



## FAVORITE RECORDINGS - THE STORY

*Every project undertaken by Favorite Recordings is done so with artistic integrity, high quality production and great music in mind. Favorite Recordings holds a strong tie to the traditional way of producing and making music.*

 The story begins in 1996 under the name **Rotax Disques** and under the leadership of **Pascal Rioux**. Passionate about Soul, Funk, Jazz and other Groove music from the 60s, 70s and 80s, Pascal is naturally and quickly attracted by the beginnings of the House and Garage movement from Chicago and Detroit.

Surrounded by many performers from Lyon like Mr Day or Bruno "Patchworks" Hovart, he quickly starts producing a few gems in the genre, positioning himself as a precursor in France, where the House and Deep House scene is still stammering at the time. Rather than prospect with the few existing labels, he decides to release these first recordings on his own label, Rotax Disques.

Immediately, the label meets success and international recognition and after nearly 25 releases, Pascal clearly feels the need to broaden the scope of the label in order to address the creative emulation that emerges around the Rotax imprint and the growing number of artists and projects that come his way.

So in 2006 he launched a new label, **Favorite Recordings**, following a random meeting with producer Ron Foster during a trip to Philadelphia for the "Soul Patrol" Convention. For the anecdote, he will also meet there artists such as Gene Chandler, Barbara Mayson or the legendary group Mandrill, but it's with Ron and one of its forgotten artists, Lee McDonald, that the Favorite adventure will begin.

After hearing the cover of "Gotta Get Home" from his protégé that Pascal and Mr. Day had released on the Glasgow Underground label, Ron was indeed curious to meet Pascal and eager to push the collaboration further. The two men quickly got along so they agreed on reissuing two tracks from Lee McDonald's only album, of which Ron had kept the original master tapes.



Thus the reference FVR001 emerged, namely "We Only Just Begun" by Lee McDonald, the original version complete with an unreleased version and a remix by the young TM Juke who since became one of the icons of the UK label Tru-Thoughts (Alice Russell, Quantic, etc ...).

Since then, the label is home to over 20 bands and solo artists, many of which have been friends for several years, others who met through Pascal and his various activities as a Dj, producer and label manager. The result is a strong team, great musical collaborations, and a style that is recognizable throughout all genres – an authentic label sound.

Main label artists include **The Dynamics** (reggae soul), **Mr. Day** (pop soul), **Mr. President** (funk rare groove), **Onra** (beats & hip hop), **Real Fake MC** (old school hip hop), **Dwilt Sharpp** (alternative electro funk), **Trevor & Lisa** (funk live band), **Buddy Sativa** (jazz), **The Funk League** (old school hip hop), **Modo Solar** (brazilian soul),

**Lorett Fleur** (electro soul), **Hawa** (northern soul), **Cléon** (funk breaks), **Joyzza** (jazz soul), **King Mato** (reggae), **Walter Mecca** (hip hop beats), and many more...

Since 2010, Favorite has also started reissuing rare collectables LPs such as Human Egg, Lee McDonald, The Melton Brothers Band or Ray Stephen Oche, satiating even more its admiration for rare groove and rich productions from the late 60s to the early 80s. Careful to respect the copyright holders and original authors of each of the involved records, all reissues are accompanied by official licenses for both audio masters and original artworks.

Favorite Recordings is very attached to the vinyl format and as such produces and distributes vinyl on a worldwide scale through **Pusher Distribution**, its own distribution entity. The label's 7 inch, 12 inch and LPs are available from Paris, to London, Tokyo, Chicago, Los Angeles, or Berlin. The label's worldwide success is due to its artistic consistency over the past 15 years, as well as the strong support received from international DJs and tastemakers.



Five years ago, the label extended its activities to digital platforms and was also successful in CD sales, notably through The Dynamics' first album "Version Excursions", which was released on the Big Single sub-label. Whatever the format is, Favorite Recordings' chosen craft is the making of good Soul, Funk and any kind of Groove music the old-school way, as a family, while always taking a step forward towards the freshest sound around.

Hope is that it will soon become one of your favorite.

## FAVORITE RECORDINGS DISCOGRAPHY:

FVR001	Lee McDonald	We've Only Just Begun (12")	2006
FVR002	Mr President	Gimme Some Time (12")	2006
FVR003	Massak	B.L.A. / Cyber Versus Nge (12")	2006
FVR004	Lee McDonald	We've Only Just Begun (12")	
FVR005	Mr President Feat Mr Day	Love And Happiness (12")	2007
FVR006	The Real Fake MC	Live And Survive (12")	2007
FVR007	Patchworks & Mr Day	Brothers On The Slide Vol.2 (7")	2007
FVR008	Mr Day	Soul On Wax (7")	2007
FVR009	Lee McDonald	I'll Do Anything For You (12")	2007
FVR010	Mr Day	Get Your Point Over (12")	2007
FVR011	Onra	Chinoiseries (2xLP, Album)	2007
FVR012	Modo Solar	Natural (12")	2008
FVR013	Dal-Gren	Cut Basic (LP)	2008
FVR014	Lee McDonald	I'll Do Anything For You - Remixes (12")	2008
FVR015	Suspect / Cléon	Nervous Breakdown / Jeskilz... (12")	2008
FVR016	Onra & Quetzal	Tribute EP II (7", EP)	2008
FVR017	Mister Modo & Ugly Mac Beer	Modonut (7")	2008
FVR018	Mr Day Vs The Dynamics	Tears Of Joy (7")	2008
FVR019	Onra	1.0.8 (CD & LP)	2009
FVR020	Dwilt Sharpp Ft. Lorett Fleur	I Need You Close (2x7", Gat)	2009
FVR021	Cléon	Jaylis & Family (12")	2009
FVR022	Trevor & Lisa	Night Of The Wolf/Theme Of Trevor & Lisa (7")	2008
FVR023	Onra	Chinoiseries (7", Ltd)	2009
FVR024	Yann Kesz & LMNO	Never Stop (12", Ltd)	2009
FVR025	Mr President	Meet Again	2009
FVR026	Mr Day	If I Can't Love You (7", Ltd)	2009
FVR 027	Hawa	Dance / Sweet Lucky Day (7")	2009
FVR028	Trevor & Lisa	Dance To The Drummer's Beat / Soundshake	2009
FVR029	Walter Mecca	Watch Out (7")	2009

FVR030	Lorett Fleur & Yann Kesz	Your Best Friend / Look Around (7", Ltd, Red)	2009
FVR032	Mr. Day	Small Fry (7", Single)	2010
FVR033	The Real Fake MC	Hunt Ya Sunshine (12")	2009
FVR034	The Incredible Funk League	On & On (12")	2009
FVR037	Mr Day	Small Fry (CD & 2LP)	2010
FVR039	Mounam & Trevor & Lisa	What Needs Mama (7")	2010
FVR040	Buddy Sativa	Mystic Voyage / Una Peripecia (7")	2010
FVR041	The Funk League	The Boogie Down Bombers 12" (12")	2010
FVR043	Cléon & Jazzy Pidjay	The Last Morning/Return Of Hiphopotamus (7")	2010
FVR045	Buddy Sativa	Deus Ex Machina (CD & LP + 7")	2011
FVR046	Mr President	Number One (CD & LP)	2011
FVR047	Walter Mecca	Gaab Squad / Disco Rouge (7", Ltd, Gre)	2011
FVR048	The Funk League	Why You...? / Through Good And Bad (7")	2010
FVR049CD	Various	My Favorite Thing (CD, Mixed, Comp)	2010
FVR050	Human Egg	Human Egg (LP, Album)	2010
FVR051	Andre Solomko & Vinyl Jam	I Recall (7")	2011
FVR052	Mr President	The Best Is Yet To Come (7")	2011
FVR053	Hawa	My Little Green Box (CD & LP)	2011
FVR054	Hawa	My Little Green Box (7")	2011
FVR055LP	The Melton Brothers	Livin' In The City (LP, RE)	2011
FVR056	The Funk League	Funky As Usual (CD & 2LP)	2011
FVR060LP	Lee McDonald	Sweet Magic (LP, Rei)	2011
FVR061LP	Ray Stephen Oche & His Matumbo	Interpretation Of The Original Rhythm (LP, Rei)	2011
FVR062	Mr Day	Dry Up In The Sun (CD & LP)	2012
FVR063	Mr President	It's Christmas Time (7", Red)	2011
FVR065	Mr Day	Forgotten Realms / Follow You (7", White)	2012
FVR066	The Mighty Mocambos	Battle (7", Ltd)	2012
FVR067	The Joubert Singers	Stand On The Word (12", Rei, Ltd)	2012

## BIG SINGLE DISCOGRAPHY:

BIGS1001	The Dynamics	Seven Nation Army / Move On Up (7")	2006
BIGS1002	The Dynamics	Music (7")	2007
BIGS1003	Grandmagneto	Night Fever / Tainted Love (7")	2007
BIGS1004	The Dynamics	Miss You / 90% Of Me Is You (7")	2007
BIGS1005	The Dynamics	Land Of 1000 Dances (7")	2007
GAP107	The Dynamics	Versions Excursions (CD & 2LP, Licensed to GrooveAttack)	2007
BIGS1006	Grandmagneto	Let's Dance / Heart Of Glass (7")	2007
BIGS1007	Grandmagneto / Blundetto	Everybody's Talkin / Echoes Of My Mind (7", Single)	2007
BIGS1008	Mato	Forget Me Nots / Mary Jane (7")	2008
BIGS1009	The Dynamics	Bring Me Up / Miracles	2009
BIGS1010	The Dynamics	Downtown Barkings (12")	2009
BIGS1011	The Dynamics	La Poupée Qui Fait Non (7")	2009
BIGS1012	John Milk & Woody Allan	Choose Your Friends (7")	2011
BIGS1014LP	The Dynamics	180 000 Miles And Counting (CD & LP)	2011

## 2012 UPCOMING RELEASES:

The Dynamics	Money Remixes (12", Mocambo Tropical Re-Version & 7Samurai Rmx)
Ray Stephen Oche & His Matumbo	No Discrimination (LP, Rei)
The Joubet Singers	Remixes EP (12", Ltd) (Including Larry Levan Edit, Patchworks Remix + tbc)
Andre Solomko & Vinyl Jam	Où es-tu maintenant ? (LP)
Patchworks	Space Disco (CD & LP)
Patchworks	The Remixes (LP)
Trevor & Lisa	1 <sup>st</sup> Album (tbc)