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<b>ARTIST</b>	<b>ERNIE CHAFFIN</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Laughin' &amp; Jokin'</b>
	<b>The Sun Years</b>
<b>LABEL</b>	Bear Family Records
<b>CATALOG #</b>	BCD 16780
<b>PRICE-CODE</b>	AH
<b>EAN-CODE</b>	 4 000127 167804
<b>ISBN-CODE</b>	3-89916-192-0
<b>FORMAT</b>	CD with 44-page booklet
<b>GENRE</b>	Country, Rock 'n' Roll
<b>TRACKS</b>	28
<b>PLAYING TIME</b>	71:57



- **A rockabilly performer with a mile-wide country streak, Ernie Chaffin was one of the few Sun artists from the golden era to have recorded before he went to Sun.**
- **We've combined all the songs that Chaffin recorded for Sun, including unissued versions, plus some demos from Gulfport, Mississippi!**
- **The booklet includes a biography by Hank Davis with rare pictures.**

## SALES NOTES

Sun Records had some certifiable good-ole-boys on its roster of artists – men like Carl Perkins, Charlie Feathers and Warren Smith. They never outgrew their love of country music but, one way or another, each of them made the transition to rockabilly and won wide acclaim for doing so.

The easy transition from country to rockabilly doesn't always work. At Sun Records, that exception was named Ernie Chaffin. Chaffin was another good ole country boy, born in Northern Mississippi. He traveled to the Gulf coast as a teenager to get his start in the music business. By 1956, he had found his way to 706 Union Avenue in Memphis. But despite pressure from Sam Phillips, Jack Clement and Bill Justis, Chaffin never found his way to full-bore rockabilly.

What he did find was a country sound so unique and starkly beautiful that Sam Phillips – a big fan of originality – had no choice but to let Ernie Chaffin go his own way in the studio. Chaffin's first two records for Sun are as haunting and unusual as anything recorded for the label. Nothing sounds like them – before or since. The reissue of these four sides would be reason enough to rejoice, but we have also brought you previously unissued alternate takes of these songs, along with a sample of every title Chaffin recorded for or at Sun. These include previously unreleased Gulfport demos and undubbed bed tracks that were later cluttered with voices for release, as Sun moved its focus to crossover pop/country hits.

This long-awaited disc comes with a detailed biography of Chaffin by Sun historian Hank Davis. It includes previously unpublished interviews shedding new light on Chaffin's life and career. We also include vintage photos of Chaffin and his mentor Pewee Maddux. As a special bonus, the CD contains a previously unissued interview with Ernie Chaffin, himself, originally recorded as research for the Sun Country box (BFX 15211). You'll hear about Ernie's musical background and experiences at Sun – in his own voice!

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If, like many Sun fans and collectors, you were haunted by *Feelin' Low* and *I'm Lonesome*, this will be a Bear Family release you've got to own: The ultimate and long-overdue Ernie Chaffin Sun collection.

## TRACK LISTING

1. Feelin' Low
2. Lonesome For My Baby
3. I'm Lonesome
4. Laughin' And Jokin'
5. Born To Lose
6. (Nothing Can Change) My Love For You
7. Don't Ever Leave Me
8. Miracle Of You
9. The Heart Of Me
10. Linda
11. I Walk Alone
12. Born To Lose (alt)
13. Feelin' Low (alt-1)
14. My Heart Tells Me
15. No Fool Like An Old Fool
16. Be Faithful To Me
17. I'm Lonesome (alt-1)
18. Laughin' And Jokin' (alt)
19. Miracle Of You (undubbed master)
20. I Walk Alone (alt)
21. Got You On My Mind
22. The Heart of Me (alt)
23. My Love For You (undubbed master)
24. Lonesome For My Baby (alt)
25. Born To Lose (undubbed master)
26. I'm Lonesome (alt-2)
27. Feelin' Low (alt-2)
28. Interview