



MEIKO KAJI Gincho Wataridori

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DESCRIPTION

Wewantsounds continues its extensive **Meiko Kaji** reissue program in partnership with Teichiku Records and Meiko Kaji herself, with the release of *Gincho Wataridori*, her debut album from 1972. This is the first time the album is reissued since release and it comes with its original Japanese artwork and newly remastered audio. Famous for her '70s exploitation movies, Meiko Kaji also released a string of great albums on Teichiku mixing Japanese pop and cinematic grooves. This reissue comes with deluxe gatefold sleeve LP, OBI strip and a two-page insert featuring new liner notes by **Hashim Kotaro Bharoocha**. Renowned for her roles in the highly acclaimed *Stray Cat Rock* and *Female Prisoner Scorpion* film series, Kaji became one of the most famous exploitation actresses in Japan in the early '70s. Invited by film studios to sing the theme for many of her films, she ended up recording five albums for Teichiku between 1972 and 1974, which have become increasingly sought-after over the years. *Gincho Wataridori* was the very first album released by Meiko Kaji in 1972 and is a great mix of kayokyoku (Japanese Pop), traditional Enka Music, psych rock and '70s cinematic groove. The album features the song "Gincho Wataridori" a theme song for the eponymous gangster film released by Toei Films in 1972 (and known outside of Japan as "Wandering Ginza Butterfly"). On the cover of the album, Meiko actually wears the kimono she wears in the film. The song showcases Kaji's distinctive singing over a funky backbeat and fuzz guitar. *Ginchou Wataridori* was produced by two seasoned Teichiku producers, **Yorifumi Ito** and **Kenji Nakajima** and features a superb mix of pop songs ("Hakodate Monogatari"), funky ones ("Koini Inochio," "Shitto") and atmospheric ones ("Jingi Komoriuta") making the perfect setting for Meiko Kaji's unique singing, reflecting the cool, dangerous atmosphere of the films she would star in. The first of a series of five LPs produced for Teichiku between 1972 and 1974, *Gincho Wataridori* marks the beginning of Meiko Kaji's fruitful career as a recording artist and is a unique testament of her singing talent which Wewantsounds reissues in its full glory with gatefold sleeve, remastered from the original master tapes.

TRACKLISTING

01. Ginchou Wataridori (3:10)
02. Jingi Komoriuta (3:19)
03. Koini Inochio (3:17)
04. Ginchou Burusu (2:50)
05. Hakodate Monogatari (3:40)
06. Inochino Namida (3:30)
07. Hamabeno Meruhen (3:06)
08. Yogirino Sukina Anata (3:32)
09. Kanashii Egao (3:42)
10. Kokoro Nokori (3:01)
11. Shitto (3:10)
12. Aieno Kitai (2:23)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reissue of **Meiko Kaji**'s 1972 debut album *Gincho Wataridori*.
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