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SPOTLIGHT

Bill Summers

What's Bill Summers' music like? What's the world like? Diverse.

Call *It What You Want* is like a ground swell, an excitement which continues to build the more one listens to this fine debut release on MCA Records. It's not of one mind, but many; and it's not of one musical influence, but innumerable ones.

"My background is multi-ethnic; all my albums have either been Latin or funk, traditional African or jazz," explains Bill Summers, a percussionist/vocalist of much stature in music, and a man who has not only recorded four of his own albums, and won an Emmy and gold record as lead percussionist on the *Roots* soundtrack, but has performed on recordings by virtually everyone, including: Herbie Hancock, The Pointer Sisters, Con Funk Shun, Quincy Jones, Seawind, Syreeta, Norman Connors and on and on.

"Musically, my evolution has come to this stage where *Call It What You Want* is an amalgamation of all cultures, all styles. It's contemporary, commercial and polished, not fusion. Naturally, this is what I wanted to do now, put it all together in a commercial package. But at the same time, I didn't want to sacrifice



my pride, creativity or musicianship."

The album not only features Summers on both vocals and percussion instruments—which is a story in itself—but also his backup group—Summers Heat: Lori Ham, vocals; Calvin Tillery, vocals; Claytoven Richardson, vocals/saxophone/clarinet/mini moog/clavinet; Larry Bastiste, vocals/trombone/clavinet; Earl "Bo" Freeman, bass; Ray "Anthony" Obiedo, guitar; Paul Van Wageningen, drums; William Kennedy, drums; Scott Roberts, percussion; and Tom Poole, flugelhorn.

Summers' musical training began with 10 years of classical piano at the Detroit Conservatory of Music. Also, during his high school years in Motor City, he

played saxophone and flute in various clubs at night while working Ford's assembly line in the day time.

In 1970, Summers secured a position in the music department at the University of California at Berkeley.

"Back then, there was no major in black music," he points out. "I petitioned three times over a period of two years before I finally was able to receive accreditation for an independent major in ethnomusicology with emphasis on Afro-American music."

After leaving Berkeley, he earned his first important musical stripes when he joined Herbie Hancock's Head Hunters on the groundbreaking gold album *Head Hunters*. He stayed with Herbie for several years. Since then

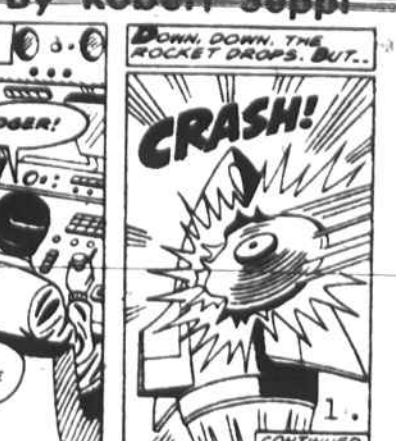
he has become a master of percussion, continuously requested to guest on various albums. For Fantasy, he recorded four albums, but nothing pushing musical concepts as far as he has on *Call It What You Want*, playing various instruments, including some unique African ones.

For example on this release, he used the agogo, hindewhu, bata, congas, bongos, hand bell, bottles, quica, pandiera, tambourine, tamborim, guiro, timbales, gembe, shekere, reco reco, ganaza, temple blocks, wood blocks, sasara, triangles and caxixi. But not all at the same time.

"I'm influenced most by African music though there is no difference between that and Afro-American, Afro-Brazilian, Afro-Cuban or Afro-Haitian. African is the foundation of most musical forms in America. And R&B, which you can hear in my music, is a derivative of gospel but with a social text. If you take that one step back, you've got the guy stepping off the boat with his traditional concept of music."

Call It What You Want is not only a great title, but a wonderful catchphrase. You can't necessarily pigeonhole Summers with it, but it does express the idea that the man is musically basking in many places at the same time.

THUNDERBOLT



By Robert Suppi

LUTHER



By Brumic Brandon, Jr.

WORDS & MEANINGS

Unmix the letters in the boxes to form a word. Then circle A, B or C for the correct meaning (or definition). Score yourself as follows: 4 Correct-Excellent 2 Correct-Fair 3 Correct-Good 1-0 Correct-Poor

- MARC**
A. STUFF B. SPILL C. EMPTY
CLUE: Fill to overflowing.
- RAST**
A. BEGGAR B. THIEF C. RULER
CLUE: In Russia he once reigned.
- CIMMI**
A. GROWL B. DANCE C. IMITATE
CLUE: A monkey in the zoo might do this.
- NAFELI**
A. END B. GROUP C. COMEDY
CLUE: That's all folks!

FINDIT!

Find 14 things that are often colored yellow. Words run across, down, or diagonally in any direction. Word list below.

DANANABR
CAKELLUE
APFLEITK
NPNFOLTC
ALUAOYEI
RESORDRL
YSIADFIS
CORNOMEL

Word list: Apple, butter, banana, corn, cake, canary, daffodil, daisy, lemon, lily, rose, sun, slicker, yolk. Leftover letters give you one more thing that turns yellow.

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Animals	
RIGET	---
ISALN	---
OESRH	---
DROEAL	---
LEWAH	---
TGAO	---
INOL	---
URTETL	---

CNOACRO	---
LACME	---
PATELHEN	---
ALKAO	---
IGP	---
LTERUT	---
RQILUESR	---

Answers
Turtle, Squirtle (center word) Octopus
Raccoon, Camel, Elephant, Koala, Pig
Lion, Turtle (center word) Elephant
Tiger, Snail, Horse, Leopard, Whale, Goat

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D	C
B	N
L	S
Y	L
L	N

Answers: Orange, Apple, Pear, Peach, Banana, Cherry, Grape, Plum, Prune, Pineapple, Raspberry, Apricot, Melon, Canteloupe, Blueberry, Cranberry, Coconut, Currant, Raisin, Avocado, Date, Fig, Lemon, Lime, Olive, Tangerine, Kumquat, Mango, Casaba, Papaya

STARSCOPE

Clare Answell

WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 1981

AQUARIUS—January 21-February 19
A week for tying up loose ends and tending to host of mini obligations. Don't initiate programs unless you're totally committed. Best times are in small groups.

PISCES—February 20-March 20
Careful planning brings results, especially in areas of travel and education. New developments take place in personal relationships, indicating change for the better.

ARIES—March 21-April 20
If considering an important lifestyle change, hear a lot of opinions and think carefully about each. Relative can be friend—just give him/her a chance.

TAURUS—April 21-May 22
You become aware of your untapped resources, and added drive makes week financially rewarding. Entertainment is specialty; host a party for two... or for 20.

GEMINI—May 23-June 21
An outgoing attitude brings new interests. Respect from subordinates increases. It may be impossible now to ignore family feud, especially if it concerns youngsters.

CANCER—June 22-July 22
Solo efforts are your most successful this week; it's not the time to count on anyone for favors. You may now discover new route to important goal.

LEO—July 23-August 22
An outstanding week for expanding your social circle. A coworker could shock you with his/her lack of understanding. Weekend obligations are less boring than feared.

VIRGO—August 23-September 22
One conflict is resolved as another is sparked during this sometimes tense week. Older friend offers wise financial counsel. Could be asked to repay very old favors.

LIBRA—September 23-October 22
You can effectively express ideas on subject related to ethics or philosophy. But economics is another area; financial perception is low so consult pro on money matters.

SCORPIO—October 23-November 21
You're absolutely inspiring—establishing sense of excitement and anticipation about any job you begin. Unfortunately, you also show surprising difficulty in adding final touches.

SAGITTARIUS—November 22-December 22
It's not easy to be deceived about the true motives of friends and neighbors. At work, reputation is at peak and your suggestions now have considerable impact.

CAPRICORN—December 23-January 20
Focus is on entertainment, with Capricorn on center stage. Loved one may ask you to join him/her on trip but it may not be your idea of fun. Creative solution might backfire.

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK
Friendly and very willing, but also unpredictable and stubborn. You're a humanitarian... and sometimes a rebel. Year ahead offers more opportunities than usual to enter into a partnership—either personal or business.

BORN THIS WEEK
January 22nd, actor Bill Bixby, 23rd, actor Randolph Scott, 24th, singer Neil Diamond, 25th, actor Dean Jones, 26th, singer Eartha Kitt, 27th, dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov, 28th, actor Alan Alda.

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9. Brown's Beauty
10. McQueen's Grocery
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NORTHEAST

38. Tickled Pink Cleaners
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54. Rays #3 (Patterson Ave.)
55. Kroger Store (Cloverdale)
56. Ramada Inn-North (Akron Dr.)
57. Hawkins House of Beauty (NW Blvd.)
58. Motel 6 (Patterson Ave.)
59. Merita Breadbox (Polo Rd.)

OGBURN STATION

83. Shop-Rite (N. Hampton Dr.)
84. Airport
85. Pyramid Barber Inst.
86. V.G. Phillips (Akron Dr.)
87. Westbrook Grocery (25th St.)
88. Lil General (Old Rural Hall Rd.)
89. Chandler's Grocery (25th St.)
90. Harpers Confes. (18th St.)
91. Union 76 (New Walkertown Rd.)

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12. Woughtown Beauty
13. Revco
14. Ecker's (Parkview)
15. Winn Dixie
16. Biscuit House
17. Lil General (Woughtown)
18. Lil General (Lexington Rd.)
19. Rainbow
20. Food Fair (1st St.)
21. Speedi-Mart (Woughtown)
22. Cooks (Peters Creek Pkwy.)
23. Pantry (Woughtown)
24. Exxon Station (Stadium Dr.)
25. K & S Newsstand (Academy St.)
26. Lil General (Academy St.)

NORTHWEST

60. B & J Beauty
61. Record Boutique
62. Salem Seafood
63. Pantry (26th St.)
64. Pantry (13th St.)
65. Chick's
66. Imperial Barber Shop
67. Carver Foods
68. Wilkin's Store
69. V.G. Phillips (N. Hampton Dr.)
70. Texaco (Hwy. 311)
71. Joe's Fine Foods (Bowen Blvd.)
72. Ira's
73. Dalton Beauty Shop
74. Garrett's Store
75. Wilco (Hwy. 311)
76. Cloud's Store
77. Bernard's (14th St.)
78. Rite Spot Barber Shop
79. Jones Grocery
80. Dudley Beauty Shop
81. Al Martin's Record Shop (Jetway)
82. V.G. Phillips (Hwy. 311)

DOWNTOWN

95. Chronicle Office
96. Rite-Aid
97. Post Office
98. Rene's
99. Bus Stop
100. Sanitary Barber Shop
101. O'Hanion's (Hyatt House)
102. Spencer's Place
103. Star-Lite Cafe
104. Lincoln Barber Shop
105. Shaw/Wilson Beauty Shop
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108. M & M Kwitck Mkt. (Old Greensboro Rd.)
109. Lafayette
110. Bud's Lunch
111. William's Groc.
112. Tom Terrific
113. Andrew's Place
114. Lil Jack's
115. Legal Aid Office
116. Jolly House
117. Hazel's Beauty Shop (NW Blvd.)
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