



SHORTY THE PRESIDENT

Fire Fire

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DESCRIPTION

Radiation Roots present a reissue of **Shorty The President's** *Fire Fire*, originally released in 1979. Jamaican deejay Shorty The President may have been one of the more obscure figures to rise from the Kingston sound system scene, but the impact he made on vinyl recordings during the 1970s is no less important and his work remains coveted by reggae connoisseurs. Born **Derrick Thompson** in rural Trelawny in 1949, like many of his peers, he moved to the Jamaican capital as a teenager in search of better opportunities. As he gravitated to the Rastafari faith, an affiliation with the sound system Conquering Lion sparked interest from producer **Rupie Edwards**, who produced debut hits "President Mash Up The Resident" and "Yamaha Skank". Edwards issued debut album *Presenting Shorty The President* in 1976 and after sparse work for **Enos McLeod**, **Joe Gibbs**, **Pete Weston**, **Winston Riley**, and **Keith Hudson**, sophomore album *Fire Fire* was produced by **Bunny Lee** in 1978, with Shorty riding typically tough **Aggrovators** rhythms of the day, including **Ronnie Davis's** updated version of **Bob Marley's** "Kaya" and **The Cables'** "Baby Why", **Delroy Wilson's** "Have Some Mercy", and **Barry Brown's** take of Wilson's "I'm Not A King", as well as killer cuts of Brown's "Natty Roots Hold Them" as "Roots Man" and "Best Thing In Life" as "Do My Thing". Includes liner notes by **David Katz**.

TRACKLISTING

01. Kaya
02. I Am A King
03. Have Some Mercy
04. It's Not Every Day
05. Rootsman
06. Baby Why?
07. Win Your Love
08. Rub A Dub Style
09. Do My Thing
10. Sun Is Shining

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