



## OMAR EL SHARIYI Music From The East (1976)

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**WEWANTSOUNDS**

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### DESCRIPTION

Wewantsounds presents the reissue of **Ammar El Sherei**'s sought-after instrumental album *Music From The East* from 1976. Here, the iconic Egyptian musician and composer revisits seven classic compositions by another Egyptian legend, **Mohamed Abdel Wahab**, in his own hypnotic way. Mixing Arabic music with funky arrangements and electric keyboard experimentations, the album is a perfect showcase for El Sherei's artistry. Curated and annotated by Lebanese-born Arabic music expert **Mario Choueiry** from Institut du Monde Arabe in Paris, this reissue has been newly remastered and comes with original Soutelphan artwork. Musician and composer Ammar El Sherei (1948-2012) is a giant of Egyptian music. Born in Upper Egypt in 1948 into an upper middle-class family (his grandfather was MP during King Fouad's reign and his eldest brother became the Egyptian ambassador to Australia), El Sherei attended a special school for the blind in Cairo (he lost his eyesight in his early childhood). He got noticed by his teachers there who recommended him to the Hadley School for the Blind in America so he could perfect his studies through a correspondence course. Thanks to this, he quickly learnt piano, oud and composition. Once his studies completed, El Sherei began playing in various Cairo bars and clubs and quickly made a name for himself on the Cairo music scene. He also started writing songs for many established Egyptian artists and quickly rose to fame, becoming one of the most sought-after composers for films and TV series. In 1976, El Sherei signed to leading Egyptian label Soutelphan and recorded *Music from the East*, an homage to the leading Egyptian composer Mohamed Abdel Wahab. On the album, El Sherei masterfully interprets classics from Abdel Wahab including "Enta Enta," "El Kamh El Leila," and "Balad El Mahob." With the help of innovative keyboards of the time, such as the Steelphon S900 or the Farfisa (as seen on the album cover), El Sherei creates hypnotic instrumentals that blend traditional Arabic melodies with jazz, funk and groove. Popular with vinyl collectors and diggers alike, *Music from the East* is a sought-after gem on the international Arabic Funk scene.

### TRACKLISTING

- A1. El Kamh (6:46)
- A2. Maliesh Amal (4:34)
- A3. Abgad Hawaz (4:06)
- A4. Eldonya Helwa (5:02)
- B1. Enta Enta (11:49)
- B2. Balad El Mahboob (3:08)
- B3. Eftekerny (5:00)

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