

TWO-CD 38 SPECIAL ANTHOLOGY TARGETS ALL OF THE HITS AND BEST-LOVED TRACKS FROM THE CLASSIC SOUTHERN ROCKERS

Spanning 22 years, two CDs and 34 selections, **38 Special Anthology** (Hip-O Records), released June 5, 2001, is the first multi-disc, and multi-label, retrospective for one of Southern Rock's favorite sons. Featuring all of its hits and best-loved studio tracks--plus one live 1999 contribution--**38 Special Anthology**, created with the participation of the band, tells the story of a group that broke free of the shadows of predecessors The Allman Brothers Band and Lynyrd Skynyrd to make its own mark on the battlefield of Dixie Rock.

38 Special was formed in 1975 by Donnie Van Zant, younger brother of Skynyrd leader Ronnie and older brother of current Skynyrd frontman Johnny, with guitarists Jeff Carlisi and Don Barnes, bassist Ken Lyons (later Larry Junstrom) and drummers Jack Grondin and Steve Brookins. Its straight-ahead Southern boogie debuted with a 1977 self-titled album ("Long Time Gone") followed by 1978's Special Delivery ("Take Me Back"). But 38 Special shot the lights out when it added hard rock and pop to its country-fried blues rock on 1979's Rockin' Into The Night (the title track, "Stone Cold Believer" and "Money Honey").

38 Special then hit the target with 1981's platinum Wild-Eyed Southern Boys, generating the Top 40 pop "Hold On Loosely," Top 40 Album Rock hits in the title track and "Fantasy Girl," and "Hittin' & Runnin'." The platinum Special Forces (1982) spawned the Top 10 pop "Caught Up In You" plus "Rough Housin'," "Chain Lightnin'" and "You Keep Runnin' Away." The platinum Tour De Force (1983) featured the Top 20 pop hits "If I'd Been The One" and "Back Where You Belong," plus "Twentieth Century Fox," "Long Distance Affair" and "One Time For Old Times." The hits continued with the gold Strength In Numbers (1986) and its Top 20 pop "Like No Other Night" and Top 10 Album Rock "Somebody Like You." Rock & Roll Strategy (1988) embraced the title track and the band's final Top 10 hit, "Second Chance."

Exiting A&M Records, 38 Special has since recorded for indie labels, also represented on **38 Special Anthology**. Charisma's Bone Against Steel (1991) yielded "The Sound Of Your Voice," "Last Thing I Ever Do" and "Rebel To Rebel." 1997's comeback album Resolution (Razor & Tie) brought "Fade To Blue," "Deja Voodoo," "Homeless Guitar" and "Saving Grace." The compilation also includes the studio "Just One Girl" and live "Take 'Em Out," both from 1999's CMC album Live At Sturgis Rock; the soundtrack themes "Teacher, Teacher" (Teachers)

and “Back To Paradise” (Revenge Of The Nerds 2), and the rare b-side “Prisoners Of Rock ‘N’ Roll.”

Each selection on **38 Special Anthology**, the first definitive collection of the Southern Rock greats, has been digitally remastered from the original master tapes. The comprehensive package also includes photos and liner notes.

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