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Lynyrd Skynyrd: Second Helping (45rpm-edition)

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Manufacturer: Acoustic Sounds Original label: MCA Genre: Pop

Driven by core members Gary Rossington (guitar), Johnny Van Zant (vocals) and Rickey Medlocke (guitar), along with longtime drummer Michael Cartellone, Lynyrd Skynyrd's legacy goes back some 35 years ago to Jacksonville, Fla., and was halted for a decade by the 1977 plane crash that killed three band members, including Ronnie Van Zant and Steve Gaines. Since then, the band tragically lost Allen Collins, Leon Wilkeson and Huey Thomasson, yet they rock on. With the recent passing of founding member/keyboardist Billy Powell and longtime bassist Ean Evans, »a lot of people probably expected us to say enough is enough«, admits Medlocke. But that would not be the way of this Rock & Roll Hall of Fame powerhouse. With a catalog of over 60 albums and sales beyond 30 million, Lynyrd Skynyrd remains a cultural icon that appeals to all generations. This Lynyrd Skynyrd 1974 album follows the success of "Free Bird" and "Gimme Three Steps" from their 1973 debut and features their biggest hit single, "Sweet Home Alabama", an answer to Neil Young's "Southern Man" and "Alabama". The song reached No. 8 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in August 1974. "Second Helping" also featured "Don't Ask Me No Questions", "Workin' for MCA" and "Call Me The Breeze", the latter of which includes an acclaimed piano solo. Backed by a tight rhythm section and the mighty three-guitar attack of Allen Collins, Ed King and Gary Rossington, singer Ronnie Van Zant turns in a legendary performance on the urgent blues ballad "I Need You", the cautionary "The Needle And The Spoon" and "The Ballad Of Curtis Loew".

"Second Helping" - Ronnie Van Zant (voc, b, g); Al Kooper (g, arr, p, voc); Allen Collins (g.); Gary Rossington (g); Ed King (b, g); Billy Powell (keyb, p); Bob Burns, Jr., Mike Porter (dr) & horns