

SHAKIN' STEVENS

FIRE IN THE BLOOD

19-disc complete collection anthology



The definitive singles collection 3CD/2LP





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Shakin' Stevens, one of the greatest hitmakers in UK chart history and a major national and international star for 40 years, will celebrate his incredible catalogue this November.

BMG will release the lavish, 19-disc anthology bookpack *Fire In The Blood*, augmenting his body of studio work with rare treasures and live treats. This awesome overview will be complemented by the *Singled Out* collection on 3CD, 2LP and digital versions.

To mark the announcement Shaky has shared the previously unreleased gospel song 'I Need You Now'. "Every now and again you hear something in the feel of a song that makes you want to record it - and that's what happened when I first heard this gospel song. I recorded it but then went on to another project, which happens at times" he recalls. "But good songs always come to the surface and it was great to discover it once again and to be able to include this previous unreleased song on *Fire In The Blood*"



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The 3CD edition of *Singled Out* is the first ever to include Shaky's entire solo singles output, and the 2LP format is personally curated by Shaky himself. His liner notes provide revealing personal insights into the background of key songs. Also making its debut on the two formats is the brand new single 'Wild At Heart (Neros Single Version)'.



The 26 tracks on the 2LP version of *Singled Out* are all hand-picked by Shaky himself, and the packaging will include a card enabling fans to download all 54 tracks on the 3CD edition. The singles collection encapsulates all Shaky's singles releases as a solo artist, offering many sought-after rarities such as 'Never' and his seemingly endless glory years at the chart summit. These include four signature UK bestsellers, 'This Ole House', 'Green Door', 'Oh Julie' and of course the perennial 'Merry Christmas Everyone'.

Other feel-good hits include 'You Drive Me Crazy', 'Marie, Marie', Turning Away' and 'A Rockin' Good Way', together with later gems like Shaky's collaboration with Queen's Roger Taylor, 'Radio', 'Now Listen' and the radio hit 'Last Man Alive.'

Ask anyone who grew up knowing the man born Michael Barratt in Ely, Cardiff, the youngest of 13 children, and they will tell you he was born to rock and roll. By his teenage years, he was doing just that, performing the tunes of artists such as Fats Domino, Joe Turner and Chuck Berry, on the road with his various bands.

With talent, charisma and determination in equal measure, Shaky's stage would expand exponentially from church halls to the UK gig circuit and on again to West End acclaim in the *Elvis!* musical, before he set off down a solo recording path with results he could only dream of.

Singled Out is an incisive summary of the epic adventure that would make Shaky the UK's bestselling singles artist of the 1980s, and one of our most enduring and beloved music heroes. Four UK No. 1 singles, 15 top tens and 33 top 40s are a tally that few modern artists can match. The same applies to an aggregate year-plus in the top ten, more than four years in the top 40 and an almost endless run of gold, platinum and double platinum albums at home and throughout Europe and internationally.

As Shaky says, Singled Out is also a compendium that demonstrates how his creative scope expanded with the passing years, culminating in the huge praise for 2016's exceptional, Americana-flavoured Echoes Of Our Times album. He notes of Singled Out: "The double aspect of the physical release - on CD and vinyl - includes every single that I've ever released. It truly displays the breadth of my musical styles and the changes in my music over the years, from raw rock'n'roll to rock and country blues, Cajun, Americana and everything in between."

Singled Out also stands as a superb appetiser for the spectacular Fire In The Blood bookpack, which Stevens describes as "the biggest project of my career." Fire In The Blood is the biggest and most complete collection of Shaky's recordings ever undertaken - a celebration of the achievements of an enduring artist whose chart statistics, however phenomenal, tell only part of his story. He says proudly: "Working on the compilation of the tracks, with the varied styles of my music, collating the images, and other aspects of the release, has brought back many precious memories: hard times, good times, and everything in between."

"Nothing came easy, but I wouldn't change it for the world," he concludes. "I hope that everyone enjoys *Fire In The Blood* as much as we have while working on the project. The fire still burns - and always will."

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Fire In The Blood full contents and tracklisting available HERE

Singled Out Tracklisting:

3CD TRACKLISTING 2LP TRACKLISTING (Includes Download card) CD 3 CD 1 1 Jezebel (Re-mix) 1 Never LP1 - A Side Love Attack 2 Somebody Touched Me 3 I Might 3 Justine 2 Somebody Touched Me Yes I Do 4 Treat Her Right 3 Treat Her Right Pink Champagne 5 Endless Sleep 4 Hot Dog My Cutie Cutie



- 6 Spooky
- 7 Hot Dog
- 8 Hey Mae
- 9 Marie Marie
- 10 Shooting Gallery
- 13 This Ole House
- 12 You Drive Me Crazy
- 11 Green Door
- 14 It's Raining
- 15 Oh Julie
- 16 Shirley
- 17 Give Me Your Heart Tonight
- 18 I'll Be Satisfied

CD 2

- 1 It's Late
- 2 Cry Just A Little Bit
- 3 Your Ma Said You Cried In Your Sleep Last Night
- 4 A Rockin' Good Way (with Bonnie Tyler)
- 5 A Love Worth Waiting For
- 6 A Letter To You
- 7 Teardrops
- 8 Breakin' Up My Heart
- 9 Lipstick Powder & Paint
- 10 Turning Away
- 11 Because I Love You
- 12 A Little Boogie Woogie (In The Back Of My Mind)
- 13 Come See About Me
- 14 What Do You Want To Make Those Eyes At Me For
- 15 Feel The Need In Me
- 16 How Many Tears Can You Hide
- 17 True Love

- 7 Radio
- 8 I Can Help
- 9 Trouble
- 10 Now Listen
- 11 Last Man Alive12 Down Into Muddy Water
- 13 Down In The Hole
- 14 Wild At Heart (Neros Single Version)
- 15 Blue Christmas
- 16 Merry Christmas Everyone
- 17 The Best Christmas Of Them All
- 18 I'll Be Home This Christmas
- 19 Echoes Of Merry Christmas Everyone

- 5 Marie Marie
- 6 This Ole House
- 7 You Drive Me Crazy

LP1 - B Side

- 1 Green Door
- 2 It's Raining
- 3 Oh Julie
- 4 Give Me Your Heart Tonight
- 5 It's Late
- 6 Cry Just A Little Bit
- 7 A Love Worth Waiting For

LP2 – A Side

- 1 A Letter To You
- 2 Teardrops
- 3 Turning Away
- 4 Come See About Me
- 5 Feel The Need In Me
- 6 Love Attack

LP2 – A Side

- 1 Radio
- 2 Trouble
- 3 Now Listen
- 4 Last Man Alive
- 5 Down In The Hole
- 6 Merry Christmas Everyone