

LALO SCHIFRIN 'BULLITT ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK VINYL RECORD' (WARNER BROS RECORD/SPEAKERS CORNER RECORDS/GERMAN IMPORT)

90 years of age, the Argentinian-American pianist, composer, arranger and conductor LALO SCHIFRIN is still going strong and is mainly known for composing movie and TV scores. In fact, he is the master of creating legendary instrumental music for some of the greatest movies ever, such as Mission Impossible and Dirty Harry. Back in 1968 he had just started and this excellent sounding vinyl release of his album Bullitt is the theme to the same named movie from 1968. What makes him stand out is that he really captures the essence of a movie in the accompanying music that runs along with the movie from start to finish. When it gets dangerous, you can honestly feel it while listening to the music, and so it goes on and on with the emotions of the humans that can be felt while listening to the record. You picture yourself certain images when listening and that makes this a true wonderful masterpiece. It's a piece of movie score music history that continues to this very day, because in the following decades it became the standard for most movies. Of course eventually computers took over, but especially back in the way it was normal to use an orchestra or full jazz band to create movie or tv scores. Besides Lalo as arranger and conductor, the other involved musicians were John Audino, Bud Brisbois, Tony Terran – trumpet, flugelhorn, Milt Bernhart, Dick Noel, Lloyd Ulyate, Lew McCreary – trombone, Bud Shank, Ronnie Lang, Gene Cipriano, Bill Perkins, Jack Nimitz – reeds, Mike Melvoin – piano, organ, Mike Deasy, Howard Roberts, Bob Bain – guitar, Ray Brown – bass, Carol Kaye, Max Bennett – electric bass, Stan Levey – drums, Larry Bunker – percussion, Robert Helfer – orchestra manager, Dick Hazard and George Del Barrio – arrangers. Together they absolutely delivered a wonderful masterpiece! The vinyl album is available through: <https://www.jpc.de/?lang=en> (Europe) and <http://www.acousticsounds.com> (USA).

(Points: 8.9 out of 10)