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ARTIST JIM FORD

TITLE The Sounds Of Our Time

The Harlan County album, rare singles,

and previously unreleased masters

LABEL Bear Family Records

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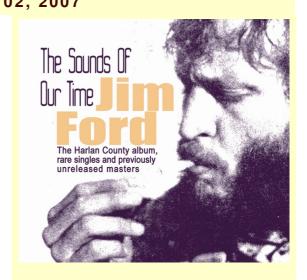
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ISBN-CODE 978-3-89916-299-8

FORMAT CD Digipac with 40-page booklet

GENRE Singer/Songwriter

TRACKS 25
PLAYING TIME 75:55



KEY SELLING POINTS

- The legendary 'Harlan County' album, PLUS rare singles and previously unreleased masters!
- The first and last word on an underground roots music legend! Jim Ford's original album from 1969 has been described as the holy grail of country soul. The long out of print UK Edsel re-issue from 1997 sells on internet auctions for up to \$200!
- Contains extensive liner notes that –for the first time ever- tell the whole Jim Ford story.
- Includes ten previously unreleased recordings recently discovered at Ford's home. Only available here.
- Includes five songs from Jim Ford's ultra-rare 45rpm singles, never released on CD before.
- Previously unpublished photos personally supplied by Jim Ford.
- Jim Ford is the composer of Aretha Franklin and PJ Proby's *Niky Hoeky*, Bobby Womack's *Harry Hippie*, and –as revealed in the liner notes- he also wrote Bobbie Gentry's *Ode To Billie Joe*

SALES NOTES

Jim Ford is Sly Stone's best friend and Nick Lowe's biggest musical influence. Aretha Franklin, Bobby Womack and The Temptations have all recorded his songs. But after one mythical album, 'Harlan County,' in 1969, he disappeared. Many have tried to find him without success, but now Bear Family Records is proud to announce the definite collection plus the full story.

Comparisons? We have a few. 'Harlan County' inhabits the same territory as 'From Elvis In Memphis' or Dan Penn's 'Nobody's Fool,' and his record was every bit their equal. It occupies the land where R&B meets country, Memphis and Nashville meet Louisiana, and the Mississippi Delta meets Appalachia. Jim Ford blended the ingredients in a way that had never, and would never, be done again.

'The Sounds Of Our Time' is filled to the brim with breathtaking moments that are guaranteed to please any country soul fan.

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"Jim Ford's songs made a tremendous impact on me. He's in the same musical league as Dan Penn, Spooner Oldham and Joe South. He's impossible to copy but the way he writes is something I've always aspired for. Jim Ford is the biggest musical influence of my life." Nick Lowe

"Jimmy Ford is the baddest white man on the planet... Killer writer!!!" Sly Stone

TRACK LISTING

- 1. Harlan County
- 2. I'm Gonna Make Her Love Me
- 3. Changing Colors
- 4. Dr Handy's Dandy Candy
- 5. Love On My Brain
- 6. Long Road Ahead
- 7. Under Construction
- 8. Working My Way To L.A.
- 9. Spoonful
- 10. To Make My Life Beautiful
- 11. Big Mouth USA (slow version)
- 12. 36 Inches High
- 13. Sounds Of Our Time
- 14. Chain Gang
- 15. I Wonder What They'll Do With Today
- 16. Go Through Sunday
- 17. She Turns My Radio On
- 18. Mixed Green
- 19. Happy Songs Sell Records, Sad Songs Sell Beer
- 20. It Takes Two (To Make One)
- 21. Big Mouth USA (uptempo version)
- 22. Rising Sign
- 23. Linda Comes Running
- 24. Ramona
- 25. Hanging From Your Lovin Tree