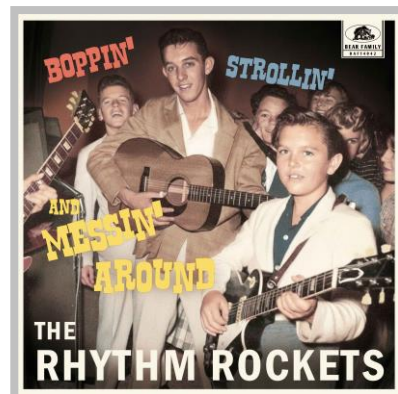


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PRODUCTINFO (Vinyl) May 8, 2026

Artist **The Rhythm Rockets**
Title **Boppin', Strollin' and Messin' Around**
Label Bear Family Records
Catalog no. BAF14042 Price code: BAF
EAN-Code 4000127140425
Format 10" vinyl LP (25 cm), 45 rpm, limited & numbered edition (500 copies)
with 8-page booklet
Genre Rock 'n' Roll, Rockabilly
No. of tracks 11 approx. 28:00 min.
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INFO:

- **Exciting rockabilly act from the rarely documented Miami scene.**
- **Featuring rare and long-unreleased recordings.**
- **Early original compositions by the Pate brothers.**
- **Raw and authentic late 1950s sound.**
- **Essential for collectors and fans of obscure rockabilly.**

Rockabilly from Miami? At first glance, that might seem unusual – but that is exactly what makes this release so compelling. The Rhythm Rockets are among the most exciting and long-overlooked acts of the early rock'n'roll era, representing a scene that developed its own identity far from the established music centers.

At the heart of the story are brothers Ray and Donnie Pate, two teenagers with remarkable talent and determination. Raised on gospel, country and rhythm & blues, they developed their own sound by the mid-1950s – raw, energetic and impressively mature for their age.

As rock'n'roll took hold in Florida, the Rhythm Rockets quickly became part of the local scene. They appeared at jamborees, shared stages with artists like Carl Perkins and performed at the legendary shows hosted by DJ Milt "Mr. Rock & Roll" Oshins. Their only contemporary release came out on Gulfstream Records in 1958 – while much of their material remained unreleased for decades.

These sessions form the core of this collection. The Pate brothers wrote all of their own material and worked with remarkable dedication in the studio. The result is a set of powerful rockabilly recordings driven by Donnie's distinctive guitar work and Ray's confident vocals.

That this music was rediscovered only years later adds to its unique appeal. Long available only on obscure compilations and acetate releases, the Rhythm Rockets are now considered a cult name among collectors.

This collection finally places their music in the context it deserves, proving that rock'n'roll was not confined to Memphis or Nashville – but thrived wherever young musicians were ready to create something new.

TRACKLISTING:

Side A:

My Shadow Here, There And Everywhere Boppin', Strollin' And Messin' Around I've Got That Feeling Donny's Boogie
Everybody's Gonna Do The Rock 'n' Roll

Side B:

The Slide Lucky Day My Love Is Gone My Shadow (alt. take) Donny's Boogie (alt. take)

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Charlie Brown:
Have You Heard The Gossip?

BAF14039 BAF
10inch vinyl LP, with 8-page booklet
EAN: 4000127140395



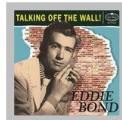
Jerry Reed:
The Rockin' U.S. Male

BAF14024 BAFX
10inch vinyl LP, with 8-page booklet, postcard
and bonus CD
EAN: 4000127140241



Eddie Bond:
Talking Off The Wall!

BAF14034 BAFX
10inch vinyl LP, with 12-page booklet, postcard
and bonus CD
EAN: 4000127140340



Various Artists:
**Ooh-Eee! What You Do To Me?!
Stars, Inc. Rockers and Country Boppers
from Atlanta, GA**

BAF14038 BAF
10inch vinyl LP, with 8-page booklet
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Marvin Rainwater:
Hot And Cold

BAF14033 BAFX
10inch vinyl LP, with 12-page booklet, postcard
and bonus CD
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Various Artists:
So Real! - Colonial Rockers from Chapel Hill, NC

BAF14037 BAF
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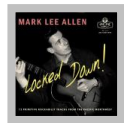
Various Artists:
**You Gotta Have A Ducktail!
Nau-Voo Rockers From West Portsmouth, OH**

BAF14041 BAF
10inch vinyl LP, with 8-page booklet
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Mark Lee Allen:
Locked Down!

BAF14025 BAF
10inch vinyl LP, with postcard
EAN: 4000127140258



Gene Vincent:
We Sure Miss You

BAF14019 BAFX
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Roy Orbison:
The Cat Called Domino

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EAN: 5397102140150



Vince Maloy:
**Flying High With Vince Maloy
The Complete Recordings**

BAF14035 BAF
10inch vinyl LP, with 12-page booklet
EAN: 4000127140357



Link Davis:
Laissez Les Bon-Ta-Ru-La (Let The Good Times Roll)

BAF14020 BAFX
10inch vinyl LP, with 12-page booklet, postcard
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