



## ZIAD RAHBANI Abu Ali

Label  
**WEWANTSOUNDS**

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### DESCRIPTION

Following the success of the special Record Store Day *Abu Ali* edition (WWSLP 021LP), Wewantsounds are reissuing a standard version of **Ziad Rahbani's** mythical disco 12" which was originally issued in Lebanon in 1978. This reissue on black vinyl features the original artwork, with remastered audio. Wewantsounds is to announce the first-ever official vinyl reissue of **Ziad Rahbani's** mythical Lebanese Disco 12" *Abu Ali*, originally issued in Lebanon in 1978 on his label Zida Records. A highly collectible album, it will get reissued by Wewantsounds with its original artwork, remastered by Colorsound Studio in Paris. Ziad Rahbani is a cultural icon in Lebanon. The musician, pianist, and producer is also a renowned playwright and a political activist, one of the most important exponent of the Lebanese left-wing counterculture to emerge from the '70s. Coming out of an illustrious artistic dynasty (his father is the famous composer and musician **Assi Rahbani**, member of group **The Rahbani Brothers** and his mother is the legendary Middle East Diva, **Fairuz**), Ziad Rahbani started his music career during his late teens, composing music for his mother. Rahbani quickly spread his wings further. He started producing his own music co-founding the label Zida in 1978 at age 22 in the process and started releasing records under his own name. Among these was *Abu Ali* recorded in Greece at the EMI Studios in Athens with a full orchestra – there he also recorded his mother's 1979 album *Wahdon* (WWSLP 022LP) – and released it as a limited run EP for the Lebanese market. Legend has it that the album was only pressed at 500 unit hence its rarity. The result is a fabulous New York-meets-Beirut disco ecstasy, developing over two 13-minute tracks and one of the most collectible albums on the international dance and disco scene.

### TRACKLISTING

01. Abu Ali (13:12)
02. Prelude (Theme from Mais El Rim) (12:48)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Standard vinyl reissue of **Ziad Rahbani's** mythical Lebanese Disco 12" *Abu Ali*, originally issued in Lebanon in 1978 on his label Zida Records.
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- Rahbani started his music career during his late teens, composing music for his mother the legendary Middle East diva, **Fairuz**.
- A fabulous New York-meets-Beirut disco ecstasy, developing over two 13-minute tracks.
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