

**“JACKIE BLUE” HEADLINES TIME WARP:THE VERY BEST OF
THE OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS**

For The Ozark Mountain Daredevils, playing music has always been more than art or commerce--it most importantly has also been fun. Maybe that's why despite only a handful of albums and a couple of hit songs, and no major label release since 1980, the Ozark Mountain Daredevils are still playing shows, still making albums and still bringing smiles to the faces of fans. The most comprehensive retrospective ever issued of the country-rock group, **Time Warp: The Very Best Of The Ozark Mountain Daredevils** (A&M/UME), released December 5, 2000, is a reminder to fans new and old of the fun you can have just listening to music.

Featuring 21 selections, **The Very Best Of The Ozark Mountain Daredevils** includes the group's biggest hits, “Jackie Blue” and “If You Wanna Get To Heaven,” as well as the best-loved tracks from its five A&M studio albums of the '70s. The package also boasts a history with new interviews and numerous photos.

The Daredevils occupy a lofty place on the country-rock list that includes the Eagles, Poco and Firefall. What has set them apart, however, is where they come from. They weren't from the West or the South. They were Midwesterners, from Springfield, Missouri; long-haired bohemians and musicians from the Ozarks who just loved to play together, melting disparate influences into their own unique sound (one critic has even called them “sort of Steely Dan with a country twang”).

Their debut album, **The Ozark Mountain Daredevils** (1974), produced the Top 30 country boogie “If You Wanna Get To Heaven” and eventually went gold. The rest of the album was as varied as the patchwork quilt on its cover: the spacey pop “Spaceship Orion,” the ambitious “Country Girl,” rootsy “Standing On The Rock,” “Road To Glory” and the bouncy romp “Chicken Train,” a concert favorite.

From **It'll Shine When It Shines** (1975), **The Very Best Of The Ozark Mountain Daredevils** culls “E. E. Lawson,” “It Probably Always Will,” “You Made It Right,” “Look Away,” “Walkin' Down The Road,” the title track “It'll Shine When It Shines” and the band's biggest hit, “Jackie Blue,” which reached #3 in Billboard and hit the top of several other charts. Success spawned tours with the likes of Poco, the Doobie Brothers, Emmylou Harris, Chicago and even the Eagles.

1976's The Car Over The Lake Album drove home "Keep On Churnin'," "Leatherwood," "Cobblestone Mountain" and "Mr. Powell." A bonus disc tucked inside, known as "The Little Red Record," included the psychedelic rave-up "Time Warp." 1976's Men From Earth boasted "Homemade Wine" and "Arroyo," and 1978's Don't Look Down contributed "Giving It All To The Wind."

Time Warp: The Very Best Of The Ozark Mountain Daredevils is a time warp indeed--a time when music was organic, genuine and fun.

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The band is available for interviews.

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