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THE STRAITS

ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK RECORDING

VARIOUS ARTISTS FEAT. DAVID BRIDIE, MAUPOWER, SEAMAN DAN,
TELEK, AIRILEKE, NGAIRE, ALBERT DAVID AND MORE

This is music, sounds and songs for murder, guilt and pay-back. Love and intrigue. A sense of place amongst the metropolis of Cairns (the city in the north), to the many white sand Torres Strait Island communities and then up across the border into jungles, swamplands, mountains and atolls of Papua New Guinea.

This album showcases some of the regions unique new artists such as Maupower, Airileke, Ngaiire and Mogu as well as legendary artists Uncle Seaman Dan, Albert David, George Telek and Kadu. Amongst the Raskols, the Church congregations, the Montebello family subterfuge, the Cairns bikie gangs, the corrupt police, the crocodile farms, mangrove swamps and turquoise waters of the tropical north we hear stringband, reggae, hip-hop, old pearling songs, traditional sing sings and score featuring instruments unique to these parts: mambu, garamuts, warups, kundus, conch shells and of course the ubiquitous ukulele. Immerse yourself in it.

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In memory of Tony Subam for his vision for the music of Melanesia.

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THE STRAITS SOUNDTRACK:

Composed and produced by David Bridie.

Mixed and Engineered by Brett Doig at Bilas Studios, Thornbury, Melbourne.

Mastered by Timothy Cole.

Musicians: Pius Wasi (mambu), George Telek (vocals, kundu), Airileke Ingram (garamuts, drums, MPC), Phil Wales (guitar), Ben Hakilitz (kundu, shakers), Dean Addison (double bass), Glen Reither (saxophone), Willy Zygier (ukulele), Greg Patten (kit), Richard Mogu (bass), David Bridie (keyboards, loops, vocals), Gus Till (keyboards, programming), Albert David (vocals, percussion), Murray-wa Dow (TSI vocals), Lynne Hamilton (vocals), Kadu (Ricardo Idagi guitar, warup), Helen Mountfort (cello), Willy Kepa (bass), Paul Cartright (bass), Lela (guitar), Warys (guitar), Brett Doig (additional guitar), Shannon Birchall (double bass), Voodoo Dred (loops, bilas), Markham Galut (voice, shakers).

THE STRAITS TV SERIES:

Produced by Penny Chapman and Helen Panckhurst.

Based on an idea by Aaron Fa'Aoso as developed by Louis Nowra.

Directors: Peter Andrikidis, Rachel Ward & Rowan Woods.

Writers: Nick Parsons, Blake Ayshford, Kristen Dunphy & Jaime Browne.

Executive Producers: Tony Ayres, Carole Sklan and David Ogilvy.

Associate Producer: Aaron Fa'Aoso.

Production Company: Matchbox Pictures.

Main cast: Harry Montebello – Brian Cox. Kitty Montebello – Rena Owen.

Noel Montebello – Aaron Fa'Aoso. Marou Montebello – Jimi Bani.

Gary Montebello – Firass Dirani. Sissi Montebello – Suzannah Bayes-Morton.

Additional cast: Natasha – Rachael Blake. Lola – Emma Lung.

Antoinette – Kate Jenkinson. Vince – Andy Anderson. Paddy – Kim Gyngell.

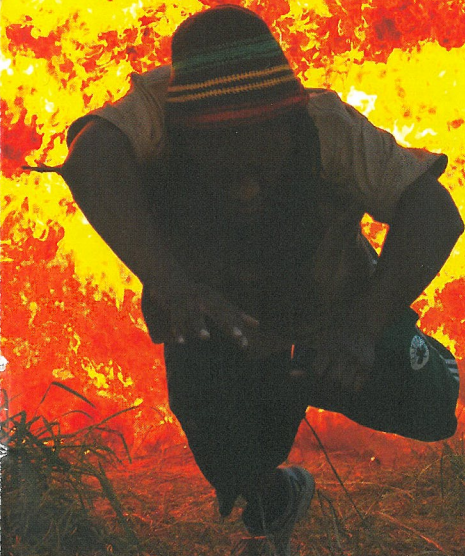
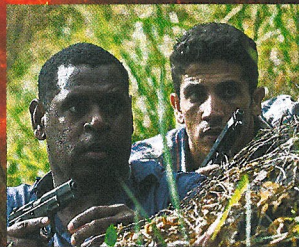
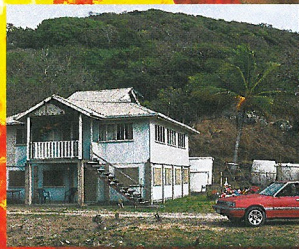
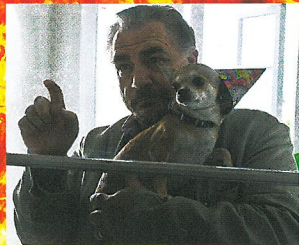
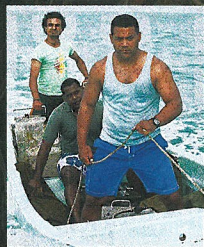
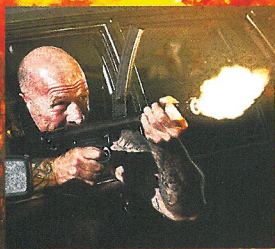
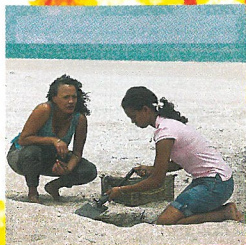
Eddie – Cramer Cain. Joseph – Chum Ehelepola. Thomson – James Mackay.

Bridget – Tasia Zalar. Quay Lin – Sri Sacdpraseuth. Sutherland – Malcolm Kennard.

Bonnie Doon – Richard Sutherland. Vlad – Richard Cawthorne.

Booklet photography by Andrew Watson. Artwork layout: Andrew B. White.

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1. TOO MUCH SUPERSTITION/MISSO RANDE DAVID BRIDIE & ALBERT DAVID (D. Bridie/A. David) Mushroom/Control. Mixed and Produced by Christian Scallan. The Misso Rande part is sung in Kala Lagau Ya/Kala kawa Ya Central Island language and is a warrior song.

2. GORMI AMA MUSIC BOX KADU (R. Idagi/D. Bridie) Control/Mushroom. Harry 's loving present to Kitty. A music box version of her favourite Torres Strait song by Kadu.

3. WARUPAU NUR MAUPOWER & KADU (P. Mau/R. Idagi) Control. Maupower here raps in Kalaw Lagaw Ya (western) language in this collaboration with Airileke and Kadu. Warupau Nur translates as "The Sound of my Drum".

4. WEST PAPUA (MERDEKA MIX) GEORGE TELEK, NGAIIRE & LEA RUMWAROPEN (G. Telek/N. Joseph/L. Rumwaropen) Origin/Control. Renowned Rabaul (PNG) musician George Telek in collaboration with Ngaiire Joseph, Airileke and Lea Rumwaropen with his anthem that has been adopted by West Papuan people as their liberation song. From the album *Akave*.

5. MENA MENALI SEAMAN DAN (G. Mye) Steady Steady Music. Torres Strait Islander cultural custodian George Mye (MBE, OAM) originally wrote this song in Meriam Mer, a language of the eastern Torres Strait. From the album *Steady Steady*, produced by Karl Neuenfeldt and Nigel Pegrum.

6. DOLPHIN AIRILEKE FEATURING WILL HATCH (A. Ingram/W. Hatch) Control. From Airileke 's debut Melanesian album *Sinavai Iduara* featuring Fijian singer Will Hatch.

7. KAPU YA UJAREMO RAN CHOIR (Mareko Kebisu) Control. Torres Strait church choir song.

8. SHOWER SLEAZE DAVID BRIDIE (D. Bridie) Mushroom. Sleazy music for the impressive Lola and Gary seduction scene.

9. SOOK SOOK AIRILEKE, FEAT. DADIGII & VODOO DRED (A. Ingram/V. Juste 'Constant/Dadigii) Control. Melanesian hip-hop where Airileke works with Mosbi rapper Dadigii, with Tok Pisin lyrics about life in the settlements. From the album *Sinavai Iduara*.

10. INAGWE MOGU (R. Mogu) Control. Sung in the Kiriwina language of the Trobriand Islands "Inagwe" means "mother" in tok ples. Originally released on Mogu's album of the same name.

11. TO NIBA GEORGE TELEK (G. Telek) Origin. Played in the Duke of York stringband style and sung in Kuanuan the language of Rabaul. Originally released on Telek 's *Akave* album, produced by Tim Cole and David Bridie.

12. DO THAT CHICKEN THING DAVID BRIDIE (D. Bridie) Mushroom. DB channels George Clooney for this Montebello family singalong.

13. INTER FAMILY SUBTERFUGE PIUS WASI, GLEN REITHER & DAVID BRIDIE (D. Bridie/P. Wasi/G. Reither)

Mushroom/Control. Two master wind instrument players working together with mambu (bamboo flute) and saxophone. Wasi, from Chambri lakes was the leader of renowned group Tambaran Culture. **14. MAMA'S LAMENT MOGU (R. Mogu) Control.** Co-composed with Airileke Ingram and Josh Tamanabe. Mogu is from Milne Bay but lives in Port Moresby, PNG. Produced by Airileke. **15. SINNER SAINT MAUPOWER (P. Mau/M. Justice/B. Hense) One Blood/Hidden Image.** TSI rapper Maupower's powerful collaboration with producer Mike Justice. **16. LONG LONG FROG MOBILE PHONE DAVID BRIDIE (D. Bridie) Mushroom.** Here begins DB's new career as a composer of stupid mobile phone rings after seeing the success of the Crazy Frog tone. **17. AILAN KWIKTAIM SEAMAN DAN (S. Dan/K. Neuenfeldt/N. Pegrum) Steady Steady Music.** Inspired by two popular Thursday Island (T.I.) songs, Seaman Dan wrote new lyrics to recount sailing trips to the pearling ports of T.I., Darwin and Broome. Original version appears on the album *Steady Steady* produced by Karl Neuenfeldt and Nigel Pegrum. **18. GET MYSELF A GUN DAVID BRIDIE (D. Bridie) Mushroom.** Song composed for Noel as he blows up the DC's clubhouse with a bazooka. **19. MAMA MI LAIKIM YU GEORGE TELEK (G. Telek) Origin.** Islander stringband collaboration led by George Telek featuring Kanaky artists Warys and Lele. **20. COCONUT RITA MILLS (Trad) Control.** Humorous Coconut Island song sung by the late Rita Mills from the Mills Sisters off her *Blue Mountain* album. Produced by Paul Petran. **21. DO YOU THINK DAD SITS AT HOME AND THINKS UP SHIT DAVID BRIDIE (D. Bridie) Mushroom.** **22. GORMI AMA KADU (R. Idagi) Control.** A Mer Island (Murray) song about the joy of children at play. Sung in Meriam Mir. **23. KAPA ROA'IA SE LALO SEAMAN DAN (Composer: Unknown/Authors: Rev. I. Fatiaki/S. Dan/K. Neuenfeldt) Steady Steady Music.** Inspired by the music of the migrants from northern most Fijian island of Rotuma in the late 19th century Kapa Roa 'ia Se Lalo is a chant, or sua, about the importance of remembering your culture when you leave your home village. From the album *Island Way* by Seaman Dan. Produced by Karl Neuenfeldt and Nigel Pegrum. **24. SISSI CAN'T DO THAT DAVID BRIDIE (D. Bridie) Mushroom.** Score. **25. BEDROOM OF GLASS TEARS AND LEAD DAVID BRIDIE (D. Bridie) Mushroom.** Score. **26. YASI ALBERT DAVID & MURRAY-WA DOW (M. Dow/P. Barsa) Control.** "Yasi is coming. Big wind. Big rain. Yasi is coming. Here it comes".

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