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ARTIST
TITLE

Various
Nappy Music Man
Soul-Pop-Disco-Funk-Crossover
From Trinidad • 1975-1981
Written, produced and performed by
Richard 'Nappy' Mayers

LABEL
CATALOG #
PRICE-CODE
EAN-CODE

Cree Records / Bear Family Productions
CLP 1209
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FORMAT

180g VINYL double album in **gatefold sleeve**
with 32-page booklet (21 x 21 cm)
plus 7" single (45 rpm)

GENRE

Soul • Funk

TRACKS

18



- High quality tracks recorded in Port of Spain/Trinidad between 1975-1981.
- 'Musical blend' of Trinidadian Calypso and American R'n'B and Pop music.
- Contains tracks from the rare and in demand LP 'Embryo'.
- Contains the rare and in demand disco track *Hot For Your Love* by Nadie La Fond on the accompanying 7".
- Full color 32-page booklet (21 x 21 cms) with liner notes and lots of (partly unreleased) photos.
- Exquisite full-color fold-out sleeve, black poly-lined inner sleeves.

It has been said that Richard 'Nappy' Mayers (1951-1993), the copiously gifted musician, composer, arranger, producer and singer began his earthly sojourn in an era inappropriate for the fullest exploitation of his creative potential.

From his teenage years he exhibited an innate impulse to craft melodies that were distinctive and enticing yet reflecting his attraction to the dominant influences of the period particularly American, Jamaican and homeland Trinidad and Tobago. Charismatic and a natural leader, Nappy's enduring passion for creating, performing and producing singularly progressive music so fired initial band members comprising relatives and close friends, that their loyalty and willingness to co-create with him proved key to its extensive popularity.

From teenaged music-makers styled The Tornadoes, his group evolved through several personnel shifts into Embryo to enjoy their most productive and successful phase from the early '70s to 1980 as a trailblazing recording and stage performance outfit.

Nappy's ever-fertile mind originated a continuous stream of unique creations with lyrical content ranging from his 1975 premier release 'Cash In Calypso/Breakaway' through the 1977 all-time best seller *Wanna Make Love To You* with sultry frontline songstress Nadie La Fond, down to his bittersweet plea in 1991's *Bring Back The Ole Time Days*.

After he was so unexpectedly taken from us in 1993, it was beyond doubt that Trinidad and Tobago and the world of popular music he too briefly inhabited had lost a phenomenal talent in Richard 'Nappy' Mayers.

The main focus of this compilation is layed on Nappy's early recording years with his own band Embryo and on artist such like Nadie La Fond, Felix Ceasar or Colin Lucas.

by Dave Elcock



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TRACK LISTING

LP 1:

Embryo: Wajang Woman • Soca (It's Soul Calypso) • Light The Light • **Nadie La Fond:** 3 Way Situation • **Embryo:** Nothing Is Impossible • You're Too Easy • **Nadie La Fond:** Wanna Make Love To You • **Richard 'Nappy' Mayers:** Ebony Girl • **Sound Revolution:** Poor Man Son • **Richard 'Nappy' Mayers:** Music Man

LP 2:

Nadie La Fond: Wanna Believe In Love • **Embryo:** I Like To Make Love • Easy Breezy • **Richard 'Nappy' Mayers:** Let Yourself Go • **Ceasar:** Makin' Bacchanal • **Embryo:** Go Down Dancin'

Single:

Nadie La Fond: Hot For Your Love • **Embryo:** Love Is New