

BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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ARTIST DEAN REED

TITLE The Very Strange Story Of Dean Reed

The Red Elvis!

LABEL Bear Family Records

CATALOG # BCD 16829

PRICE-CODE AH

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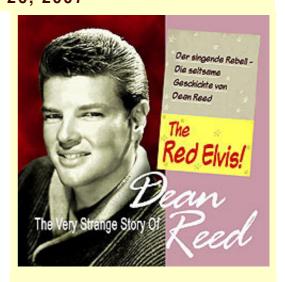
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ISBN-CODE 978-3-89916-242-4

FORMAT CD with 32-page booklet

GENRE Country, Pop

TRACKS 18
PLAYING TIME 42:35



KEY SELLING POINTS

- The incredible story of an American singer in the former German Democratic Republic (otherwise known as Communist East Germany)
- It reads like a Hollywood movie script.... and it will be a Hollywood movie, starring Tom Hanks!
- A documentary about Dean Reed, 'The Red Elvis,' will premiere at the 'Berlinale' in February 2007.

SALES NOTES

Dozens of records by Dean Reed appeared on Communist bloc labels such as Amiga, Supraphon, and Melodia—but his early career as a would-be teen idol on Capitol Records in the USA was undocumented until Bear Family's new CD set the record straight! For decades Reed's early Capitol recordings were highly sought-after, but now Bear Family Records has compiled all of them onto one CD! The accompanying essay tells the story of a man who became a socialist superstar but was broken in the end because he remained unaccepted by both East and West.

Although almost unknown in the western world, Dean Reed worked as singer, actor, entertainer, and TV host before identifying with left-wing causes. From Colorado, he moved to South America, where he worked for left-wing parties and supported peace campaigns. Later on he moved to the former Soviet Union, Italy, and finally East Germany where he stayed.

Though he tried his luck with protest songs and pop ditties, German schlagers and folk songs, he never gained much recognition outside East Germany. And then, in 1986, Dean Reed committed suicide in a lake near Berlin. Or did he? Watch the new documentary ('The Red Elvis'), premiering in February, and get the Bear Family CD!

PS. Tom Hanks has bought the film rights and will play the leading part. The director will be Steven Spielberg.

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TRACK LISTING

- 1. Our Summer Romance
- 2. Hummingbird
- 3. I Ain't Got You
- 4. I Kissed A Queen
- 5. A Pair Of Scissors (take 18)
- 6. Donna Donna
- 7. Female Hercules
- 8. You By My Side (La novia)
- 9. Annabelle
- 10. The Search
- 11. Don't Let Her Go
- 12. Once Again
- 13. I Forgot More Than You'll Ever Know
- 14. La novia (You By My Side)
- 15. Pistolero
- 16. I'll Be There
- 17. No Wonder
- 18. A Pair Of Scissors (take 17)