quality, variety, depth and breadth of what Perez captured was so impressive that Decca financed return trips in 1939 and '40!

In all over 267 performances were recorded, and all surviving masters are included complete here on 10 CDs. 35 unissued masters are featured, many not released at the time because of restrictions imposed by local censors who became nervous when calypso bards turned to controversial and political topics; but calypso always thrived on scandal, and told the truth to those in power.

And so these songs document sensational labour riots and the political fallout, together with songs that capture the gathering storm that led to World War II. Closer to home, calypsonians addressed and described adulterers, local politicians, sportsmen, thieves, gossipers, peeping toms, prostitutes, and a bevy of colourful street brawlers with names like Joe Laugher, Greasy Pole, Gumbo Lai Lai.

Titles include: Lord Executor: Seven Skeletons Found In The Yard; The Censoring Of Calypso Makes Us Glad; We Mourn The Loss Of Sir Murchison Fletcher; Ralph Fitz Scott: Why I Killed Winifred; Atilla the Hun: The Banning Of Records; West Indian Rhythm; The Governor's Resignation; The Horrors Of War; The Tiger: Civil War In Spain; King Radio: Matilda; Sedition Law; The Growler: Hitler Demands; Lord Beginner: Chamberlain Says Peace; Lord Invader: My Intention Is To Join The Volunteers; Hitler Demanded Trinidad; Gorilla: Brambroocoo Dance; The Lion: The Invasion of Poland; Lion Oh: featuring the first recording by a Steel Band; Suzi Qu; ... and many, many more!

35 previously unissed masters



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TRACK LISTING

CD₁

CODALLO'S TOP HATTERS ORCHESTRA

Hold Your Hand Madam Khan

Bastardy

Ida, Ida Let Me Know

The History Of Man

HARMONÝ KINGS' ORCHESTRA

Sunny Grenada

Anything For Love

Don't Touch Me

Jack's Broth

THE CARESSER

Madam Khan

The More They Try To Do Me Bad CODALLO'S TOP HATTERS ORCHESTRA

I Want To Build A Bungalow

THE LION

Excursion To Grenada

Ba Boo La La

ATILLA THE HUN

I Don't Want No Bungalow

CYRIL MONROSE STRING ORCHESTRA

Tres Bemoles

ATILLA THE HUN

Commission's Report

THE CARESSER

Joe Louis

Ruby Canera

THE LION

I Am Going To Buy A Bungalow

Emmalene

LORD EXECUTOR

Seven Skeletons Found In The Yard

My Troubles With Dorothy

THE CARESSER

Clear The Way When The Bamboo Play

JOE COGGINS

Me And My Neighbour Don't Agree

JOE COGGINS AND ZEDA

Will Dispute

RALPH FITZ SCOTT

Shout All Guiana

Why I Killed Winifred

HARMONY KINGS' ORCHESTRA

Li'l, Li'l Gal

LORD EXECUTOR

The Orphan Children THE CARESSER

Rubina

HARMONY KINGS' ORCHESTRA

Back To Grenada

LORD EXECUTOR

The Lajebeless Woman

THE CARESSER

Theresa

JOE COGGINS

Show Me What You Could Do

RALPH FITZ SCOTT

The Bushwoman Come To Town

THE CARESSER

Lillian

LORD EXECUTOR

The Censoring Of Calypso Makes Us Glad

BLACK PRINCE

The Bamboo Band

THE CARESSER

Shango

ATILLA THE HUN

Deliso

Mr. Nankivell's Speech

THE CARESSER

Cicilia

Exploiting
My Wedding Celebration

BLACK PRINCE

School Boys' Adventure

ATILLA THE HUN

The Banning Of Records

West Indian Rhythm

The Governor's Resignation

The Horrors Of War

CYRIL MONROSE STRING ORCHESTRA

Victoria

ATILLA THE HUN

Jimpy's Ingratitude

Not Me With Matrimony

LORD EXECUTOR

The League Of Nations

Tobago's Scandal

CD₃

ZEDA

Captain, Put Me Ashore

JOE COGGINS

Give Me Back My Ring

THE LION

Ancient Carnival

Hojoe

Sa Gomes' Emporiums

It's A Sin To Tell A Lie

Heroes Of Old

Vitalogy

I Am Happy To Be In Love

LORD EXECUTOR

Poppy Day

We Mourn The Loss Of Sir Murchison Fletcher

ATILLA THE HUN

The Strike

The Normandie

THE CARNIVAL'S VAGABONDS

We Want Sa Gomes

ATILLA THE HUN AND LORD EXECUTER

The Drinker And The Gambler

LORD EXECUTOR

How I Spent My Time At The Hospital

FITZJAMES WILLIAMS' SEXTET

Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells

What Kind Of Shoes You Going To Wear THE LION

When Me Body Lay Down In The Grave

Jonah, Come Out The Wilderness Mamy Mine My Baby For Me

Ting A Ling Mi Bangola

African War Call

AL PHILIP IERE SYNCOPATORS

Play Mass, Don't Do Me That

Little Gal, Mother Is Calling You



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ATILLA THE HUN Fire Brigade Archie Boulay LORD EXECUTOR They Say I Reign Too Long

ATILLA THE HUN Manuelita THE TIGER

The Beautiful Land Of Iere

Civil War In Spain

I Don't Want Them To Stand Me Bail

Next Door Neighbour **BLACK PRINCE** I Want A Radio At Home ATILLA THE HUN Where Was Butler? THE LION

The Vendor's Song

THE LION AND ATILLA THE HUN

Guests Of Rudy Vallee

EMERY COURNARD SERENADERS

Why Me Craf Vex With Me Under The British Commander

THE LION

Tina

CODALLO'S TOP HATTERS ORCHESTRA

Tropical Heat

JOHN 'BUDDY' WILLIAMS AND HIS BLUE RHYTHM ORCHESTRA

Barre-A-Oh Marian THE LION Girls Of Today Man, Man, Man Peter LORD EXECUTOR Nellie Go Out Mi Door THE TIGER

Down The Road Darling Kimberlin Senorita Panchita

CYRIL MONROSE STRING ORCHESTRA

El suspiro del pobre

THE LION

Love Has Done For Me

ATILLA THE HUN AND LORD EXECUTOR

Jim Congo Myer THE TIGER Gertrude

Miss Marie's Advice

CODALLO'S TOP HATTERS ORCHESTRA

Lopez Contreras Tierras Lejanas Linda Vista Mi Vida THE GROWLER Old Man

Only Foreigners

Calypso Behind The Wall

Too Botheration

History Of Woodbrook Vicinity

GEORGIE JOHNSON AND HIS RHYTHM KINGS

Happy Man

THE GROWLER

Hitler Demands

Bosie Darling

Trinidad Loves To Play Carnival

The Coldness Of The Water

In The Morning Police Diplomacy

The Diamond Ring For Emmaline

LORD INVADER

Demasbar

Ten Thousand To Bar Me One

THE LION **Buddy Abraham** LORD EXECUTOR

They Talk About Nora's Badness

Who Has Done The Most For Humanity

ATILLA THE HUN Love Me Emily The Five Year Plan THE CARESSER Home Sweet Home Time For Man Go Home So Many Women

CD₆

THE CARESSER

Fare Thee Well

THE LION

Woman Headache

Malicious Neighbors

LORD BEGINNER

After The Bacchanal Chamberlain Says Peace

Christmas Morning The Rum Had Me Yawning

Don't Tickle Me Dorothy THE GROWLER

In The Dew And The Rain I Don't Want No Calaloo THE CARESSER

Mois La Travv Peggy Dearie THE LION

Death Bee

Sweet Emily Old Woman

Hooray Hurrah Fire Girls Elsie Jambie

KING RADIO

Flsie

Old Men Come Back Again

Matilda John O'Carr

It's The Rhythm We Want

ATILLA THE HUN The West Indian Sheik Dem Policeman

La Belle Trinidad Inequality Of Life

LORD EXECUTOR My Life Of Matrimony THE CARESSER No Surrender

Fire, Fire In Port-of-Spain

If The Follow Me They Get Fever



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ATILLA THE HUN

Freddo

La Reine Maribone

THE LION

Charming Trinidad

ATILLA THE HUN

Gabilan Bombay

LORD EXECUTOR

Alla Nom (Go Way Man)

THE CARESSER

You Better Let Me Go

I Am Free, Single And Disengaged

LORD INVADER

Don't Stop The Carnival

Sofie Bellah

KING RADIO

Too Much Sorry And Pain

THE GROWLER

Joe Louis-Schmeling Fight

Soup In Bottle

High Brown

THE LION

Bad Woman Oh

Blow Wind Blow

Kash Kash Kmona

Customs Fire

The Power Of The Lion

Where Is My Sister This Morning

Ara Da Da

ATILLA THE HUN

Scorpion

LORD EXECUTOR

The New Shop Law

My Indian Girl Love

THE LION

Bing Crosby

Mama I Want It

CD8

GEORGE CABRAL

Memories Of Trinidad

THE CARESSER

Amanja Soqua Me

LORD EXECUTOR

Two Bad Men In The World

LORD EXECUTOR

Gambo Lai Lai Before The Court

THE GROWLER

Leave Me Alone Dorothy

Advantageous Young Girls

PRETENDER

Adeline

BLACK PRINCE

You Pelt Me Bundle Before The Dro

LORD ZIEGFIELD

Hitler

LORD INVADER

My Intention Is To Join The Volunteers

Hitler Demanded Trinidad

Romance In The Moonlight Caro At Point Cumana

Ochro and Rice

THE LION

The Invasion Of Poland

Sir Neville Chamberlain

Hitler's Mistake

THE CARESSER

Freedom And Liberty

Clementina

Not So Carolina

ATILLA THE HUN

Finland

KING RADIO

My Impressions Of Demerara

Sedition Law

Two Sisters Scandal

LORD BEGINNER

Run Your Run Hitler

THE LION

Hitler's Attitude

GORILLA

Brambroocoo Dance

Appetite

CD9

THE TIGER

Let Them Fight For Ten Thousand Years

THE LION

Lion Oh

Carnival Revue

SA GOMES RHYTHM BOYS [WITH CAMBULAY]

Run Your Run Hitler

THE CARESSER

Do You Remember Me LORD BEGINNER

Second Hand Girls Cocoa Tea Puzzle to Me

THE TIGER

No No No Miss Angeline

In My Own Native Land

THE GROWLER

When I Marry Dorothy KING RADIÓ

Emily

Germany Invade Poland

Story Of Mr. Paul

MIGHTY DESTROYER

Leave Me Alone Dorothy

Matrimony Becomes a Papyshow

LORD ZIÉGFIELD

Lillian's Slackness

Don't Worry With Me

THE GROWLER

Bertha I Feel You

No, No, Marie

Demi Gal

Nazi Spy Ring

THE LION Deliso

THE TIGER

Ah Neighbours Neighbours

THE LION

Happy Land Of Canaan

Suzi Qu I Send My Wife To The Market

Shango Dance Rada Dance

CD 10

LUIS DANIEL QUINTANA (TROVADOR DE LA MEDIA NOCHE)

La Vieja Mia

LORD EXECUTOR

Carnival Again

Sambo Why You Are Go



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Patria Preferida

ATILLA THE HUN

Gambie Law Ray

The Admiral Graf Spee

No Wedding Bells For Me

Li Li Pierrot Darrie

Send Hitler To St. Helena

LORD BEGINNER

Teener Have Sympathy

KING RADIO

The Guardian Contest

The War

THE GROWLER

Harold Change Your Mind

Women Diplomacy

THE LION

Orphan Home

THE TIGER

Ellis Nottingham

YOUNG PRETENDER Policeman

LUIS DANIEL QUINTANA (TROVADOR DE LA MEDIA NOCHE)

General Contreras