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ARTIST TITLE

Various Artists
Thunder Road – Original Soundtrack
with Robert Mitchum and others

LABEL

Bear Family Productions

CATALOG

BCD 17314

PRICE-CODE

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FORMAT

1 CD digipac with 108-page booklet

GENRE

Soundtrack

TRACKS

35

PLAYING TIME

79:08



- Never before released: the original soundtrack from Robert Mitchum's cult moonshiner movie of 1958, featuring the legendary Joe Maphis on guitar.
- Includes Mitchum's iconic recording *The Ballad Of Thunder Road*, alongside other promotional singles recorded by co-star Keely Smith and soundtrack composer Jack Marshall all in stunning, remastered sound.
- Features songs specially written for the movie, but never used, by Randy Sparks of The New Christy Minstrels, plus the greatest cover versions of Mitchum's cult title song, from western swing star Tex Williams to surf group The Super Stocks.
- A total of 35 tracks covering 1958-1974, plus a lavish 108-page booklet featuring many rare and previously unseen photos, a detailed history of the making of the movie, and discography.

INFORMATION

In a career that spanned over 50 years and 120 films, 1958's 'Thunder Road,' the tale of an outlaw moonshine runner caught between gangsters and G-Men on the roads of the southern USA, was Robert Mitchum's most personal movie. As well as starring, he wrote the story, produced, and effectively co-directed the film. Mitchum also came up with the music, co-writing two songs, *The Ballad Of Thunder Road* and *Whippoorwill*, which he then turned over to composer Jack Marshall (the man who arranged Peggy Lee's *Fever*, and wrote the theme tune for 'The Munsters') to use as the basis of the soundtrack.

This compilation features the first ever release for Marshall's 'Thunder Road' music, for which he recruited legendary country guitarist Joe Maphis – 'The King Of The Strings' – to accompany the movie's famous, frantic car chases.

Alongside Marshall's soundtrack, the album gathers together spin-off singles recorded to promote the film in 1958, including Mitchum's iconic rockabilly hit, *The Ballad Of Thunder Road*, and lesser-known tracks like Marshall & Maphis's instrumental *Thunder Road Chase* and Keely Smith's gorgeous *Whippoorwill*, as arranged by Nelson Riddle.

In addition, the album unearths original songs Mitchum hired singer Randy Sparks to write for his movie in 1957, but which were never used, and rounds up some of the greatest cover versions of *The Ballad Of Thunder Road*, from western swing star Tex Williams and bluegrass idols Jim & Jesse, through to surf group The Super Stocks and Memphis guitar guru Travis Wammack.

'Thunder Road' is presented in a digipac format and features all the usual high standard BEAR FAMILY trademarks; a 108-page booklet with abundant photographs, a history of the making of the film, and a discography of the tracks included by Damian Love.



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TRACK LISTING

ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK:

Opening Narration/ Chase #1 (Luke And Agent Barrett, Bumper To Bumper) • **Randy Sparks:** The Ballad Of Thunder Road (Main Title) • The Doolins' Place • Twistification At Ledbetter's Store • Luke Hits The Road/ Chase #2 (Toxaway Falls Flameout) • In Mac's Garage • **Keely Smith:** You're Not Bill Bailey, But You're Close • **Keely Smith:** Whippoorwill (Nightclub) • Escape From Kogan's Office/ Chase #3 (Luke Gets Caught) • At Francie's Place • Luke Remembers • Luke And Robin • Luke And Ma Doolin • Black Rock Mill • Chase #4 (Blockade Runner) • Asheville Cabins • At The Barretts' • Whippoorwill (Jukebox) • Chase #5 (Luke's Last Run) • **Keely Smith:** Whippoorwill • The Ballad Of Thunder Road (Alternative Main Title)

ADDITIONAL RECORDINGS:

Tex Williams: The Ballad Of Thunder Road • **Keely Smith:** The Whippoorwill • **Robert Mitchum:** The Ballad Of Thunder Road • **Jack Marshall:** Thunder Road Chase • **Randy Sparks:** Down Thunder Road • **Tex Williams:** The Ballad Of Thunder Road • **Travis Wammack:** The Ballad Of Thunder Road • **Randy Sparks:** Whippoorwill • **Jim & Jesse:** The Ballad Of Thunder Road (1) • **The Super Stocks:** The Ballad Of Thunder Road • **Jim & Jesse:** The Ballad Of Thunder Road (2) • **Robert Mitchum:** The Whippoorwill • **Robert Mitchum:** The Ballad Of Thunder Road • **Sleepy LaBeef:** The Ballad Of Thunder Road

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