

# STEPPENWOLF

## The ABC/Dunhill Singles Collection (2-CD Set)

### SELLING POINTS:

- Steppenwolf Was and Is the Hardest-Rocking Band Ever to Have Three Top Ten Hits ("Born to Be Wild," "Magic Carpet Ride" and "Rock Me")
- Led by Vocalist John Kay and Featuring Dennis Edmonton a.k.a. Mars Bonfire, the Band Also Notched 11 More Charting Songs and 14 Charting Albums
- Despite All Their Chart Success (and Prominent Inclusion in the *Easy Rider* Soundtrack), the Original 45 Mixes of Their Hit Singles Have Been Almost Impossible to Find on CD Due to a Lack of Tape Sources
- Now, Engineer Aaron Kannowski, Who Mastered Real Gone Music's Acclaimed Grass Roots Singles Set, Has Scoured the World for the Best Audio Sources in Compiling *The ABC/Dunhill Singles Collection*
- Includes the A and B-Side of Every Steppenwolf Single\* and Every John Kay Solo Single as Well
- Features, for the First Time Ever, a Good-Sounding Version of the Smash "Magic Carpet Ride" Single
- Track-by-Track Commentary from John Kay Himself
- Photos by Henry Diltz and Tom O'Neal *nee* Gundelfinger, Both of Whom Worked Closely with the Band During Their Heyday
- 38 Tracks on Two Compact Discs
- The Ultimate Steppenwolf Package for the Devoted Fan Base of a Still-Touring Band

\* Album Version of "Monster" Included at John Kay's Special Request

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**LABEL:** Real Gone Music

**GENRE:** Rock

**FORMAT:** CD

What was the hardest-rocking band ever to notch three Top Ten hits? For our money, it's Steppenwolf. Formed from the Canadian band The Sparrow (including Dennis Edmonton a.k.a. Mars Bonfire), and led by vocalist John Kay, Steppenwolf scored with "Born to Be Wild," "Magic Carpet Ride" and "Rock Me" in the space of nine months back in 1968-1969, and hit the charts eleven more times up through the mid-'70s. Often tagged as a biker band—mostly due to their prominent presence on the soundtrack to *Easy Rider*—Steppenwolf was actually a socially-conscious, highly political outfit, never more so than on their controversial LP *Monster*, one of 14 charting albums released by

the band over a 20-year period. This ability to enjoy commercial success on both the single and album fronts puts them in a very rare category in the annals of rock and roll; and, unsurprisingly, their albums have been well represented in the CD reissue era. Their singles, however, have largely been unavailable on CD in their original 45 mixes, as the tapes for the singles have long been missing (legend has it Dunhill label chief Jay Lasker discarded all the label's multi-track tapes and mono masters after having deemed them too expensive to store). But, just like on our critically-acclaimed Grass Roots singles set, engineer Aaron Kannowski has, after a worldwide search, rounded up the best sources available and put together a two-CD set that doesn't just include the A and B-side of every Steppenwolf single on the ABC/Dunhill label (including, for the first time ever, a decent-sounding "Magic Carpet Ride"), but of every John Kay solo single as well! And, speaking of John Kay, he sat down with co-producer Ed Osborne for a thorough, track-by-track review for the liner notes (John also requested that we use the album version of "Monster" rather than the single version, because the single is such a pieced-together "Frankenstein" job...pun intended). At 38 tracks, and featuring photos by long-time band photographers Henry Diltz and Tom O'Neal *nee* Gundelfinger, this is the ultimate Steppenwolf collection—one long dreamed of by the band's fans—and it's finally yours after years of preparation from Real Gone Music!



### CD One

1. A Girl I Knew
2. The Ostrich
3. Sookie Sookie
4. Take What You Need
5. Born to Be Wild
6. Everybody's Next One
7. Magic Carpet Ride
8. Rock Me
9. Jupiter Child
10. The Pusher
11. It's Never Too Late
12. Happy Birthday
13. Move Over
14. Power Play
15. Monster (Album Version)
16. Berry Rides Again
17. Hey Lawdy Mama
18. Twisted
19. Screaming Night Hog
20. Spiritual Fantasy
21. Corina, Corina

### CD Two

1. Who Needs Ya
2. Earschlittenloudenboomer
3. Snow Blind Friend
4. Hippo Stomp
5. Ride with Me
6. For Madmen Only
7. Black Pit
8. For Ladies Only
9. Sparkle Eyes
10. I'm Movin' On (John Kay)
11. Walk Beside Me (John Kay)
12. Somebody (John Kay)
13. You Win Again (John Kay)
14. Moonshine (Friend of Mine) (John Kay)
15. Nobody Lives Here Anymore (John Kay)
16. Easy Evil (John Kay)
17. Dance to My Song (John Kay)

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