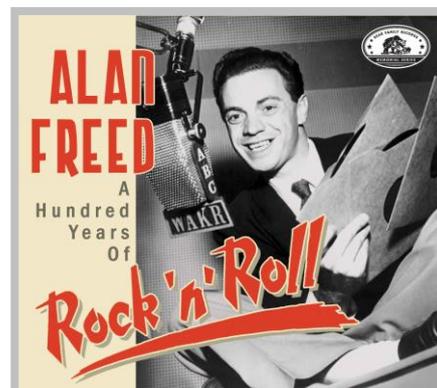


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PRODUCTINFO (CD) November 5, 2021

Artist **Various Artists**
Title **Memorial Series - Alan Freed: A Hundred Years Of Rock 'n' Roll**
Label **Bear Family Productions**
Catalog no. **BCD17628** Price code: **AR**
EAN-Code **5397102176289**
Format **1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet**
Genre **Rock 'n' Roll**
No. of tracks **39** approx. **79:00 min.**
Release date **November 5, 2021**



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PRODUCTIONS** 

INFO:

- **In celebration of Alan Freed's 100th birthday, Bear Family Records® presents this historic compilation in the 'Memorial Series'!**
- **This issue tells the story of one of the most legendary disc jockeys in music history.**
- **Included are 39 tracks from 1952 to 1959, a mix of then contemporary music from the Alan Freed shows and original excerpts from his radio broadcasts that made him famous.**
- **Alan Freed played mostly black rhythm and blues in his broadcasts, referred to by him early on as rock 'n' roll, and thus helped dismantle racial segregation in the United States.**
- **Since Freed is directly involved in almost all of the recordings, this CD album takes on the character of one of his radio shows and can be enjoyed from beginning to end - a genuine rarity!**
- **Just as well suited for nostalgic indulgence while cruising by car.**
- **As a bonus you get two ultra-rare live recordings from 1956 and 1957 with Jimmy Cavallo and The House Rockers and Little Richard.**
- **The 36-page full-color booklet provides the story of Alan Freed and the contributing artists, meticulously researched and written by Chicago music journalist Bill Dahl, with many rare photos and memorabilia!**

Rock and Roll

Alan Freed was THE top radio D.J. in 1950s America. Not because he is - incorrectly – considered to be the inventor of the term 'rock and roll' (African-Americans had been using that moniker since the 1930s), but because he took advantage of the rising popularity of R&B and white rock 'n' roll to put on R&B originals, which he then called rock and roll. He came up with all sorts of gimmicks for his radio shows and enthralled a teenage generation from Mexico to Canada. Hollywood took advantage of his immense popularity and gave him roles in music movies, and he got his own TV show. With this album we chronicle the most important years of his life, from his rapid rise to his sad decline in connection with the 'Payola' affair.

100 years of Alan Freed

Even if some tracks on this CD are well known, like *Bo Diddley* or Chuck Berry's *Oh Baby Doll* - but where else do you get to hear these titles with announcements from the first legendary dee-jay in music history? One or two songs may be available on YouTube, but the audio quality of our production is unbeatable. What made Alan Freed so popular? What made him the prototype of the radio DJ? Our CD production answers these questions twice. Alan Freed's story is told both musically and lyrically on 36 pages in the full-color accompanying booklet with many rare illustrations.

No, he did not invent the genre term 'Rock and Roll'. But Alan Freed did use the phrase in his early 'Moondog' radio shows in Cleveland, Ohio. Later in New York, his 'Rock and Roll Dance Party' shows became legendary, especially as he took them from the radio to the stage as well, putting on huge live concerts from which the bonus live tracks were taken. Alan Freed dedicated his life to rock 'n' roll, shaking the barriers of segregation by helping African-American music gain popularity with white audiences as well. Segregation did not exist at his live concerts. Eventually, Alan Freed

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failed. His involvement in the great radio corruption scandal of the late 1950s was only one of the reasons. As Bill Dahl concludes in his accompanying text, "Alan Freed was rock and roll's best friend."

With this CD edition we would like to commemorate the great Alan Freed, who would have celebrated his 100th birthday on December 15, 2021.

TRACKLISTING:

CD:

Intro / Ronnie Aldrich & The Squadronaires: Rock 'n' Roll Boogie **Alan Freed:** Freed's Apology-The Moondog House Radio Show-WJW Cleveland
Freddie Mitchell Orchestra: Moon Dog Boogie **Alan Freed:** Radio Intro-WJW Cleveland **Gil Bernal:** The Whip
Alan Freed: Gil Bernal & Beer Commercial-WJW Cleveland **Alan Freed & His Rock 'N Roll Band featuring The Modernaires:** Only You
Alan Freed: Station I.D. & Commercials-WJW Cleveland **Ernie Andrews:** Make Me A Present Of You **Alan Freed:** Moondoggers' Bones-WJW Cleveland
Sam 'The Man' Taylor & His Orchestra: The Big Beat **Alan Freed:** Talks about 'The Blackboard Jungle'-WINS New York
Alan Freed & His Rock 'N Roll Band, vocal by 'Hal & Al': (We're Gonna) Rock Around The Clock **Eddie Fontaine:** Rock Love
Alan Freed: Outro Eddie Fontaine & Intro Rusty Bryant-Rock 'n' Roll Party Radio Show-WINS New York **Rusty Bryant & The Carolyn Club Band:** Back Street **Alan Freed:** Station I.D. & Talks About A Model Agency-WINS New York **Alan Freed & His Rock 'N Roll Band:** Teener's Canteen
Alan Freed: Commercials & Marie Adams Intro-WINS New York **Johnny Otis Orchestra, Marie Adams & Junior Ryder vocal:** Boom Diddy Wa Wa **Alan Freed:** Movie Trailer 'The Man Without A Star' & Otis Blackwell Intro-WINS New York **Otis Blackwell:** You Move Me, Baby
Alan Freed: Television Commercial & The Charms Intro-WINS New York **The Charms:** Two Hearts **Alan Freed:** Mercury Commercial & High School Radio Station **Alan Freed & His Rock 'N Roll Band:** Easy Rock **Alan Freed:** Furniture Commercial-WINS New York
Alan Freed: Talks About Rock And Roll Artists-WINS New York **Bo Diddley:** Bo Diddley (with Alan Freed Intro)
Alan Freed & His Rock 'N Roll Band, vocal by 'Hal & Al': See You Later, Alligator **Alan Freed, Steve Allen, Al 'Jazzbo' Collins & The Modernaires:** The Space Man **Alan Freed:** Announcement Rock 'n' Roll Dance Party No.1 **Little Richard:** Lucille (Live)
Jimmy Cavallo & The House Rockers: Rock, Rock, Rock (Live) **The Johnny Burnette Trio:** Lonesome Train (On A Lonesome Track) (with Alan Freed Intro) **Chuck Berry:** Oh, Baby Doll (with Alan Freed Intro) **The King's Henchmen:** Gosah **Jesse Belvin:** Goodnight My Love (Pleasant Dreams) (with Alan Freed Intro) **Alan Freed:** Farewell To His Fans-'Big Beat' Rock 'n' Roll Dance Party-WNEW-TV Show

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Various Artists:

The Great Tragedy - Winter Dance Party 1959

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1-CD with 24-page booklet
EAN: 5397102175855



Various Artists:

The Great Tragedy - Winter Dance Party 1959 - No. 2

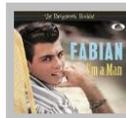
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1-CD with 16-page booklet
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Fabian:

The Drugstore's Rockin' - I'm A Man

BCD17637 AH
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet
EAN: 5397102176371



Little Richard:

Rocks

BCD17138 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 60-page booklet
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Bill Haley & His Comets:

Bill Rocks

BCD16807 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 32-page booklet
EAN: 4000127168078



Various Artists:

Memorial Series - James Dean: Rebel With A Cause

BCD17571 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet,
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