MR BONGO

- A sublime psych, MBP, folk, rock offering from the Brazilian singer-songwriter Jarbas Mariz.
- Originally released in 1977 on the Erla record label, it features Guilherme Coutinho on electric piano.

1000 miles away from the beating musical hearts of Rio and São Paulo in the late '70s, the Brazilian city of Belém gave rise to a littleknown record label called **Erla - Estudio Rauland**. Though not prolific in its output, the label made up for it in quality and experimental offerings, with several records on the label now becoming **sought-after pieces among collectors**. One such release is the sublime four-track psych, MPB, rock EP by singer-songwriter Jarbas Mariz.

They say never judge a book by its cover, though on this occasion you pretty much can. The wonderful tripped-out '70s **artwork by Baby** is a sure-fire indication of the music lying within. Though the EP was recorded in '77, it clearly gained inspiration from the psychedelic hippy idols of the previous decade and could easily have been a soundtrack to an acid trip scene in an obscure Brazilian movie.

Low-fi and quirky, there are moments of beauty and splendour but also hints of darkness; with a sublime balance of music and styles throughout. At points Jarbas will have you drifting through a folk flute daydream, the next moment a growling, psych-distorted guitar breaks and parts the calm. An ability to make those elements blend cohesively is where Jarbas' true brilliance shines through.

Jarbas played, and still plays, with some of the key figures in Brazil's musical underground. Guilherme Coutinho (whose Guilherme Coutinho - E O Grupo Stalo album from '78 was also re-issued on Mr Bongo) features on electric piano for this release, with fans of his work being able to pick out his tones and playing style. Elsewhere, Jarbas also collaborated with the late great Lula Côrtes on the 'Bom Shankar Bolenath' album from 1988 and 'Rosa De Sange' from 1980. He was a member of the wonderful Cátia de França band and is a regular in the legendary Tom Zé group.

'Transas Do Futuro' is a special record and one we are honoured to be reissuing.

JARBAS MARIZ

TRANSAS DO FUTURO



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FORMAT VINYL 7"

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FILE UNDER

PSYCHEDELIC BRAZIL ROCK FOLK MR BONGO

TRACK-LISTING:

- 1. Transas Do Futuro
- 2. Quero Jogar Cartas Com A Humanidade
- 3. Paragominas
- 4. Merece Ser

LISTEN: ALBUM