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Artist Jamaica Johnny & His Milagro Boys
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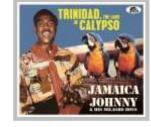
Genre Calypso, Caribbean

No. of tracks 28 80:59 Min.

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INFO:

- The first comprehensive retrospective on the life and achievements of Cornelis Lionel Liefeld (1919-1993) aka Jamaica Johnny
- At the height of the calypso craze in Europe, Jamaica Johnny released a number of plates in the Netherlands.
- Liefeld was born in Surinam. He never visited Jamaica nor Trinidad.
- This CD album brings together a total of 28 Calypso recordings made between 1957 and 1961 in the Netherlands for the Phillips company.
- Cover versions of popular tunes and originals as well as songs for commercials of a brewery!
- Linernotes by Calypso expert Ray Funk.

Jamaica Johnny was Cornelis Lionel Liefeld's nickname. Liefeld was born in 1919 in Paramaribo, the capital of Surinam, a small state on the northeast coast of South America - a Dutch colony until 1954, then a member of the Dutch Kingdom until final independence in 1975. During the Second World War he joined the Dutch Navy and was stationed in the Netherlands after the end of the war. Attracted by Amsterdam's lively music and cultural scene, he left the army and became a singer in the band of his compatriot Max Woiski. In the mid-50s he went into business for himself as Jamaica Johnny and formed his own band, the Milagro Boys. Now he sang Calypso in English at the height of the Calypso craze.

With his band he mostly performed in the Netherlands, but he also toured other European countries, especially in Scandinavia, where he was able to recruit a large fan base.

Besides his own versions of popular Calypso numbers, Jamaica Johnny wrote new songs himself and regularly recorded for Phillips - and he even recorded Calypsos for commercials of the Amstel Brewery.

In the early 6o's Cornelis L. Liefeld founded a family in the Netherlands and left show business. From then on he worked in the automobile industry, among others. He died in 1993.

Producer Nico Feuerbach, with the great support of our Dutch trainee Akout Valentino, located Cornelis Liefeld's son, who was able to close many information gaps. The renowned Calypso expert Ray Funk, who was also responsible for the Calypso boxes on Bear Family, wrote the liner notes.

The Dutch records of Jamaica Johnny apparently sold well back then and are another example of the range of international calypso madness in the late fifties, which was by no means limited to the USA, and show Jamaica Johnny as the leading representative of the genre in the Netherlands.

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TRACKLISTING:

CD 1:

Trinidad, Land Of Calypso Donkey City Man Smart, Woman Smarter No Glamour Girl For Me Madeleine Food From The West Indies Mother And Wife Love, Love, Love Parbo Calypso Tina And Bambula Pineapple Princess Take Me To Locero Who Threw The Whiskey In The Well Calypso Cha Cha Pretty Woman Wai Wai Sofaya Raspeballer The Most Rightiest Woman

CD 2:

Beautiful Para Kitch Divorce By Television Fifty Women To One Man Let Me Call You Mathilda Johnny Last Train To San Fernando Amstel Beer Calypso Op Een Klein Staionnetje Amsterdam Calypso Beeeeeer! Amstel Beer!

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Various Artists: Calypso 1938-1940

BCD16623 JM 10-CD Box with 316-page book EAN: **4000127166234**



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Robert Mitchum: Calypso Is Like So...

BAF18007 BAF 180-gram Vinyl EAN: **4000127180070**



Robert Mitchum: That Man

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