



ALEXIS KORNER'S BREAKDOWN GROUP Feat. CYRIL DAVIS

Blues From The Roundhouse
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The Godfather' & 'The Architect' of British Blues...

... respectively, Alexis Korner and Cyril Davies had each played in various Jazz and Skiffle combos before linking up in 1956, ostensibly to present live music at The Roundhouse pub in London's Soho. Although initially allied to Skiffle, both Cyril and Alexis were considerably more interested in The Blues, as these early recordings testify. The first recorded fruits of their liaison was the unfeasibly-rare 10" LP Blues From The Roundhouse, credited to Alexis Korner's Breakdown Group featuring Cyril Davies, recorded in February 1957. This album is the Holy Grail among collectors, as only 99 copies were ever pressed and it has never previously been reissued (listed in the Record Collector Price Guide at £1,000+). It was swiftly followed by two equally-rare EPs, each also confusingly titled Blues From The Roundhouse, credited to The Alexis Korner Skiffle Group and Alexis Korner's Blues Incorporated featuring Cyril Davies, respectively. These three pivotal releases, plus an LP outtake, make up the backbone (tracks 1-17) of this unique compilation. Only three of these sides have ever previously appeared on CD, making this a genuinely crucial collectors' release.

The twelve bonus tracks were all recorded between 1954-56 and feature Alexis and/or Cyril as sidemen.

ALEXIS KORNER'S

BREAKDOWN GROUP FEATURING CYRIL DAVIES

Leaving Blues

Rotten Break

Alberta

Roundhouse Stomp

Skip To My Lou

Good Morning

Boll Weevil

Ella Speed

Streamline Train

ALEXIS KORNER SKIFFLE GROUP

I Ain't Gonna Worry No More

County Jail

Kid Man

Easy Rider

ALEXIS KORNER'S BLUES INCORPORATED

FEATURING CYRIL DAVIES

Sail On

National Defence Blues

Go Down Sunshine

Death Letter

BONUS TRACKS

CYRIL DAVIES - KC Moan

KEN COLYER'S SKIFFLE GROUP

Midnight Special

Casey Jones

KC Moan

Take This Hammer

Down By The Riverside

Go Down Old Hannah

Streamline Train

BERYL BRYDEN'S BACKROOM SKIFFLE

Kansas City Blues

Casey Jones

This Train

Rock Me.



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