



BOBBY CALDWELL Cat In The Hat

Label

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Format

LP

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Territory

NORTH AMERICAN EXCLUSIVE

Genre

FILE UNDER - C - JAZZ



DESCRIPTION

Bobby Caldwell's second album, *Cat In The Hat*, from 1980, is a work of soulful sophistication. Featuring the eternal "Open Your Eyes", sampled by **J Dilla** for **Common**'s "The Light", it's about as essential as records get. Like its eponymous predecessor, it's been out of print for far too long. Whilst **Ned Doheny** is known in Japan as "**Mr California**", native New Yorker Bobby Caldwell has always been "**Mr AOR**" to his Far-Eastern friends. His distinct charm is an irresistible blend of soul, jazz, and pop influences. He possessed phenomenal songwriting prowess, smooth vocal performances, was both a great soul guitarist and dextrous keyboard player and known for genius chord progressions. It all added up to a multi-layered brilliance entering the studio, and the singular sound he landed on was laced with soulful, sweeping strings and funky horns, touching lightly on disco, while allowing his supple voice to carry the stunning tracks he'd crafted. Bobby sadly passed away on 23rd March 2023, after a long struggle with mitochondrial damage and oxidative stress, due to an adverse effect from a fluoroquinolone antibiotic. The reissue of *Cat In The Hat* will be available on vinyl across the globe, ensuring that fans – and soul music enthusiasts worldwide – can radiate in the deep beauty of this seminal album. Remastered and cut by both **Simon Francis** and **Cicely Balston** respectively, it has been pressed at Record Industry in Holland.

TRACKLISTING

- A1. Coming Down From Love (4:01)
- A2. Wrong Or Right (4:56)
- A3. To Know What You've Got (3:08)
- A4. You Promised Me (4:01)
- B1. It's Over (2:56)
- B2. Open Your Eyes (3:43)
- B3. Mother Of Creation (5:05)
- B4. I Don't Want To Lose Your Love (4:35)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reissue of **Bobby Caldwell**'s second album, originally released in 1980.
- Features the eternal "Open Your Eyes", sampled by **J Dilla** for **Common**'s "The Light."

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