

# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



## PRODUCT INFO (2-CD) July 2, 2021

Artist **Cleveland Crochet & The Sugar Bees**  
feat. **Vorris 'Shorty' LeBlanc and Jay Stutes**

Title **Hillbilly Ramblers And Sugar Bees**

Label Bear Family Productions

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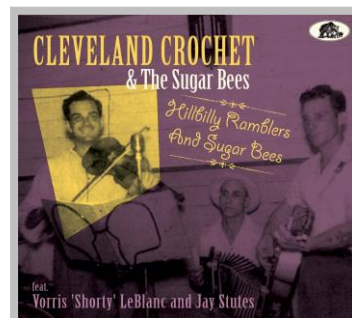
EAN-Code 5397102175985 Price code: AR

Format 2-CD (Digisleeve) with 36-page booklet

Genre Hillbilly, Cajun, Swamp

No. of tracks 38 approx. 90:00 min.

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## INFO:

- **Long overdue: the complete recordings of Cajun fiddler Cleveland Crochet on Bear Family, including all surviving alternate versions and the originally unreleased masters.**
- **In 1961, a Cajun song made it onto the Billboard pop charts for the first time: *Sugar Bee* climbed to #80.**
- **These recordings were made between 1954 and 1963 for Folk-Star, Khoury's, Goldband, Lyric and Swallow in Louisiana.**
- **As a bonus, we provide all solo recordings by band members Shorty 'Vorris' LeBlanc (accordion) and Jay Stutes (steel guitar), accompanied almost without exception by Cleveland Crochet's Sugar Bees.**
- **Cajun expert Michael Hurtt wrote the liner notes.**
- **Background information by Chris Strachwitz (Arhoolie Records) and others.**
- **Many previously unpublished photos.**
- **A must for all fans of country music, Cajun, blues and original rock 'n' roll.**

In the history of U.S. popular music the name Cleveland Crochet will forever be associated with the recording of *Sugar Bee*, the first single of the Cajun genre from Louisiana to enter the Billboard pop charts in 1961, making it to position No. 80.

Cleveland Crochet's father was a Cajun musician himself. Born in 1911 in Hathaway, Louisiana, Junior built his first fiddle out of a cigar box when he was twelve. He was already almost forty years old when he formed his band, the Hillbilly Ramblers, in 1950, initially performing regularly every Saturday night at Cajun dances at the Shamrock or Moulin Rouge in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and later playing throughout eastern Texas and southwest Louisiana. However, music long remained a minor part of Cleveland's life. He earned his living as a steelworker until his retirement in 1970. This overdue tribute to Cleveland Crochet's complete musical legacy includes all of the recordings he made for Folk-Star, Khoury's, Goldband, Lyric and Swallow between 1954 and 1963 - including all alternate versions and originally unreleased recordings that have survived. In addition, the Bear Family CD includes all solo recordings by later band members Shorty 'Vorris' LeBlanc (accordion) and Jay Stutes (steel guitar), accompanied almost without exception by Cleveland Crochet's Sugar Bees, as he also called his band.

We were able to get Cajun expert Michael Hurtt to provide the liner notes. Michael previously wrote the accompanying blurb for our CD of recordings by Vin Bruce (BCD16895). Additional background information comes from Arhoolie Records founder Chris Strachwitz, among others. The extensive booklet provides many previously unpublished photos. We are sure: this album is a must for all fans of Country Music, Cajun, Blues and original Rock 'n' Roll.

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## TRACKLISTING:

### CD 1:

Deedle-E-Deedle-D-Da (Keep Knockin')      Big Boy Waltz      Sha Meon Waltz (Chere Meon)      Midnight Blues (Blues De Minuit)  
Sugar Bee (Goldband 1106)      Sugar Bee (alt. edit / early fade-out)      Drunkard's Dream      Sweet Thing      Hound Dog Baby  
Come Back Home Little Girl (Midnight Blues- Goldband 1120)      Midnight Blues (Long Long Note On My Door) (alt. Take – Lyric 1001)  
Telephone Port Arthur      **Vorris (Shorty) LeBlanc & The Sugar Bees:** Kaw-Liga (Goldband 1128)  
**Vorris (Shorty) LeBlanc & The Sugar Bees:** Kaw-Liga (alt. Take)      **Vorris (Shorty) LeBlanc & The Sugar Bees:** La Valse De Soldat (Soldier's  
Waltz)      **Vorris (Shorty) LeBlanc & The Sugar Bees:** Boss Cajun (Mayou De Cajun)      **Vorris (Shorty) LeBlanc & The Sugar Bees:** La Valse  
De Chagrin      **Jay Stutes & The Sugar Bees:** Coming Home      **All The Sugar Bees feat. Doris Mott:** Not My Fault  
Waltz Of A Broken Heart

### CD 2:

**Shorty LeBlanc & The Sugar Bees:** Good Morning Blues      **Shorty LeBlanc & The Sugar Bees:** Good Morning Blues (alt. edit)  
Wedding Day (Demain Moi Je Va M'marier)      **Jay Stutes & The Sugar Bees:** Playmates      **Jay Stutes & The Sugar Bees:** La Branche  
De Mon Murier (Waltz Of The Mulberry Limb)      **Jay Stutes & The Sugar Bees:** Mariez-vous Donc Jamais      **Vorris (Shorty) LeBlanc:** Forgot  
I Was Married      **Vorris (Shorty) LeBlanc:** My Little Cabbage      **Vorris (Shorty) LeBlanc:** Time And Time Again  
**Vorris (Shorty) LeBlanc:** Three Year Waltz      **Vorris (Shorty) LeBlanc:** Rambler's Lonely Dream      **Vorris (Shorty) LeBlanc:** Tears Of  
Sorrow      Listen To My Heart      Country Women      **Jay Stutes & The Swamp Pickers:** Sugar Bee  
**Jay Stutes & The Swamp Pickers:** Come Back Home Little Girl      **Jay Stutes & The Sweet Licks:** Hey! Boss Man  
**The Sweet Licks:** Sweet Lick

## ALSO AVAILABLE:

### Various Artists:

#### Jole Blon - 23 Artists One Theme

BCD16618 AJ  
1-CD (Digipak) with 76-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127166180



### Vin Bruce:

#### Dans la Louisianne

BCD16895 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127168955



### Various Artists:

#### Acadian All Star Special

BCD17206 CK  
3-CD box set (LP-size) with 80-page  
hardcover book  
EAN: 4000127172068



### Link Davis:

#### Big Mamou

BCD16523 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 60-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127165237

