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THE SHANGRI-LAS REMEMBER



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- Deluxe 2CD digibook comprising the Shangri-Las' entire Red Bird output 1964-66; the only set currently available where all can be found.
- Also includes in-concert material, lesser-heard stereo and alternate versions, and radio spots.
- Bonus track features producer Shadow Morton's deadpan demo of 'Dressed In Black'.
- 20-page memorabilia-laden booklet boasts in-depth liner notes by acclaimed Shangs' authority and *Goldmine* writer Dennis Garvey.

The Shangri-Las' tough girl demeanour was the perfect counterpoint to their bittersweet songs of loss, longing and teenage angst. Formed in 1963 in Queens, New York the group comprised two sets of sisters; Mary and Betty Weiss and twins Marguerite (Marge) and Mary Ann Ganser.

The band had the first of five US Top 30 hits in summer 1964 with 'Remember (Walking In The Sand)', complete with seagull sound effects which were to become songwriter/producer George 'Shadow' Morton's signature touch. The follow-up 'Leader Of The Pack', a death disc par excellence penned by Red Bird Records' in-house songwriters Ellie Greenwich and Jeff Barry, secured the US No.1 spot later that year and earned the girls notoriety when it was initially banned by the BBC for being too morbid. Even so, the song made the UK charts on three separate occasions peaking at No.3 when it was reissued in 1972. Their edgy, proto-Punk image, melodramatic songs and readily identifiable sound underscored by Mary's plaintive vocals have gone on to influence scores of artists including Blondie, Aerosmith, Sonic Youth, The Horrors and Amy Winehouse.

This 2CD anthology presents all the hits and collectors' gems in one must-have package - the only set currently available to offer all The Shangri-Las' Red Bird recordings.

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