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Artist **Various Artists**
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- After multiple highly successful horror and Halloween releases on CD, Bear Family Records® now offers the first vinyl LP on the subject.
- Teutonic or Slavic accents, screams, shrieks, chain rattles, howls ... and a variety of terrifying rockers and shockers!
- Including a.o. Screamin' Jay Hawkins, Virgil Holmes, Rod Willis, Casey Jones & The Governors, The Monotones, and Jack & Jim.
- Extensive liner notes by horror expert Roland Heinrich and careful re-mastering round off our first shocking experience on vinyl.

Following the enthusiastic reception of our CD releases on the subjects of 'Horror' and 'Halloween', the first exclusive vinyl compilation on Bear Family Records® is released here, akin to the afore-created horrid homunculus. Well, here it is! We compiled ten from the already haunting house-party-hot tracks and dug-up four other long-lost but longing-for-life limb shakers.

Included, of course, is the well-known stalwart of operatic shock and roll Screamin' Jay Hawkins, with his heart-breaking tale of the *Little Demon*. New to this compilation is the relatively obscure Virgil Holmes. He invites you to join his spooky ride on the *Ghost Train*, an anachronistic, and some say rhythmically avant-garde, Atlantic rockabilly release from 1961! Speaking of rockabilly revivals: Also exclusive to this year's comp is the highly collectible NRC 45 rpm of Rod Willis *The Cat*. The undisputed all-time classic is one of the songs that midwifed the psychobilly genre - included here with all the howling winds, cat screeches, and ghostly mumbles (some un-hip compilers tend to edit the sound effects ... rockabilly purists go to...).

One of the prime examples of punk rock's origins concludes side A of this platter, Casey Jones and the Governors rip through Screamin' Lord Sutch's gruesome (some say tasteless) tale of the Terror of the East End, *Jack the Ripper*. Their Star Club-infused spirit is unabashed rock and roll.

The sprightly and twisting *Frankenstein's Party* was recorded by four friends from a Philadelphia high school and church. Led into temptation just once - this was their sole release – but what a twist it gives! Another vocal group, the Monotones, delivers a chilling wail with their song *Zombi*. A great one to stroll to (zombies ain't the fastest).

The restrained and thus the more haunting in effect *The Midnight Monster Hop* by country veterans Jack and Jim from the Holly-Petty realm, and the uninhibited high school trash rocker *The Mortal Monster Man* by the Savoy's round up the newly dug for this year.

This record exploits it all – Teutonic and Slavic accents, screaming, screeching, chain-rattling, howling – everything your warped brain desires! TV host and entrepreneur Merv Griffin provides an all-encompassing exegesis in the opening track, *House of Horrors*. So, invite your friends, let your hair down, and get charged by the electrical spirit of the "man" himself – Herr Frankenstein.

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TRACKLISTING:

Side A:

Merv Griffin: House Of Horrors **Round Robin:** I'm The Wolfman **Jack And Jim:** Midnight Monster Hop
Dave Gardner: Mad Witch **The Monotones:** Zombi **Screamin' Jay Hawkins:** Little Demon
Casey Jones and The Governors: Jack The Ripper

Side B:

The Swingin' Phillies: Frankenstein's Party **Rod Willis:** The Cat **Lord Luther and The Kingsmen:** (I Was A) Teenage Creature
Virgil Holmes: Ghost Train **Dick Barton's Rebels:** Yes, Baby, I'm Scared **Little Gerhard:** Rockin' Ghosts
The Savoy's: The Mortal Monster Man

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