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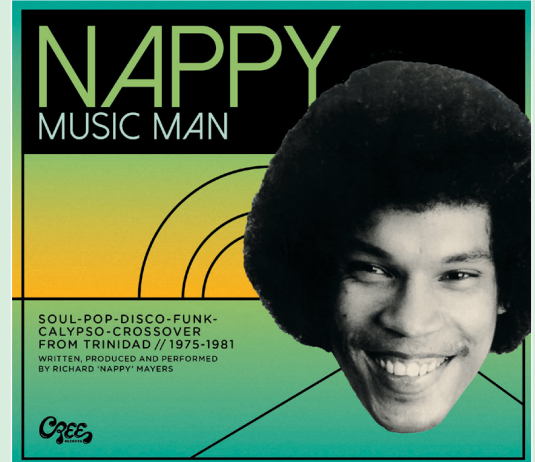
ARTIST
TITLE

Various
Nappy Music Man
Soul-Pop-Disco-Funk-Crossover
From Trinidad • 1975-1981
Written, produced and performed by
Richard 'Nappy' Mayers

LABEL Cree Records / Bear Family Productions
CATALOG # CCD 1209
PRICE-CODE AH
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FORMAT 1 CD digipac with 40-page booklet
GENRE Soul • Funk
TRACKS 19
PLAYING TIME 79:35



- High quality tracks recorded in Port of Spain/Trinidad between 1975-1981.
- 'Musical blend' of Trinidadian Calypso and American R&B and Pop music.
- Contains tracks from the rare and in demand LP 'Embryo.'
- Contains the rare and in demand disco track *Hot For Your Love* by Nadie La Fond.
- Full color 40-page booklet with liner notes and lots of (partly unreleased) photos.
- Featuring artists like Nappy Mayers, Embryo, Nadie La Fond, Felix Ceasar and Sound Revolution.

It has been said that Richard 'Nappy' Mayers (1951-1993), the copiously gifted musician, composer, arranger, producer and singer began his earthly sojourn in an era inappropriate for the fullest exploitation of his creative potential.

From his teenage years he exhibited an innate impulse to craft melodies that were distinctive and enticing yet reflecting his attraction to the dominant influences of the period particularly American, Jamaican and homeland Trinidad and Tobago. Charismatic and a natural leader, Nappy's enduring passion for creating, performing and producing singularly progressive music so fired initial band members comprising relatives and close friends, that their loyalty and willingness to co-create with him proved key to its extensive popularity.

From teenaged music-makers styled 'The Tornados,' his group evolved through several personnel shifts into 'Embryo' to enjoy their most productive and successful phase from the early '70s to 1980 as a trailblazing recording and stage performance outfit.

Nappy's ever-fertile mind originated a continuous stream of unique creations with lyrical content ranging from his 1975 premier release 'Cash In Calypso/Breakaway' through the 1977 all-time best seller *Wanna Make Love To You* with sultry frontline songstress Nadie La Fond, down to his bittersweet plea in 1991's *Bring Back The Ole Time Days*.

After he was so unexpectedly taken from us in 1993, it was beyond doubt that Trinidad and Tobago and the world of popular music he too briefly inhabited had lost a phenomenal talent in Richard 'Nappy' Mayers.

The main focus of this compilation is layed on Nappy's early recording years with his own band Embryo and on artists such like Nadie La Fond, Felix Ceasar or Colin Lucas.

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TRACKLISTING

Embryo: Wajang Woman • Soca (It's Soul Calypso) • Light The Light • **Nadie La Fond:** 3 Way Situation • **Embryo:** Nothing Is Impossible • You're Too Easy • Go Down Dancin' • **Nadie La Fond:** Wanna Make Love To You • **Richard 'Nappy' Mayers:** Ebony Girl • **Sound Revolution:** Poor Man Son • **Richard 'Nappy' Mayers:** Music Man • **Embryo:** I Like To Make Love • Easy Breezy • **Nadie La Fond:** Wanna Believe In Love • Hot For Your Love • **Richard 'Nappy' Mayers:** Let Yourself Go • **Cesar:** Makin' Bacchanal • **Embryo:** Love Is New • Let Me In Your Life