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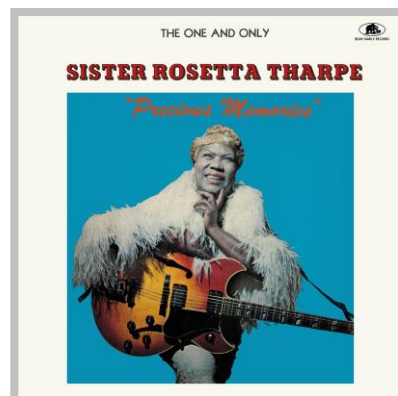


PRODUCTINFO (Vinyl) September 4, 2026

Artist	Sister Rosetta Tharpe	
Title	Precious Memories	
Label	Bear Family Records	
Catalog no.	BAF18055	Price code: BAF
EAN-Code	4000127180551	
Format	12" vinyl LP (30 cm / 180-gram), 33 rpm, re-issue, original cover	
Genre	Rhythm & Blues, Soul, Gospel	
No. of tracks	10	approx. 45:00 min.
Release date	September 4, 2026	



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INFO:

- **First-ever Bear Family Records® reissue of Sister Rosetta Tharpe's legendary 1968 gospel masterpiece "Precious Memories".**
- **Faithfully mastered from the original mono album, preserving the powerful, authentic sound of the original Savoy Records release.**
- **Premium 180-gram vinyl pressing for outstanding sound quality and durability.**
- **Includes an exclusive 5.8" x 8.3" collectible postcard.**
- **Features Sister Rosetta Tharpe's electrifying vocals and exuberant guitar work at the height of her artistic powers.**
- **A vibrant blend of gospel, rhythm and blues, soul, and early rock & roll, showcasing one of the most influential artists in American music.**

Bear Family Records® is proud to reissue Sister Rosetta Tharpe's magnificent gospel album "Precious Memories," originally released by Savoy in 1968 as part of its legendary "Religious 14200" series (MG 14214). This edition presents the powerful original mono mix in the best possible sound quality.

Tharpe's passionate voice and unmistakable guitar playing dominate every track, backed by a superb band whose swinging, rocking arrangements perfectly complement her performance. The result is an album filled with energy, joy and deep spirituality.

Born in Cotton Plant, Arkansas, in 1915, Sister Rosetta Tharpe became one of the most influential artists in American music. Her career bridged traditional gospel blues, the big-band era and a groundbreaking style that fused gospel, rhythm & blues and rock 'n' roll. On "Precious Memories" she reveals every facet of her artistry, from exuberant performances to deeply moving spiritual interpretations. Songs such as *The Highway to Heaven*, *This Train* and *Precious Lord* showcase both her unwavering faith and extraordinary musical presence.

Today Tharpe is widely celebrated as the "Godmother of Rock 'n' Roll." Honoured by the U.S. Postal Service in 1998, celebrated by the tribute album "Shout, Sister, Shout!" in 2003, and inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2018, her influence continues to grow.

Her legacy also lives on in popular culture. Charles Burnett featured the title song in his acclaimed 1990 film "To Sleep with Anger," while her glamorous style and electrifying stage presence continue to inspire new generations of performers. With two feature films and a documentary currently in development, Sister Rosetta Tharpe's remarkable story is reaching an even wider audience.

Until then, "Precious Memories" remains an essential recording by one of the true pioneers of American music.

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TRACKLISTING:

Side A:

Precious Memories

Come By Here

No Room In The Church For Liars

Last Mile Of The Way

Peace In The Valley

Side B:

Precious Lord

Walking Up The King's Highway

What Are They Doing

Saviour Don't Pass Me By

This Train

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Bobby 'Blue' Bland: Dreamer

BAF18029 BAF
12inch vinyl LP (180g)
EAN: 5397102180293



Etta James: Tell Mama

BAF18026 BAF
12inch vinyl LP (180g)
EAN: 5397102180262



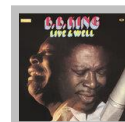
Bobby 'Blue' Bland: His California Album

BAF18036 BAF
12inch vinyl LP (180g)
EAN: 54000127180360



B.B. King: Live And Well

BAF18013 BAF
12inch vinyl LP (180g)
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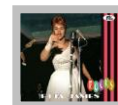
Various Artists: The Memphis Blues Box Original Recordings 1914–1969

BCD17515 LM
20-CD Box Set (LP-size) with 360-page
hardcover book
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BCD17750 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet
EAN: 4000127177506



Johnny 'Guitar' Watson: Rocks

BCD17764 AR
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Ike Turner: Rocks

BCD17679 AR
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Reverend Robert Wilkins: Prodigal Son

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Reverend Robert Ballinger: The King's Highway

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