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ARTIST	VARIOUS ARTISTS
TITLE	The !!!! Beat, Vol. 4
	Shows 14 - 17
LABEL	Bear Family Records
CATALOG #	BVD 20129
PRICE-CODE	AT
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ISBN-CODE	3-89916-117-3
FORMAT	DVD (NTSC - codefree - color)
GENRE	R & B, Soul
TRACKS	41



KEY SELLING POINTS

- First time on DVD
- Premier first generation quality, full color
- Presenting the best names in soul and R&B
- Legendary 1966 THE BEAT!!!!, US television show with live performances
- A must-have series for the serious soul collector

SALES NOTES

'THE !!!! BEAT' IS BACK

Once **THE !!!! BEAT** was only a legend. Fans and collectors heard that there was a television show in the mid-1960s that captured the absolute very best of the soul and R&B singers of the day. Some said it was made in Nashville and some said that it was made in Dallas. Musicians remembered working on the show and a few people remembered seeing it, but no one seemed to know what had happened to it. Did the tapes still exist? How many shows were there? Who exactly was on it?

Now, nearly forty years later Bear Family answers all the questions. All the episodes still exist! It really was a fabulous show! It really was in color! It really did feature the absolute best of the soul and R&B acts of the day! And whereas once just fragments of the shows made their way onto bootlegs, now the entire series is available in first-generation quality. It has been a long time coming, but now **THE !!!! BEAT** is back!

Soul music is bigger than ever now, just as the original practitioners are dying off or performing way past their prime. Revivalists like Joss Stone often only emphasize how great the originals were in their day, so here is a reminder of what REAL soul music was like from the absolute original masters.

The second installment of Bear Family's documentation of the incredible **THE !!!! BEAT** shows is out now, and on BVD 20129, Shows 14 – 17, the focus shifts to the blues. Here is footage of the great **Louis Jordan** ... a little past his 1940s prime but still fabulous and still leading one of the hottest bands on the circuit, but the real scene-stealer is **Freddie King**. The foundation of modern rock guitar is right here in these incendiary performances. And on the subject of guitar, there's amazing fretwork from **Clarence 'Gatemouth' Brown**, as well as some fabulous New Orleans R&B from **Clarence 'Frogman' Henry**. And those are just the highlights!

BVD 20130, Shows 18 – 21, features artists that soul fans never dreamed they'd see in their heyday, like **Jamo Thomas**, **Robert Parker**, **Mitty Collier**, **Z.Z. Hill**, plus Nashville R&B legends **Earl Gaines** (featured on our 'A Shot In The Dark – Nashville Jumps' box), **Joe Simon**, and **Bobby Hebb** singing his original version of **Sunny**. Add to that **Lou Rawls** in his prime, and even more incredible Freddie King.

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The highlight of BVD 20131, Shows 22-26, is a complete show featuring **Willie Mitchell** and his Hi Records soul brethren and another show featuring **Otis Redding** and the Stax/Atlantic soul brothers. Just a few months after this show, Memphis bandleader Willie Mitchell would discover **Al Green**, but this is a priceless souvenir of his show circa 1966 with the great **Don Bryant**, bluesman **Big Lucky Carter**, and a very young **Teenie Hodges**. On the final BEAT show we see the absolute cream of Memphis soul with **Otis Redding**, **Sam & Dave**, **the Oventions**, **the Bar-Kays**, and **Percy Sledge**.

THE !!!! BEAT was almost too good to last, but in these 26 shows we see the beginning, middle, and end of soul music. Many fans never thought they'd ever see these shows, but now they're here...complete and unedited. Soul perfection!

When you're talking about soul music, it truly comes no better than this!

Fans in the UK can expect a treat in 2005 in the shape of a multi-part series on SOUL MUSIC, so SOUL is officially back.

Go get every episode of the **THE !!!! BEAT**. Exclusively from Bear Family....the new Soul City!

TRACK LISTING

SHOW #14 (1966)

1. Intro by Hoss Allen, incl. The Beat Theme
2. Freddie King: Funny Bone
3. Maurice & The Radiants: You've Been Cheating
4. Maurice & The Radiants: Shotgun
5. The Beat Boys: Don't Bother Me
6. The Poppies: Wonderful World Of Love
7. Les Watson & The Panthers: Beg Me
8. Les Watson & The Panthers: A Change Is Gonna Come
9. Johnny Jones: Take Five
10. Freddie King: Have You Ever Loved A Woman
11. Freddie King: Shuffle

SHOW #16 (1966)

1. Intro by Hoss Allen, incl. The Beat Theme
2. Clarence 'Frogman' Henry: I Ain't Got No Home
3. Gwen Davis: I Can't Be Your Part Time Baby
4. Robert Parker: Barefootin'
5. The Beat Boys: Teddy Bear
6. Jimmy Church: I Don't Care Who Knows
7. Lattimore Brown: I Know That I'm Gonna Miss You
8. Lattimore Brown: Treat Her Right
9. Gatemouth Brown: Blues For Cochise
10. Clarence 'Frogman' Henry: I Don't Know Why I Love You
11. Clarence 'Frogman' Henry: New Orleans March

SHOW #15 (1966)

1. Intro by Hoss Allen, incl. The Beat Theme
2. Louis Jordan & The Tympany Five: Caldonia
3. Louis Jordan & The Tympany Five: G.I. Jive
4. Louis Jordan & The Tympany Five (w/ Martha): All I Do Is Dream
5. Louis Jordan & The Tympany Five: Ram-Bunk-Shush
6. Louis Jordan & The Tympany Five: Don't Let The Sun Catch You Cryin'
7. Freddie King: Sittin' On The Boat Dock
8. Freddie King & Gatemouth Brown: Funky Mama

SHOW #17 (1966)

1. Intro by Hoss Allen, incl. The Beat Theme
2. Clarence 'Frogman' Henry: Baby Ain't That Love
3. Gwen Davis: My Man Don't Think I Know
4. Joe Simon: Let's Do It Over
5. Gatemouth Brown & Johnny Jones: Battle At The KO Corral
6. Mamie Galore: It Ain't Necessary
7. Jamo Thomas: I Spy (For The F.B.I.)
8. Joe Simon: Raise Your Hand
9. The Beat Boys: Moon River
10. Robert Parker: Just A Little Bit
11. The Beat Boys: One O'Clock Jump

ALSO AVAILABLE

TITLE	NUMBER	FORMAT
The !!!! Beat, Vol.1, Shows 1 - 5	BVD 20126	DVD
The !!!! Beat, Vol.2, Shows 6 - 9	BVD 20127	DVD
The !!!! Beat, Vol.3, Shows 10 - 13	BVD 20128	DVD