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| ARTIST | VARIOUS ARTISTS |
| TITLE | Blowing The Fuse 31 R&B Classics That Rocked The Jukebox In 1960 |
| LABEL | Bear Family Records |
| CATALOG # | BCD 16715 |
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| FORMAT | 1-CD Digipac |
| GENRE | Rhythm & Blues |
| TRACKS | 31 |
| PLAYING TIME | 78:44 |



SALES NOTES

GERMAN RECORD REVIEW AWARDS: THE COMMITTEE SPEAKS!!

The annual committee of the German record review awards has awarded the CD series

BLOWING THE FUSE
R&B CLASSICS THAT ROCKED THE JUKEBOX
VOLS. 1-11: 1945-1955
Production: Dave 'Daddy Cool' Booth
Bear Family Records BCD 16700/10AS (11 CD)

the ANNUAL AWARD 2005.

Nowadays, when journalists talk about '50 years of pop music' they are ignoring the fact that popular music existed prior to 1955. Pop music did not appear from nowhere but has a rich 'pre' history. Keywords like Big Band Sound, Gospel, Jump Blues, Vocal Groups and Boogie Woogie characterize this period. The first eleven compact discs in the 'Blowing The Fuse'-series are a compilation splendid in sound and detail, dealing with important years in the progress of pop music in the range of black r&b, imaginatively compiled by the Canadian collector and DJ Dave 'Daddy Cool' Booth, and knowledgeably annotated by Hank Williams-biographer Colin Escott.

Berlin, November 19, 2005

A NEW GOLD STANDARD IN R&B REISSUES

Here's why Bear Family's 'Blowing The Fuse' will be the standard for R&B reissues now and forever!

YEARS! YEARS! YEARS! Many companies have issued compilations of out-of-copyright recordings (ie. records more than 50 years old). That's why you'll find that their series stop in 1953. Bear Family's 'Blowing The Fuse' starts at the dawn of the Post-War R&B era in 1945, and will continue through until 1960! And, unlike the out-of-copyright labels that won't get to 1960 until 2011, we'll get there in 2005 because Bear Family pays the companies that own the music.

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PACKAGING! PACKAGING! PACKAGING! Other labels lift photos from old books and magazines, and commission quickie liner notes that tell you little or nothing, and often get it wrong. Bear Family's 'Blowing The Fuse' will have detailed song-by-song notes, stories behind the songs, and incredible never-before-seen photos in huge booklets ... booklets so big they won't even fit inside the standard plastic case. They'll go in specially designed DigiPacs.

COMPILATIONS! COMPILATIONS! COMPILATIONS! Most out-of-copyright labels do their compilations from chart books compiled by Joel Whitburn. Compiling from Whitburn is taking the easy way out. We hired Dave 'Daddy Cool' Booth, a guy with one of North America's biggest R&B collections and the dee-jay experience to know how to program music. He went through his incredible collection and then he went through 'Billboard' year-by-year, and picked out more than just the hits. We selected the absolute best music, some of it never reissued on CD until now, as well as the biggest hits, and we have no more than two songs by any artist on any CD. These are true, properly thought-out compilations in the spirit of Guy Stevens, Paul Oliver, Mike Leadbitter, and the others who compiled groundbreaking blues/R&B LPs back in the 1960s and 1970s.

SOUND! SOUND! SOUND! We used the absolute best sources from the original labels, then carefully remastered for the absolute best-ever sound.

Beware! These will cost a little more than some of the out-of-copyright reissues, but they'll be worth it.

If you're sick of R&B reissues that look and sound like a proper mess, then the best is on the way. And you won't have to wait until 2011 to get the complete story of R&B's golden years!

TRACK LISTING

1. **Buster Brown:** Fannie Mae
2. **Jimmy Jones:** Handy Man
3. **Barrett Strong:** Money (That's What I Want)
4. **Bobby 'Blue' Bland:** I'll Take Care Of You
5. **Dee Clark:** How About That
6. **Rosco Gordon:** Just A Little Bit
7. **Dinah Washington & Brook Benton:** Baby (You've Got What It Takes)
8. **Jackie Wilson:** Doggin' Around
9. **Jimmy Reed:** Baby, What You Want Me To Do
10. **Billy Bland:** Let The Little Girl Dance
11. **Irma Thomas:** Don't Mess With My Man
12. **Marv Johnson:** I Love The Way You Love
13. **Etta James:** All I Could Do Was Cry
14. **Ray Bryant Combo:** The Madison Time, Part 1
15. **James Brown and the Famous Flames:** Think
16. **Bobby Marchan:** There Is Something On Your Mind, Part 2
17. **Jessie Hill:** Ooh Poo Pah Doo, Part 1
18. **Jon Thomas:** Heartbreak (It's Hurting Me)
19. **Fats Domino:** Walking To New Orleans
20. **Howlin' Wolf:** Spoonful
21. **The Shirelles:** Tonight's The Night
22. **Jimmy Charles and the Revellettes with Phil Medley's Orchestra:** A Million To One
23. **Sugar Pie DeSanto with the Pee Wee Kingsley Band:** I Want To Know
24. **Hank Ballard and the Midnighters:** Let's Go, Let's Go, Let's Go
25. **Jerry Butler:** He Will Break Your Heart
26. **Brook Benton:** Kiddio
27. **Ike and Tina Turner:** A Fool In Love
28. **Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs:** Stay
29. **The Drifters:** Save The Last Dance For Me
30. **Joe Jones:** You Talk Too Much
31. **Gary U.S. Bonds:** New Orleans