



## JONI HAASTRUP

### Wake Up Your Mind (Deluxe Gatefold)

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## DESCRIPTION

Hot Casa present a reissue of **Joni Hastrup's** *Wake Up Your Mind*, originally recorded in 1978. Growing up in a royal household in Nigeria, Joni Hastrup began his musical journey performing for his brother's band **Sneakers** and was quickly snapped up as a vocalist for **Orlando Julius Ekemode** and his **Modern Aces's** 1966 *Super Afro Soul* album (VAMPI 091CD), one of Afro-beat's formative albums. Soon after, **Ginger Baker** of **Cream** fame replaced **Steve Winwood** with Joni on keys for **Air Force's** UK concerts in '71 and the success of the collaboration led to further shows with Baker as part of the **SALT** project before he returned to Nigeria to set up **MonoMono**. Back in London in 1978, Joni recorded his solo gem *Wake Up Your Mind* for the Afrodesia imprint. Laced with funk basslines, swirling keyboards and screaming guitars, this is Joni's most "western" record but at the same time, unmistakably African in origin. From the slow-motion disco of "Greetings" to the stone-cold groove of "Watch Out" to the **Reuben Wilson**-style funk of "Free My People" Joni was soaking up the sounds of the times and blending them with the music of his roots. Limited repress of Hot Casa's 2011 reissue. Deluxe gatefold sleeve.

## TRACKLISTING

- A1. Free My People
- A2. Greetings
- A3. Wake Up Your Mind
- B1. Champions & Superstars
- B2. Do The Funkro
- B3. Watch Out

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Hot Casa present a reissue of **Joni Hastrup's** *Wake Up Your Mind*, originally recorded in 1978.
- Hastrup was a vocalist on one of Afro-beat's formative albums, *Super Afro Soul* album (VAMPI 091CD), released in 1966 by **Orlando Julius Ekemode** and his **Modern Aces**.
- He toured with **Ginger Baker's Air Force** and also founded the legendary Nigerian band **MonoMono**.
- Laced with funk basslines, swirling keyboards and screaming guitars, *Wake Up Your Mind* is Joni's most "western" record but at the same time, unmistakably African in origin.
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