

BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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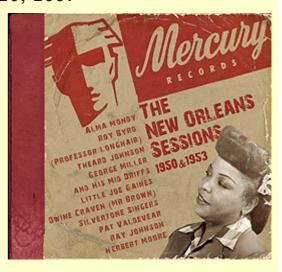
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KEY SELLING POINTS

- New Orleans is still in everyone's hearts and minds...not least for the music it contributed to the world
- The beginning of New Orleans R&B is chronicled in an astonishing new Bear Family compilation!
- It features early and great performances by crescent city legend Professor Longhair!
- Most of the recordings new to CD! Some have never been available since the early 1950s!

SALES NOTES

Back in 1989, we issued a double LP, 'Mercury Records--The New Orleans Sessions, 1950.' Containing early and great (not to mention some unissued) recordings by Professor Longhair, Alma Mondy, and other Crescent City legends, it was a definitive statement of New Orleans R&B at its inception. We uncovered the original acetates at Mercury Records' vault, and painstakingly restored them, thereby re-creating one of the great field trips in record business history on two LPs!

Since CDs were introduced, we've had requests to reissue that 2-LP set, but we couldn't see how we could improve upon it..until now. Researcher Rick Coleman, whose recently published book on Fats Domino is recognized as a classic work in New Orleans R&B, figured out that a Mercury R&B session long thought to have taken place in Los Angeles in 1953 actually took place in New Orleans. To confirm his hunch, Rick spoke with Mercury A&R man Dee Kilpatrick, who recalled recording Alma Mondy along with a female impersonator, Pat Valadear, Woo-Woo Moore, and Plas Johnson's brother, Ray. So we included everything from that session, plus the ultra-rare gospel recordings by the Silvertone Singers from the 1950 sessions!

Add new photos, new notes, and digitally enhanced sound. That's how we took the story of Mercury's New Orleans sessions to a new level. A fitting tribute, especially as so many of the neighborhoods that gave birth to this music may never return!



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TRACK LISTING

CD1:

- 1. Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): Miss Lollypop's Confession
- 2. Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): Love Troubles
- 3. Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): Baby Get Wise
- 4. Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): Just As Soon As I Go Home
- 5. Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): Street Walkin' Daddy
- **6.** Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): A Job For A Jockey
- 7. Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): Still My Angel Child
- 8. Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): No Stuff For Me
- 9. Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): I Need You Baby
- 10. Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): You Done Me Wrong
- 11. Roy Byrd (Professor Longhair) & His Blues Jumpers: Byrd's Blues
- 12. Roy Byrd (Professor Longhair) & His Blues Jumpers: Her Mind Is Gone
- 13. Roy Byrd (Professor Longhair) & His Blues Jumpers: Bald Head
- 14. Roy Byrd (Professor Longhair) & His Blues Jumpers: Hey Now Baby
- 15. Roy Byrd (Professor Longhair) & His Blues Jumpers: Oh Well
- 16. Roy Byrd (Professor Longhair) & His Blues Jumpers: Hadacol Bounce
- 17. Roy Byrd (Professor Longhair) & His Blues Jumpers: Longhair Stomp
- 18. Roy Byrd (Professor Longhair) & His Blues Jumpers: Been Foolin' Around
- 19. Roy Byrd (Professor Longhair) & His Blues Jumpers: Between The Night And Day
- 20. Theard Johnson: I Walk In My Sleep
- 21. Theard Johnson: Lost Love
- 22. George Miller & His Mid Driffs: Boogie's The Thing
- 23. George Miller & His Mid Driffs: Bat-Lee Swing

CD2:

- 1. Little Joe Gaines: She Won't Leave No More
- 2. Little Joe Gaines: Snuff Dipper
- 3. Dwine Craven (Mr. Brown): Mercury Boogie
- 4. Dwine Craven (Mr. Brown): New Way Of Loving
- 5. Silvertone Singers: Bye And Bye
- 6. Silvertone Singers: What Are They Doing In Heaven Today
- 7. Silvertone Singers: Call On Jesus In Scret Prayer
- 8. Silvertone Singers: Rest From Labor
- 9. Pat Valdevear: Keep Your Hands On Your Heart
- 10. Pat Valdevear: Baby, Rock Me
- 11. Ray Johnson: Boogie The Blues
- 12. Ray Johnson: House Of Blues
- 13. Ray Johnson: I'll Never Let You Go
- 14. Ray Johnson: Smilin' Blues
- 15. Herbert 'Woo Woo' Moore: Something's Wrong
- 16. Herbert 'Woo Woo' Moore: Five Long Letters
- 17. Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): Miss Lollypop's Confession
- 18. Alma Mondy (Alma Lollypop): Love Troubles
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