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Artist **COLIN HICKS**
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INFO:

- Bear Family finally supplies the long overdue compilation to Colin Hicks, the quite unjustly neglected brother of Tommy Hicks, better known as Tommy Steele!
- CD with all the rocking titles, all of them sought-after rarities!
- Altogether 27 songs from the years 1957-1961, which he recorded both in England and in his later adopted country Italy.
- Among them are several cover versions, which were recorded in the studio in an extremely explosive way, especially the recordings with his Cabin Boys.
- Also included are extraordinary rarities, such as the Italian sung *Impazzivo Per Te*, with the Tony De Vita Orchestra, which appeared in 1960 as a magazine supplement only on so-called Flexi-Disc!
- Also included are both sides of his first single in 1957 for the British Pye Nixa label. With this fourth edition of 'Brits Are Rocking', we are giving Tommy Steele's 'little' brother the monument he deserves. A great British rocker!
- The 36-page colour booklet contains the biography written by British music journalist Ashley Wood, plus many rare photos and memorabilia!

The career of Colin Hicks

This compilation of 27 songs is not in chronological order, but nevertheless outlines the interesting career of the Brit rocker. The Brits have developed their very own kind of Rock 'n' Roll and Rockabilly, mostly a lot more aggressive than the originals from the USA. And this is where Colin Hicks is the best example. He recorded for Pye Nixa in England and toured extensively, but was overshadowed by his highly successful brother Tommy Steele. Through interesting circumstances he came to Italy, where he became a celebrated Rock 'n' Roll star and even appeared in several movies!

Sexy Rock

We have named this CD after Hicks' greatest success in Italy, *Sexy Rock*, which is also presented in the 1960 film 'Ombre Blanche'. Whether Hicks interpreted classics by Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Eddie Cochran or Jerry Lee or made his own songs, he could not be outdone in his joy of playing with his Cabin Boys. The band literally explodes in their guitar solos, the drummer lets his drum kit bang forward from the off. So *Tutti Frutti* gets a completely new outfit. Another great example is his successful version of *Giddy Up A Ding Dong* - watch out for the great accentuation of the drummer! Crazy Cavan Grogan would now say: "*Rockabilly Rules Ok!*"

Included is a 36-page color booklet with the story of Colin Hicks, written by British music journalist Ashley Wood, plus rare information, rare photos and illustrations!

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TRACKLISTING:

CD:

Giddy Up A Ding Dong Empty Arms Blues Wild Eyes And Tender Lips Sexy Rock (from the film 'Ombre Blanche') Mean Woman Blues Oh Boy!
Loves Made A Fool Of You Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On Hanging Around Tallahassee Lassie Jambalaya (On The Bayou)
Colin Hicks E I Ribelli: Blue Moon Of Kentucky That Little Girl Of Mine lea lea (from the film 'Europa di notte') Robot Man Put Me Down
Lovin' Up A Storm A Teenager In Love Book Of Love Hallelujah, I Love Her So Brand New Cadillac All Because Of You Impazzivo Per Te
Johnny B. Goode Tutti Frutti Twenty Flight Rock Hang Up My Rock And Roll Shoes

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Tommy Steele:
Doomsday Rock - The Brits Are Rocking, Vol.1



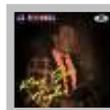
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CD with 40-page booklet
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Billy Fury:
Wondrous Place - The Brits Are Rocking, Vol.2



BCD17302 AH
CD with 36-page booklet
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King Size Taylor:
Dr. Feelgood - The Brits Are Rocking, Vol.3



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