JOE COCKER'S GREATEST PERFORMANCES ON STAGE AND IN THE STUDIO COLLECTED ON NEW COMPILATION THE BEST OF JOE COCKER

Joe Cocker's electrifying concerts and stirring recordings have earned him acclaim as one of the greatest performers in rock. With his voice blues-soaked and his demeanor a soul-wrenching exorcism, Cocker has been unforgettable ever since he sang The Beatles' "With A Little Help From My Friends" at the original Woodstock festival. Intense and passionate, with an unmistakable voice and a unique style, Cocker is one of a kind.

Eleven songs with which he has indelibly imprinted rock 'n' roll are brought together on **The Best Of Joe Cocker** (A&M/UME) edition of the **20th Century Masters/The Millennium Collection** series, released June 13, 2000. Each selection has been digitally remastered from the original tapes.

Cocker's debut album, With A Little Help From My Friends (1969), featured his studio version of the '60s anthem "With A Little Help From My Friends" (a #1 hit in the U.K.). Later that year, Joe Cocker! spawned his U.S. Top 40 hit of The Beatles' "She Came In Through The Bathroom Window" as well as his rendition of Leon Russell's "Delta Lady."

In 1970, Cocker and Russell assembled a tribe of musicians and their families and hit the road. Those live performances turned into an album and a classic concert film: Mad Dogs & Englishmen featured live versions of The Box Tops' "The Letter" (Top 10) and Julie London's "Cry Me A River" (Top 20).

Among his other hits of that decade reprised on <u>The Best Of Joe Cocker</u> are his Top 40 take on Traffic's "Feelin' Alright," #5-charting cover of Billy Preston's "You Are So Beautiful" and his Top 40 "High Time We Went." Also included are fan favorites "The Jealous Kind" and "Many Rivers To Cross." The collection concludes with his #1 duet with Jennifer Warnes, "Up Where We Belong," the love theme from 1982's <u>An Officer And A Gentleman</u> which scored both a Grammy and an Academy Award.

Joe Cocker is exactly where he belongs--at the top of the list of rock's most memorable performers.

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