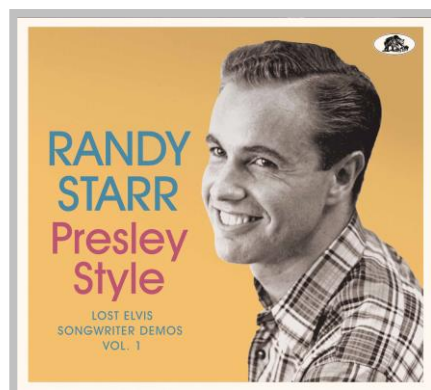


BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



PRODUCTINFO (CD) March 1, 2024

Artist **Randy Starr**
Title **Presley Style**
Lost Elvis Songwriter Demos, Vol. 1
Label Bear Family Records
Catalog no. BCD17703 Price code: AR
EAN-Code 4000127177032
Format 1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet
Genre Rock 'n' Roll, Pop
No. of tracks 35 approx. 70:00 min.
Release date March 1, 2024



BEAR FAMILY
RECORDS 

INFO:

- **Following the great success of P.J. Proby's CD album of demo recordings, Bear Family Records® releases more elaborately produced demos recorded exclusively for Elvis.**
- **Between 1963 and 1968, Randy Starr wrote and produced around 70 songs in New York City, 35 can be found on this CD, six of which Elvis selected and recorded for the soundtracks of his feature films!**
- **A sensational number of 34 tracks released for the first time ever, mastered from copies of the original tapes.**
- **Randy Starr sings 14 songs, 13 are by Kenny Karen, the singers of the remaining tracks are Malcolm Dodds and Jerry Keller.**
- **The illustrated and extensive booklet contains detailed liner notes by British Elvis expert and collector Trevor Simpson, based on interviews he recently conducted with Randy Starr.**

Randy Starr, born in 1930, successfully completed his dental studies at Columbia College in 1954. Around the same time, he wrote songs that were recorded by Jackie Wilson, Connie Francis, the Kingston Trio and Kay Starr, among others. In 1957 he appeared on the American Bandstand for the first time with his hit *After School*, and in 1959 he entered the Billboard charts with *The Enchanted Sea* as the singer of The Islanders, reaching number 15. His greatest successes as a songwriter, however, came with a total of 12 compositions personally selected by Elvis Presley, which became part of the soundtracks of Elvis movies. To give Elvis an accurate picture of the songs, Randy Starr produced highly professional recordings in top studios in New York with hand-picked musicians and often himself as the singer.

Bear Family is releasing around 70 of these recordings on two CD albums, 12 of which were recorded by Elvis. This first of two CDs contains 35 songs, six can be heard in Elvis' version in feature films: *Kissin' Cousins* ('Kissin' Cousins'), *The Yellow Rose Of Texas* ('Viva Las Vegas'), *Look Out, Broadway* ('Frankie And Johnny'), *Datin'* ('Paradise, Hawaiian Style'), *Adam And Evil* ('Spinout'), and *The Girl I Never Loved* ('Clambake'). Only one of these demo recordings has been released, 34 of these songs appear here for the first time on vinyl or CD!

In order to achieve the high sound quality Bear Family Records® is known for, we commissioned an experienced sound engineer to master the original sources. The result sounds brilliant!

Randy Starr sang 14 of the 35 demo songs recorded between 1963 and 1968, 13 were performed by Kenny Karen, while the remaining recordings were done by either Malcom Dodds or Jerry Keller, the same Jerry Keller who made it to number 14 in the Billboard charts in 1959 with the legendary *Here Comes Summer*.

The British Elvis collector and expert Trevor Simpson was in close contact with Randy Starr for many years. We owe him the extremely competent liner notes, which are based on many interviews conducted with Randy Starr.

Unfortunately, Trevor passed away in January 2024 and did not live to see the release of these albums.

We dedicate the Randy Starr CDs to this extraordinary man and expert.

BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



TRACKLISTING:

CD:

Malcolm Dodds: Kissin' Cousins **Malcolm Dodds:** Viva Las Vegas **Randy Starr:** The Yellow Rose Of Texas
Malcolm Dodds: Lady Luck Is A Gypsy **Malcolm Dodds:** Look Out, Broadway **Kenny Karen:** Kissing In The Rain
Randy Starr: Three Wishes **Randy Starr:** Bring On The Dancing Girls **Malcolm Dodds:** A Thousand And One Nights
Jerry Keller: Polynesian Paradise **Jerry Keller:** Datin' **Kenny Karen:** Adam And Evil **Kenny Karen:** Never Say Forever
Kenny Karen: Easy Come, Easy Go **Kenny Karen:** Wheel Of Love **Randy Starr:** I'll Take Love **Kenny Karen:** Love On The Rocks
Randy Starr: Clambake **Kenny Karen:** The Girl I Never Loved **Randy Starr:** Let Her Go **Randy Starr:** You Can Do It
Randy Starr: Handle With Care **Randy Starr:** Better And Better **Kenny Karen:** From Riches To Rags **Kenny Karen:** Little Girl
Randy Starr: Big Bright, Beautiful World **Randy Starr:** Head For The Hills **Randy Starr:** Strange Vibrations **Kenny Karen:** Come Hell,
Come Sundown **Randy Starr:** Charro! **Kenny Karen:** The Chautauqua **Kenny Karen and Mimi Roman:** We Can See Him Everywhere
Randy Starr: Don't Stand Under The Mistletoe **Kenny Karen and Mimi Roman:** My Christmas Won't Be Merry This Year
Kenny Karen and Mimi Roman: Let's Have A Christmas Party

ALSO AVAILABLE:

P. J. Proby:
Presley Style
Lost Elvis Songwriter Demos 1961-1963

BCD17678 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet
EAN: 4000127176783



Charlie McCoy:
Screamin', Shoutin', Beggin', Pleadin'

BCD17634 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet
EAN: 5397102176340



Various Artists:
The Elvis Presley Connection, Vol.1

BCD17561 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet
EAN: 5397102175619



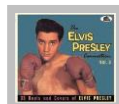
Various Artists:
The Elvis Presley Connection, Vol.2

BCD17562 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet
EAN: 5397102175626



Various Artists:
The Elvis Presley Connection, Vol.3

BCD17640 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet
EAN: 4000127176400



Don Robertson:
And Then I Wrote – Songs For Elvis

BCD16654 AR
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet
EAN: 4000127166548

