

THE EXECUTIVES

Their aim was to please you

COMPLETE ANTHOLOGY 1966-1970

DISC ONE

- 01 Wander Boy
- 02 You're Bad
- 03 My Aim Is To Please You
- 04 Bad Reputation
- 05 Sit Down, I Think I Love You
- 06 Don't You Sometimes, Baby,
Find That I'm On Your Mind
- 07 It's A Happening World
- 08 Moving In A Circle
- 09 Dedicated To The One I Love
- 10 Friday's Child
- 11 Fly, Through This Happening
World
- 12 Watermelon Man
- 13 Windy Day
- 14 This Town Ain't The Same
Anymore
- 15 Skippy Theme
- 16 Orange, Violet, Yellow, Purple,
Red & Green
- 17 Groovin' With Coca Cola
- 18 Skippy Corn Flakes (Jingle)

DISC TWO

- 01 Christopher Robin
- 02 Summerhill Road
- 03 Take Care Of Your Smile
- 04 Parenthesis
- 05 Got My Woman
- 06 Hey Jude
- 07 Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da
- 08 Cinderella Rockefeller
- 09 Requiem: 820 Latham
- 10 Mamas & Papas Medley
(Monday Monday / Dream A
Little Dream Of Me /
Dedicated To The One I Love /
Creeque Alley)
- 11 Hair Medley
(Hair / Air / Walking In Space /
Aquarius / Let The Sunshine In)
- 12 Hey Man
- 13 You're Gonna Love Me
- 14 You're Gonna Love Me
(Drum Solo)

DVD – BANDSTAND

- 01 Dedicated To The One I Love
- 02 A World Of Our Own
- 03 The Carnival Is Over
- 04 With A Little Help From My
Friends
- 05 The Legend Of Xanadu
- 06 Sit Down, I Think I Love You
- 07 My Aim Is To Please You
- 08 The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine
Anymore
- 09 The 5th Dimension Medley
(Never Gonna Be The Same /
Requiem: 820 Latham /
Aquarius / Let The Sunshine In)

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The Executives might well be remembered as the band with the right sound but the wrong image. At their late sixties peak, they were singing Blood, Sweat & Tears songs while looking like The Platters! In an era dominated by growing opposition to the Vietnam War, psychedelic clothing, *Hair* (and long hair!) and the post-*Pepper* Beatles, The Executives always seemed several steps behind, yet musically they were way out in front; one of the most multi-talented, musically ambitious and distinctive outfits of the day.

Today they are remembered—when they are remembered at all—as a vocal group, perhaps because that was how they first appeared on *Brian Henderson's Bandstand* back in 1967, but the truth is, they were arguably the most musically capable band on the Sydney live circuit. The musical background of the band was staggering. Publicity from the era states proudly that, between them, they played 31 instruments—alto sax, balalaika, baritone sax, bass, bass sax, clarinet, cornet, drums, flute, glockenspiel, guitars, harmonica, harpsichord, lute, mandolin, marimbaphone, melodica, organ, pacific island ethnic drums, piano, recorder, rhythm percussion, soprano sax, spinet, tenor sax, trombone, trumpet, ukulele, vibes, violin and xylophone—and they used that musical mastery to good effect on their records, which have an artistry and a polish the equal of anything coming out of Los Angeles or London at the time.

Great musicians then, and great singers, but they also showed great skill in choosing songs and, later, at writing them. They all sang—exquisite, perfectly executed vocal harmonies were their trademark—resulting in fabulous song arrangements that often improved upon the originals. But while they had no trouble cracking the market in their Sydney hometown, success eluded them on a national level, particularly in the important music centre of Melbourne where, despite three promising tours, a perplexing lack of radio airplay prevented them from achieving the status they deserved.

Presented here are all their recordings released between 1966 and 1970.



DISC ONE

- 01 **Wander Boy** [Single A-side Festival FK-1583 – 5 Dec 1966]
- 02 **You're Bad** [Single B-side Festival FK-1583 – 5 Dec 1966]
- 03 **My Aim Is To Please You** [Single A-side Festival FK-1776 – 29 May 1967]
- 04 **Bad Reputation** [Single B-side Festival FK-1776 – 29 May 1967]
- 05 **Sit Down, I Think I Love You** [Single A-side Festival FK-1934 – 21 Aug 1967]
- 06 **Don't You Sometimes, Baby, Find That I'm On Your Mind** [Single B-side Festival FK-1934 – 21 Aug 1967]
- 07 **It's A Happening World** [Single A-side Festival FK-2179 – Feb 1968]
- 08 **Moving In A Circle** [Single B-side Festival FK-2179 – Feb 1968]
- 09 **Dedicated To The One I Love** [LP *The Executives*, Festival SFL-932,813 – Apr 1968]
- 10 **Friday's Child** [LP *The Executives*, Festival SFL-932,813 – Apr 1968]
- 11 **Fly, Through This Happening World** [LP *The Executives*, Festival SFL-932,813 – Apr 1968]
- 12 **Watermelon Man** [LP *The Executives*, Festival SFL-932,813 – Apr 1968]
- 13 **Windy Day** [Single A-side Festival FK-2395 – Jun 1968]
- 14 **This Town Ain't The Same Anymore** [Single B-side Festival FK-2395 – Jun 1968]
- 15 **Skippy Theme** [*Skippy* Ep. 1.35 – 22 Jun 1968]
- 16 **Orange, Violet, Yellow, Purple, Red & Green** [Edit from *Skippy* Ep. 1.35 – 22 Jun 1968]
- 17 **Groovin' With Coca Cola** [EP A-side EMI PRS-2028 – Nov 1968]
- 18 **Skippy Corn Flakes** [Radio jingle – Feb 1968]

DISC TWO

- 01 **Christopher Robin** [Single A-side Festival FK-2654 – 9 Dec 1968]
- 02 **Summerhill Road** [Single B-side Festival FK-2654 – 9 Dec 1968]
- 03 **Take Care Of Your Smile** [Recorded for Apex National Dental Health Week, EMI Custom 7XS-6629 – 26 May 1969]
- 04 **Parenthesis** [Single A-side Festival FK-3283 – 22 Aug 1969]
- 05 **Got My Woman** [Single B-side Festival FK-3283 – 22 Aug 1969]

- 06 **Hey Jude** [LP *On "Bandstand"*, Festival SFL-933,546 – Nov 1969]
- 07 **Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da** [LP *On "Bandstand"*, Festival SFL-933,546 – Nov 1969]
- 08 **Cinderella Rockefeller** [LP *On "Bandstand"*, Festival SFL-933,546 – Nov 1969]
- 09 **Requiem: 820 Latham** [LP *On "Bandstand"*, Festival SFL-933,546 – Nov 1969]
- 10 **Mamas & Papas Medley** (Monday Monday / Dream A Little Dream Of Me / Dedicated To The One I Love / Creeque Alley) [LP *On "Bandstand"*, Festival SFL-933,546 – Nov 1969]
- 11 **Hair Medley** (Hair / Air / Walking In Space / Aquarius / Let The Sunshine In) [LP *On "Bandstand"*, Festival SFL-933,546 – Nov 1969]
- 12 **Hey Man** [Single A-side Festival FK-4036 – Dec 1970]
- 13 **You're Gonna Love Me** [Single B-side Festival FK-4036 – Dec 1970]
- 14 **You're Gonna Love Me** (Drum Solo) [Warner Bros Film *Rabbit, Run* – Oct 1970]

DVD – BANDSTAND

- 01 **Dedicated To The One I Love** [25 May 1968]
- 02 **A World Of Our Own** [25 May 1968]
- 03 **The Carnival Is Over** [25 May 1968]
- 04 **With A Little Help From My Friends** [22 Jun 1968]
- 05 **The Legend Of Xanadu** [22 Jun 1968]
- 06 **Sit Down, I Think I Love You** [17 Aug 1968]
- 07 **My Aim Is To Please You** [17 Aug 1968]
- 08 **The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore** [3 May 1969]
- 09 **The 5th Dimension Medley** (Never Gonna Be The Same / Requiem: 820 Latham / Aquarius / Let The Sunshine In) [3 May 1969]