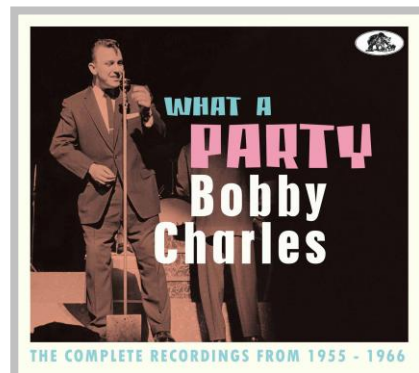


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PRODUCTINFO (CD) February 3, 2023

Artist **Bobby Charles**
Title **What A Party - The Complete Recordings From 1955 - 1966**
Label Bear Family Records
Catalog no. BCD17696 Price code: AS
EAN-Code 4000127176967
Format 2-CD (Digisleeve) with 36-page booklet
Genre Rock 'n' Roll, Swamp Pop, New Orleans R&B
No. of tracks 65 approx. 155:00 min.
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INFO:

- **Bear Family Records® provides the first comprehensive overview of the decisive years (1955-1966) in the career of a unique musician and songwriter: Bobby Charles.**
- **Double CD featuring his early ballads from southern Louisiana and his Chess recordings of New Orleans rock & roll, plus additional tunes for Jewel, Paula, and Hub City.**
- **Swamp Pop - created at a time when that term was not yet common.**
- **He wrote *Walking To New Orleans*, *Four Winds* and *What A Party* for Fats Domino - we provide Bobby's own versions.**
- **Detailed biography and session information by Bill Dahl.**
- **Carefully processed recordings and an extensive illustrated booklet, as is customary with Bear Family releases.**

Long before the term 'swamp pop' was coined, Bobby Charles was one of the idiom's primary architects, writing and recording the prototypical mid-'50s South Louisiana ballads *On Bended Knee*, *Why Did You Leave*, and *Why Can't You*. He was also a dedicated New Orleans rock and roller whose sizable output for Chess Records included the original *Later Alligator* and the Crescent City scorches *Take It Easy Greasy*, *Laura Lee*, and *No Use Knocking*. No less than 65 of Bobby's bayou-bred gems for Chess, Imperial, and Jewel/Paula constitute Bear Family Records®' double CD 'What A Party - The Complete Recordings From 1955 - 1966', easily the most comprehensive overview of Charles' career ever compiled.

A prolific composer in addition to his recording exploits, Robert Charles Guidry was the first swamp rocker to emerge from The Big Easy, his easy-going vocal approach exhibiting Fats Domino's influence. They both recorded *Four Winds* and *What A Party* for Imperial; this set also includes Bobby's own reading of *Walking To New Orleans*, a massive hit for Fats. Charles' romping '65 rendition of Jimmy McCracklin's *The Walk* is here too, along with a handful of rarities new to CD. It all adds up to a deluxe tribute to a south Louisiana treasure who deserved a much higher profile.

TRACKLISTING:

CD 1:

Later Alligator	On Bended Knee (false start)	On Bended Knee	Hey Good Lookin' (unissued)	Why Did You Leave		
Don't You Know I Love You	Watch It, Sprocket	Time Will Tell	Take It Easy, Greasy	Laura Lee	No Use Knocking	
Why Can't You	Ain't Got No Home	No More (I Ain't Gonna Do It No More)	You Can Suit Yourself	Put Your Arms Around Me	Honey	
Lonely Street	Mr. Moon	I'm A Fool To Care	Over Yonder	I'll Turn Square For You	One Eyed Jack	Yea Yea Baby (Yeah, Yeah)
Good Lovin'	Your Picture	Oh Yeah	Since I Lost You	At The Jamboree	Since She's Gone	Bye Bye Baby
What Can I Do	The Town Is Talking	Nothing Sweet As You	Four Winds	Those Eyes		

CD 2:

What A Party	I Just Want You	Teenagers	Tell Me Baby	I'd Like To Know	Lovesick Blues	Everybody's Laughing
Everyone Knows	Goodnite Irene	I Hope	I Hope (undubbed)	Preacher's Daughter	Preacher's Daughter (alt. Take)	
Ain't Misbehavin'	Oh Lonesome Me (Jewel)	Oh Lonesome Me (alt. Stereo Mix)	One More Glass Of Wine	One More Glass Of Wine	One More Glass Of Wine	
Wine (alt. Stereo Mix)	Worrying Over You	The Walk	The Walk (alt. Stereo Mix)	The Jealous Kind (unissued)	Cross My Heart	
(unissued)	Who's Sorry Now (unissued)	Walking To New Orleans (unissued)	See You Later Alligator (unissued)	Big Boys Cry		
You Made Me Love You	Sometimes	24 Hours				

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