



Franco De Gemini - The man with the harmonica

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This is the premiere cd compilation paying tribute to the unique harmonica soloist Franco De Gemini. Featuring his top hit "The man with the harmonica", the main theme of Morricone's score for "Once upon a time in the west", Sergio Leone's Spaghetti Western masterpiece. Furthermore you can find 15 tracks he recorded between 1967 and 1978, reaching from Italo-Western songs to easy listening to disco to jazz. It's a mix of soundtrack music, rare library tracks and pop instrumentals. Sometimes dramatic, sometimes groovy.

Several titles were composed by Maestro De Gemini himself (other composers are Morricone, Alessandroni, Nicolai, a.o.). Of course the mainthread running through this cd is the solo harmonica sound of the later founder of Italian cult soundtrack label "Beat Records". But you will also find one title without this instrument: "Cheops and Nefertiti" shows the talents of De Gemini as a composer. (here in an extra-long version which has been dug out in the Beat Records archives in Rome in 2005). The only vocal title on this compilation brings us a reunion with singer Dean Reed, who made some kind of an Italo-Western career in the late 60s before he became the "American rebel of the GDR". Like the original version is the prelude to this cd, an extraordinary "disco version" of "L'uomo Dell'Armonica" brings up the rear.

Half of the titles have never been released on cd before (even more, if bootlegs would have been cut out...). The booklet comes with extensive linernotes and many pictures.

Tracklisting:

no	composer	title
1	Ennio Morricone	L'uomo Dell'Armonica (from: C'era una volta il west)
2	Mario Migliardi	I'm not your pony (instr.) (from: Prega il morto e ammazza il vivo)
3	Lallo Gori	Buckaroo Seq. 2 (from: Buckaroo - Il winchester che non perdona)
4	Ettore Ballotta	Whisky Tango *
5	Bruno Nicolai	I Pendolari (from: Allora il treno) *
6	Alessandro Alessandroni	Cinzia
7	De Gemini/Alessandroni	Beat 700 *
8	De Gemini/Alessandroni	Ciao dal muretto di Alassio
9	Romano Rizzati	Romantico Tramonto *
10	Franco De Gemini	Cos' e l'amore (instr.) (from: Si puo' fare molto con 7 donne)
11	Franco De Gemini	Cheops and Nefertiti (versione integrale inedito) (Si puo' fare molto con 7 donne)
12	Lino Castiglione	Salutiamo il Sole *
13	De Gemini/Alessandroni	Sulla Riviera *
14	Alessandro Alessandroni	Big News
15	Alessandro Alessandroni	Black Window *
16	Ennio Morricone	L'uomo Dell'Armonica (versione disco) *

* previously unreleased on CD