

## MR BONGO

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- Includes the dancefloor favourites 'Streets Of Calcutta' and 'Dancing Drums'.
- Vinyl LP features tip-on sleeve.

Mr Bongo proudly presents an official reissue of an **iconic, exploratory album** by **Indian maestro of the sitar**, Ananda Shankar, aptly titled 'Ananda Shankar And His Music'.

Released on **His Master's Voice** in 1976, the album is a sublime collage of **sitar-funk, traditional Indian classical music** and **psychedelic grooves**, from the Indian sitarist, composer and musician. Nephew to India's legendary sitar virtuoso **Ravi Shankar**, Ananda's musical family and upbringing led to a deep respect and love of the wealth of music that emanated from his birthplace. His travels to the **west coast of America** in the late '60s though, saw Shankar immersed in the full swing of **psychedelic rock**. The collision of these two musical worlds with a whole range of other **Eastern and Western influences** on 'Ananda Shankar And His Music', is a truly entrancing combination.

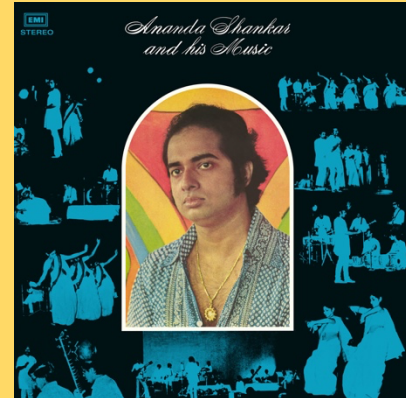
First big in the UK in the **mid-'90s jazz/rare groove club scene**, when it was unearthed by adventurous DJs and crate diggers, the sensational Indian-funk tracks '**Streets Of Calcutta**' and '**Dancing Drums**' became firm dancefloor favourites. The mixture of drum-heavy funk with **Indian music and psychedelia** is the perfect melting pot. Flavourful and balanced, it still feels fresh and exciting 40 years on.

Like a fine wine, this album keeps getting better with age and once-overlooked tracks are now seen in a new light. Aside from the main 'club' cuts that many have praised and loved, 'The River' is a part blissed-out, **Balearic gem**, part cosmic wild west soundtrack, that would provide the perfect complement to any sunset session. Elsewhere, 'Dawn' is a **spiritual and meditative journey** into Indian classical music, with 'Cyrus' floating you away to heavenly heights. On a different tip, 'Back Home' fuses styles and themes via an **organ and Moog-infused, tripped-out excursion**, whilst 'Renunciation' hits with a psych-rock sentiment to its sitar-soaked grooves.

A **beautiful time capsule** of Eastern culture meets Western influence, where experimentation and intrigue produced a fusion of sounds that still sound as **vibrant and alluring as they have ever been**.

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### RELEASE DATE

29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

### FORMAT

VINYL LP  
CD

### MRBLP308

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### MRBCD308

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### FILE UNDER

FUNK  
PSYCHEDELIC  
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### TRACK-LISTING:

1. Streets Of Calcutta
2. Cyrus
3. The Lonely Rider
4. The River
5. Vidai (Parting)
6. Back Home
7. Dawn
8. Renunciation
9. Dancing Drums

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