

**ATLANTIC STARR'S BEST--18 TOP 40 URBAN HITS INCLUDING 11 TOP TENS
--COMPILED ON THE R&B GROUP'S ULTIMATE COLLECTION**

Atlantic Starr was a funk-soul band that found its greatest success with smooth, crossover, urban ballads. In its time, it was one of R&B's most popular and enduring groups. With Top 20 R&B hits in the '70s, '80s and '90s, Atlantic Starr shone brighter and longer than just about anyone else.

Atlantic Starr: Ultimate Collection (Hip-O Records), released September 26, 2000, spans three decades to bring together all of the group's biggest hits--including 11 R&B Top 10s. Featuring 18 original recordings, each digitally remastered, this **Ultimate Collection** is a timeless tribute whose songs are still heard at the funkier parties.

Formed in New York in 1976, Atlantic Starr was founded by the brothers Lewis--David (guitar, vocals), Jonathan (trombone, keyboards) and Wayne (keyboards, vocals). Along with adding other instruments to the lineup, they brought in lead vocalist Sharon Bryant and signed with A&M Records. Beginning with its self-titled 1978 debut through its fifth album in 1983, its R&B Top 10s heard on **Ultimate Collection** are: "When Love Calls" (#5), "Circles" (#2 and Top 40 pop) and "Touch A Four Leaf Clover" (#4).

With Bryant in the spotlight, the band also made the Top 20 with "Stand Up," "Send For Me," "Love Me Down" and "More, More, More"; and Top 50 with "(Let's) Rock 'N' Roll."

Ironically, Atlantic Starr would enjoy its biggest success on its final A&M album and after Bryant's departure for a solo career. Replaced with Barbara Weathers, the band's 1986 album As The Band Turns became its best-selling disk and featured the crossover hit "Secret Lovers" (#4 R&B/#3 pop) as well as "If Your Heart Isn't In It" (#4 R&B), "Freak-A-Ristic" (#6) and the Top 40s "Silver Shadow" (here in its extended remix form, for the first time on CD) and "Cool, Calm, Collected."

The group's first album for Warner Bros., 1987's All In The Name Of Love, didn't miss a beat as "Always" became Atlantic Starr's only #1 pop and R&B hit and "One Lover At A Time" was R&B Top 10. After it was Weathers' turn to go solo, replaced with Porscha Martin, We're Movin' Up in 1988 spun off yet another #1 R&B hit, "My First Love." Exit Martin and the title track from 1991's Love Crazy, on Reprise, went R&B Top 10--sung by David Lewis.

“Masterpiece,” #3 R&B and #3 pop, was also heard on that album, and it proved to be the last major hit from Atlantic Starr.

Atlantic Starr: Ultimate Collection is the latest compilation album in the Hip-O series which celebrates noteworthy artists.

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