



BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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- Two single CDs devoted to a great, unknown story in 1950s R&B history!
- All titles remastered from original vault tapes!
- Artists include Zilla Mays, Roy Gaines, the Du Droppers, George Benson (Yes! That George Benson), Sonny Terry, Champion Jack Dupree, and many more!
- Backing musicians include the incredible Mickey Baker, as well as hot bandleaders Paul Williams and Buddy Lucas!

INFORMATION

Watching the success of indie labels like ATLANTIC, CHESS, SPECIALTY, IMPERIAL, and others, industry giant RCA decided to re-enter the Rhythm & Blues field. RCA had dominated blues recording during the late 1920s and '30s, but the company dropped most of its blues artists, along with many of its country artists, during wartime raw materials rationing. In 1954, RCA decided to get back in the game, hiring A&R man Danny Kessler away from COLUMBIA's OKEH label. The experiment ended in 1957 after notching up just one major hit, Mickey & Sylvia's *Love Is Strange*.

Lack of hits didn't mean lack of great music. Recording in New York and in the South, the new GROOVE label drew on a wide range of artists from top-drawer vocal groups like the Du Droppers to future smooth jazz star George Benson to blues guitar star Roy Gaines to west coast jazz Shorty Rogers calling himself Highpockets Henderson to classic New Orleans barrelhouse pianist Champion Jack Dupree. Even country blues legend Sonny Terry was on the roster. GROOVE releases were filled out with some great unknowns as well as singular artists like Bertice Reading, who began in R&B but went on to become a cabaret star in England. The bands were always top-notch, including session genius Mickey Baker as well as bandleaders Paul Williams and Buddy Lucas.

In an exclusive deal with RCA/SONY in New York, BEAR FAMILY acquired access to the entire GROOVE catalog, restoring the masters to pristine sound and finding rare and unpublished photos. Award-winning R&B historian Bill Dahl wrote the extensive essays.



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ARTIST TITLE

Various
Groovin' The Blues

When Groove Was More Than Just A Habit

LABEL

Bear Family Productions

CATALOG

BCD 17411

PRICE-CODE

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EAN-CODE



5 397102 174117

FORMAT

1 CD digipac with 60-page booklet

GENRE

R&B

TRACKS

33

PLAYING TIME

84:27



TRACK LISTING

Sonny Terry: Lost Jawbone • **Cousin Leroy:** Goin' Back Home • **Champion Jack Dupree:** The Ups • **Buddy Lucas:** No Dice • **Sue Allen & Oscar Black:** Hold Me Baby • **Sonny Terry:** Louise • **Clayton Love:** Love Blues • **Maymie Watts:** There Goes That Train • **Big Tiny Kennedy:** 'Taint Right • **Little Tommy Brown:** Don't Leave Me • **Cousin Leroy:** 41 Highway • **Sonny Terry:** Tell Me Baby • **Buddy Lucas:** I Got Drunk • **Zilla Mays:** Romance In The Dark • **Big Tiny Kennedy:** I Need A Good Woman • **Oscar Black:** What Makes Me Love You So • **Sonny Terry:** Hootin' Blues No. 2 • **The Du Droppers:** You've Been Good To Everybody • **Cousin Leroy:** Catfish • **Bertice Reading:** Beantown Boogie • **Cousin Leroy:** Lonesome Bedroom • **Champion Jack Dupree:** Lonely Road Blues • **Sonny Terry:** Throw This Old Dog A Bone • **Buddy Lucas:** I Need Help • **Sonny Terry:** I Took You In Baby • **Little Tommy Brown:** Won't You Forgive Me • **Champion Jack Dupree:** Story Of My Life • **Bertice Reading:** I Wash My Hands • **Oscar Black & Sue Allen:** I'll Live My Life Alone • **Sonny Terry:** Juice Head Woman • **Sonny Brooks:** Sentimental Blues • **Oscar Black:** Into Each Heart (Some Tears Must Fall) • **Big Connie:** Wait Till Next Week, Baby



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ARTIST TITLE

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Rockin' The Groove

When Groove Was More Than Just A Habit

LABEL

Bear Family Productions

CATALOG

BCD 17412

PRICE-CODE

AR

EAN-CODE



5 397102 174124

FORMAT

1 CD digipac with 64-page booklet

GENRE

Pop / Rock 'n' Roll

TRACKS

35

PLAYING TIME

84:08



TRACK LISTING

Frank Brunson: Charmaine • **Emmett Hobson:** Mattie Bee • **Zilla Mays:** Right Now • **Paul Williams:** Big Foot Mammy • **Roy Gaines:** Hoodoo • **George Benson:** Shout, Holler And Scream • **Beverly Wright:** Blackboard Rock • **Clayton Love:** Bye Bye Baby • **Sonny Brooks:** Champ Ale • **Johnny Bird Orchestra with Mr. Blue:** The Last Laugh Will Be On You • **Lil McKenzie:** Run A' Long • **Buddy Lucas:** I'm Trapped • **Big Connie:** She's Mine • **Chris Powell & The Blue Flames:** Break It Up • **Maymie Watts:** Quicksand • **Oscar Black:** My Head Goes Round • **Chris Powell & The Blue Flames:** Good-Bye Little Girl • **Little Tommy Brown:** The Thrill Is Gone • **Sam 'Highpockets' Henderson And His Jumpers:** Grab That Thing And Run • **Bertice Reasing:** I Gotta Know • **Johnny Bird Orchestra with Lillian Childs:** 22 Minutes • **The Du Droppers:** That's All I Need • **Maymie Watts:** Doo Ba Dee • **Emmett Hobson:** Where Is Joe? • **Beverly Wright:** Shake Till I'm Shook • **Frank Brunson:** I Believe In You • **Chris Powell & The Blue Flames:** Love Ya Like Crazy • **Roy Gaines:** Alabama Sue • **The Avalons:** Oh! Sweetness • **Zilla Mays:** Since You Went Away • **The Coronets:** Crime Doesn't Pay • **Paul Williams:** Women Are The Root Of All Evil • **George Benson:** A Little Boy's Dream • **Paul Williams:** Humpty Dumpty • **Maymie Watts:** Wheel Of Time

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14 Classic Rockin' R&B Tracks From RCA's Groove Label

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BCD 17388 AH

STILL GROOVE JUMPING!

16 Classic Rockin' R&B Tracks From RCA's Groove Label

CD digipac with 24-page booklet

BCD 17391 AH