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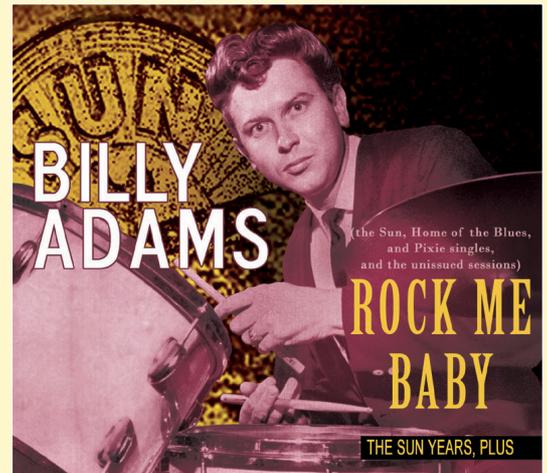
ARTIST Billy Adams
TITLE Rock Me Baby – The Sun Years, plus
(The SUN, HOME OF THE BLUES, and
PIXIE singles, and the unissued
sessions)

LABEL Bear Family Productions
CATALOG # BCD 17116
PRICE-CODE AH
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FORMAT 1 CD digipac with 48-page booklet
GENRE R&B
TRACKS 31
PLAYING TIME 80:18



- A wondrous CD reissue containing all the fabulous rocking R&B music Billy Adams made for SUN RECORDS - and all the little-known sides he made for HOME OF THE BLUES and PIXIE RECORDS!
- Adams led one of Memphis' best working bands from the turn of the '60s, captured here in its heyday by a number of local record labels! His band features prominent Memphis session players including Lee Adkins, Jesse Carter, and Russ Carlton!
- Here are all four of his SUN singles, three unissued alternative takes, and an astonishing 14 unissued songs recorded by Sam Phillips in the early 1960s, including the renowned versions of *Betty And Dupree* and *Rock Me Baby!* Plus: three very rare singles from HOME OF THE BLUES and PIXIE – and two previously unissued songs!
- The 48- page booklet by Martin Hawkins brings together all that is known about Adams and his music from a myriad of sources, new and old! The booklet also contains rare photographs!

INFORMATION

Billy Adams and his recording partner Bill Yates had as many or more singles issued on SUN RECORDS as most of the major names associated with the label. The fact that they recorded in the early 1960s rather than the rockabilly '50s has tended to overshadow the music they made. That, and the fact that they were white musicians spearheading SUN's sporadic attempts to capture the soulful developments in black music and the blues tradition that were coming out of HI, STAX, and other labels in Memphis and beyond.

Billy Adams was a bandleader and organiser, a drummer of some note, and a very decent singer. Apart from his four SUN singles, this music is incredibly rare and a welcome addition to the picture of Memphis music at the turn of the '60s.

There is a companion CD (BCD 17277) containing Bill Yates' part in the story.

Note: There are other artists named Billy Adams in the Rock 'n' Roll history books, principally the guitarist from Kentucky who recorded for QUINCY and NAU-VOO, but in Memphis, there was only one real Billy Adams.

Check our website for more releases in the 'The Sun Years, plus' series!
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TRACKISTING

Had The Blues (Twist) • Looking For My Baby (Mary Ann) • Big M -1 (instrumental) • My Happiness • Betty And Dupree • Got My Mojo Working • Trouble In Mind -1 • Looking For Mary Ann • Reconsider Baby -1 • Ruby Jane -1 • Open The Door Richard -1 • Rock Me Baby • Adam And Eve (In The Garden) • Dudley (The Do Right King) • Fee Bee • Memphis Twist -1 • Send Me Some Lovin' • I'm Like Poison Ivy • Raining In My Heart • Love Me, Love Me, Cherry -1 • Just Look Over Your Shoulder • Same Thing • Just Plain Hurt • Til Your Memory Goes Away • Ruby Jane -2 • Trouble In Mind -2 • Reconsider Baby -2 • Love Me, Love Me, Cherry -2 • Big M -2 (instrumental) • Memphis Twist -2 • Billy's Jazz (instrumental)

ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE 'THE SUN YEARS, PLUS' SERIES:

Tommy Blake
Koolit

CD with 36-page booklet
BCD 16797 AH

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Drinkin' Wine

CD with 36-page booklet
BCD 16758 AH

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Laughin' & Jokin'

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BCD 16780 AH

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Slow Down

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BCD 16695 AH

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BCD 16131 AH

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Juke Box Boogie

CD digipac with 44-page booklet
BCD 16939 AH

Malcolm Yelvington
It's Me, Baby

CD with 32-page booklet
BCD 16757 AH

Mack Self
Easy To Love

CD with 32-page booklet
BCD 16519 AH