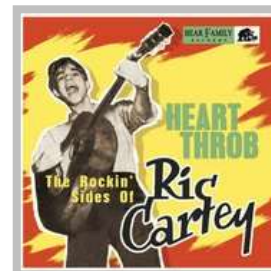


# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



PRODUCT INFO (Vinyl) October 20, 2017

Artist **Ric Cartey**  
Title **Heart Throb - The Rockin' Sides Of Ric Cartey**  
Label Bear Family Productions  
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PRODUCTIONS 

## INFO:

- Contains Cartey's best rockers for the RCA Victor, NRC, and El Rico labels
- Sidemen include Jerry Reed, Ray Stevens, and Jack Eubanks
- Several tracks produced by Chet Atkins
- Detailed liner notes and gorgeous artwork
- A long-overdue retrospective of one of Atlanta's earliest rockers

Two versions of Ric Cartey's first recorded composition topped the pop hit parade in early 1957. Ric's own rendition of *Young Love*, which he'd written with fellow teenager Carole Joyner, wasn't one of them. The honors went instead to country singer Sonny James and neophyte pop crooner Tab Hunter. That didn't stop Cartey from subsequently cutting enough solid rockers for RCA Victor, NRC, and his own El Rico label to fill this 10-incher.

Cartey was one of the first young singers on Atlanta's rock and roll scene. Born there on January 18, 1937, Whaley Thomas Cartey found a kindred musical spirit in guitarist Charlie Broome, the two performing locally as a duo. Broome dreamed up the distinctive guitar introduction to *Young Love*. Ric and Charlie's band, The Jiva-Tones (as their name was spelled on the record label) cut *Young Love* in 1956. On the other side sat the blistering rocker *Oooh-Eee*. Jerry Reed was playing the electric guitar here.

RCA acquired Ric's original for national consumption. Jerry Reed wrote the highly animated *I Wanna To Know* as one side of Cartey's encore, returning to supply dazzling acoustic lead guitar. Then RCA sent Cartey to Nashville in March of '57 to work with producer Chet Atkins (Reed remained his lead guitarist, sharing fret duties with Jack Eubanks). Later on, Cartey gravitated over to the recently established NRC label in 1958 to wax *Scratching On My Screen*, a romping variation on Washboard Sam's 1939 blues *Diggin' My Potatoes* for Bluebird Records. Ric seems to have been a Chicago blues fan. He later revisited *Mellow Down Easy* on his own El Rico label with more of an R&B feel, issuing it under the concise alias of Rex (no last name).

Although *Young Love* was Cartey's calling card for the rest of his life (he died August 5, 2009 in his adopted hometown of Palm Harbor, Florida), he left us a legacy filled with rollicking rockabilly.

## TRACK LISTING:

### LP:

Heart Throb • Mellow Down Easy • Gotta Be Love (prev. unreleased) • Let Me Tell You About Love • Scratching On My Screen • Born To Love One Woman • I Wanna To Know • Oooh-Eee • My Babe • Mellow Down Easy

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