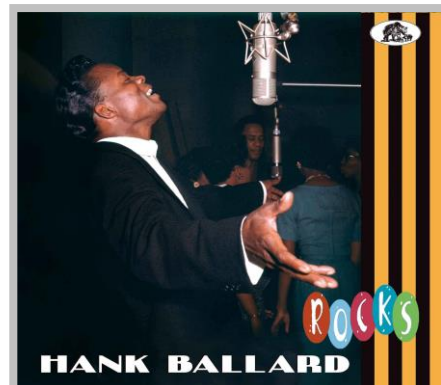


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PRODUCTINFO (CD) May 6, 2022

Artist **Hank Ballard**
Title **Rocks**
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EAN-Code 4000127175809
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Genre Rock 'n' Roll, Rhythm 'n' Blues
No. of tracks 30 approx. 79:00 min.
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INFO:

- It was Hank Ballard who, with his band, created *The Twist* in the late '50s, the greatest dance theme yet invented.
- Bear Family Records® now dedicates a CD album to Hank Ballard & The Midnighters in the long-lasting 'ROCKS' series.
- Ballard had taken the U.S. charts by the mid-'50s with numbers like *Work With Me Annie* and *Annie Had A Baby*.
- Producer Nico Feuerbach and author Bill Dahl have compiled the most successful and best rocking R&B numbers as well as the stunning twist hits from the King/Federal catalog into an utterly danceable project.
- Extensive, lavishly illustrated booklet with expert liner notes by Bill Dahl and carefully remastered recordings from the Gusto Records archives.

Early in their long stint at Cincinnati's King/Federal Records, Hank Ballard and his high-stepping Midnighters specialized in risqué double-entendre grinders - *Work With Me Annie*, its inevitable sequel *Annie Had A Baby*, *Sexy Ways* - that daringly pushed the bounds of propriety as they sailed up the mid-1950s R&B charts like rockets. As the tumultuous decade neared its conclusion, Hank and his bawdy Detroit-based crew invented the greatest dance theme of 'em all, *The Twist*, embarking on a slew of additional workouts after that. Both phases of the group's vast recording legacy are represented in abundance on 'Hank Ballard and The Midnighters Rock,' its highlights also encompassing *Finger Poppin' Time*, *Let's Go, Let's Go, Let's Go*, and *The Hoochi Coochi Co*. Get out your dancing shoes for this one - Chubby Checker may have ultimately won the Twisting wars, but Hank Ballard and The Midnighters were rocking houses coast to coast long before Chubby ever even saw the inside of a recording studio, and that mindset permeates this disc. When it came to rock and roll dance fare, Hank and his rowdy group were the living end!

TRACKLISTING:

CD:

Let's Go, Let's Go, Let's Go Work With Me Annie That Woman Stingy Little Thing Broadway Ring-A-Ling-A-Ling
Are You Forgetting? Switchie Witchie Titchie Shaky Mae Sugaree Sexy Ways I Feel That-A-Way Annie Had A Baby
Tore Up Over You Don't Ever Change Your Pretty Ways Finger Poppin' Time Don't Let Temptation (Turn You Round)
Henry's Got A Flat Feet (Can't Dance No More) That House On The Hill Annie's Aunt Fannie I'm Crying Mercy, Mercy
The Hoochi Coochi Co The Switch-A-Roo I'm Young The Twist Rock, Granny, Roll The Float We'll Never Meet Again
Looka Here Big Red Sunset

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Rocks**

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Rocks**

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Rocks**

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Rock**

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