



BYARD LANCASTER The Complete Palm Recordings 1973-1974

Label

SOUFFLE CONTINU RECORDS

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Genre

FILE UNDER - L - JAZZ



DESCRIPTION

Souffle Continu presents **Byard Lancaster** – *The Complete Palm Recordings 1973-1974*, the definitive seven LP deluxe package of Philadelphia born jazz wizard Byard Lancaster, including his four legendary albums released on **Jef Gilson's** Palm Records in the 1970s: *Us*, *Mother Africa*, *Exactement*, and *Funny Funky Rib Crib*, along with the first ever standalone edition of "Love Always," a fifteen minute modal jazz beauty plus a 20-page booklet with rare photos and in-depth article about Byard Lancaster's Parisian years by **Pierre Crépon**. At the beginning of the 1960s, at the Berklee College of Music, Byard Lancaster met some feisty friends: **Sonny Sharrock**, **Dave Burrell**, and **Ted Daniel**. Once he was settled in New York, he appeared on **Sunny Murray Quintet**, recorded under the leadership of the drum crazy colleague of **Albert Ayler**. In 1968, the saxophonist and flutist recorded his first album under his own name: *It's Not Up To Us*. He would come back to France in 1971 and in 1973. This is when he met Jef Gilson, the pianist and producer who encouraged him to record under his own name again. On Palm Records (Gilson's label), he would release four albums: *Us*, *Mother Africa*, *Exactement*, and *Funny Funky Rib Crib*. *Us*, the first of the four records was recorded on November 24th, 1973 with **Sylvin Marc** on electric bass and the evergreen **Steve McCall** on drums. A few months after recording *Us*, Lancaster recorded *Mother Africa* along with **Clint Jackson III**, a trumpeter, partner of **Khan Jamal** or **Noah Howard** on other recordings. The recording of *Exactement* required two sessions in the studio: February 1st and May 18th 1974. Two names appear on the cover of *Exactement*: Lancaster (Byard) and **Speller (Keno)**. *Funny Funky Rib Crib* is an unforgettable recording (made up of several sessions dating from the middle of 1974) of creative jazz overwhelmed by funk and soul. If Lancaster had already made successful albums in the same genre, this one is an homage to **James Brown** and **Sammy Davis**. The magnificent "Love Always" was originally released on the fourth (and last) volume of the *Jef Gilson Anthology* series released in 1975. Recorded on 8th March 1974, it is a beautiful 15-minute-long modal jazz piece. Four notes from the bass (the relentless **Jean-François Catoire**, who makes up the rhythm section alongside drummer **Jonathan Dickinson** and percussionist **Keno Speller**), and the group is up and running! On piano, Gilson shows the subtle tact of a sideman, leaving the lions' share of the place to the horns. And if further proof was required of the confidence that Byard Lancaster and Jef Gilson inspire, "Love Always" provides it on this one-sided release exclusive to the box set. Carefully restored and remastered by **Gilles Laujol**. Graphic design by **Stefan Thanneur**.

TRACKLISTING

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Us

A1. Mc Call All
B1. Flore
B2. John III
C1. Us
D1. Just-Test

Mother Africa

E1. We The Blessed
F1. Mother Africa (In 3 Parts)

Exactement

G1. "Sweet Evil Miss" Kisianga
G2. Virginia
H1. C. Marianne Alicia
H2. Dr. Oliver W. Lancaster

I1. Palm Sunday
I2. Prima - Mr. A. A.
J1. Keno - Exactement
J2. Providence Baptist Church

Funny Funky Rib Crib

K1. Just Test
K2. Work And Pray
K3. Rib Crib I
L1. Rib Crib II
L2. Loving Kindness
L3. Dogtown

Love Always

M1. Love Always

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