



MARVIN GAYE What's Going On

Label

VINYL LOVERS

Format

LP

Catalog Number

VL 900426LP

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Store Price

\$18.39

Release Date

02/26/21

Territory

NORTH AMERICAN EXCLUSIVE

Genre

FILE UNDER - G - ROCK



DESCRIPTION

Originally released in 1971. "*What's Going On* is not only **Marvin Gaye's** masterpiece, it's the most important and passionate record to come out of soul music, delivered by one of its finest voices, a man finally free to speak his mind and so move from R&B sex symbol to true recording artist. With *What's Going On*, Gaye meditated on what had happened to the American dream of the past – as it related to urban decay, environmental woes, military turbulence, police brutality, unemployment, and poverty. These feelings had been bubbling up between 1967 and 1970, during which he felt increasingly caged by Motown's behind-the-times hit machine and restrained from expressing himself seriously through his music. Finally, late in 1970, Gaye decided to record a song that the **Four Tops' Obie Benson** had brought him, 'What's Going On.' When **Berry Gordy** decided not to issue the single, deeming it uncommercial, Gaye refused to record any more material until he relented. Confirmed by its tremendous commercial success in January 1971, he recorded the rest of the album over ten days in March, and Motown released it in late May. Besides cementing Marvin Gaye as one of the most important artists in pop music, *What's Going On* was far and away the best full-length to issue from the singles-dominated Motown factory, and arguably the best soul album of all time." –**John Bush**, AllMusic. Green vinyl; gatefold sleeve.

TRACKLISTING

- A1. What's Going On
- A2. What's Happening Brother
- A3. Flyin' High (In The Friendly Sky)
- A4. Save The Children
- A5. God Is Love
- A6. Mercy Mercy Me (The Ecology)
- A7. Sad Tomorrows*
- B1. Right On
- B2. Wholy Holy
- B3. Inner City Blues (Make Me Wanna Holler)
- B4. Head Title*

*Bonus track.

HIGHLIGHTS

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