

Stiff Records Discography by David Edwards, Mike Callahan & Patrice Eyries © 2018 by Mike Callahan

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Stiff Records was founded in 1976 by Dave Robinson and Jake Riviera. Radio jocks usually referred to non-hit singles as “stiffs” (as in, dead), so the idea of Stiff Records was to release artists who couldn’t attract a mainstream audience (at least, at the time. Several were later very successful). Early releases were “pub rock” artists, but this quickly evolved into punk rock. Riviera left to form Radar Records in 1977 and took several artists with him.

Up to 1978, Stiff had released primarily singles and a few albums released outside the US. That year Stiff signed a deal with CBS to distribute their product in the US (the deal lasted to 1982). This put the label on the map here.

In 1984, Robinson sold Stiff Records to Island Records in England, who entered into a short distribution deal with MCA for US releases. This incarnation of Stiff was not very successful, and Island wanted to dump the label. Robinson regained control of Stiff as an independent label in 1986, but immediately fell into a cash flow crisis and went bankrupt. ZTT Records bought it out of liquidation in 1987, where it remained dormant until 2006. That year, ZTT resurrected the imprint by signing new artists and reissuing old material.

### **Stiff STF-0001 Series (Distributed by Arista):**

STF 0001 - *Stiffs Live - Various Artists* [1978] Recorded Live at The University of East Anglia, Norwich, Leicester University and The Lyceum, London. I Knew the Bride (When She Used To Rock And Roll) - Nick Lowe's Last Chicken In The Shop/Let's Eat - Nick Lowe's Last Chicken In The Shop/Semaphore Signals - Wreckless Eric & The New Rockets/Reconnex Cherie - Wreckless Eric & The New Rockets/Police Car - Larry Wallis' Psychedelic Rowdies//I Just Don't Know What to Do With Myself - Elvis Costello and the Attractions/Miracle Man- Elvis Costello and the Attractions/Wake Up and Make Love With Me - Ian Dury and Blockheads/Billericay Dickie - Ian Dury and the Blockheads/Sex+Drugs+Rock+Roll+Chaos - All (Ian Dury with Nick Lowe, Chas Jankel, Davey Payne, Micky Gallagher, Charley Charles, John Turnbull, Bruce Thomas, Pete Thomas, Elvis Costello, Steve Naive, Penny Tobin, Larry Wallis, Terry Williams, Denise Roudette, Wreckless Eric, and Dave Edmunds)

STF 0002 - *New Boots And Panties!! - Ian Dury* [1978] Wake Up And Make Love With Me/Sweet Gene Vincent/I'm Partial To Your Abracadabra/My Old Man/Billericay Dickie//Sex And Drugs And Rock And Roll/Cleor Trever/If I Was With A Woman/Blockheads/Plaiستow Patricia/Blackmail Man

**Note: Remainder of the STF series were primarily non-US singles.**

### **Stiff USE-1 Series (Distributed by Columbia):**

USE 1 - *The Whole Wide World - Wreckless Eric* [1979] (I'd Go The) Whole Wide World/Take The Cash (K.A.S.H.)/Lets Go To The Pictures/Walking On The Surface Of The Moon/Hit And Miss Judy/I Wish It Would Rain//Reconnex Cherie/Veronica/Brain Thieves/Semaphore Signals/I Need A Situation/The Final Taxi/There Isn't Anything Else

USE 2 - *New Boots And Panties!! - Ian Dury* [1980] Reissue of Stiff 0002. Wake Up And Make Love With Me/Sweet Gene Vincent/I'm Partial To Your Abracadabra/My Old Man/Billericay Dickie//Sex And Drugs And Rock And Roll/Cleor Trever/If I Was With A Woman/Blockheads/Plaiستow Patricia/Blackmail Man

USE 3 - *The Last Stiff Compilation* - **Various Artists** [1980] Dance Stance - Dexy's Midnight Runners/Win or Lose - Lew Lewis Reformer/Jumping Someone Else's Train - The Cure/Bed and Breakfast Man-Madness/The Hurt - Any Trouble/White Mice - Mo-Dettes/The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance - John Otway//Judy Get Down - Anthony More/Touch - Lori and the Chameleons/Hit and Miss Judy - Wreckless Eric/Maybe Tomorrow - Chords/No Class - Motorhead/Flares 'n' Slippers - Cockney Rejects/Smash It Up - Damned

USE 4 - *Crazy Feelings* - **The Feelies** [1980] The Boy With The Perpetual Nervousness/Fa Cé-La/Loveless Love/Forces At Work//Original Love/Everybody's Got Something To Hide (Except Me And My Monkey)/Moscow Nights/Raised Eyebrows/Crazy Rhythms

USE 5 - *Deep Thought* - **John Otway** [1980] (The Man Who Shot) Liberty Valance/Body Talk/DK 50/80/Cry Cry/Day After Day/Beware of the Flowers/Murder Man/Really free/Geneive/Louisa on a Horse/Can't Complain/Cheryl's Goin' Home

USE 6 - *Where Are All The Nice Girls?* - **Any Trouble** [1980] Second Chose/Playing Bogart/Foolish Pride/Nice Girls/Turning Up The Heat//Romance/The Hurt/Girls Are Always Right/Honolulu/(Get You Off) The Hook

USE 7 - *Black and Dekker* - **Desmond Dekker** [1980] Israelites/Lickin' Stick/It Mek/Please Don't Bend/Many Rivers to Cross/Hippo//Juliet/007/Workout/Problems/Rude Boy Train/Pickney Gal/Why Fight?

USE 8 - *On The Other Hand There's A Fist* - **Jona Lewie** [1980] The Baby, She's On The Street/Laughing Tonight/Bang-A-Lang-A-Boom-Er-Rang-Man/The Fairground Ride/On The Road/Vous Et Moi//I'll Get By In Pittsburgh/Bureaucrats/Hallelujah Europa/Police Trap/Feelin' Stupid/The Last Supper At The Masquerade

USE 9 - *New Hope For The Wretched* - **The Plasmatics** [1980] Tight Black Pants/Monkey Suit/Living Dead/Test Tube Babies/Won't You/Concrete Shoes/Squirm//Want You Baby/Dreamlover/Sometimes I/Corruption/Butcher Baby

USE 10 - *The Gospel According To The Men in Black* - **The Stranglers** [1981] Waltzinblack/Just Like Nothing On Earth/Second Coming/Waiting For The Meninblack/Turn The Centuries, Turn//Two Sunspots/Four Horsemen/Thrown Away/Manna Machine/Hallow To Our Men

WOW 11 - *Beyond The Valley Of 1984* - **The Plasmatics** [1981] Incantation/Masterplan/Headbanger/Summer Nite/Nothing/Fast Food Service//Hit Man (Live Milan)/Living Dead/Sex Junkie/Plasma Jam (Live Milan)/Pig is a Pig

USE 12 - *A Case of the Shakes* - **Dr. Feelgood** [1980] Jumping from Love to IOve/Going Some Place Else/Best in the World/Punch Drunk/King for a Day/Violent Love//No Mo Do Yakamo/Love Hound/Coming to You/Who's Winning/Drives Me Wild/Case of the Shakes

USE 13 - *Wheels In Motion* - **Any Trouble** [1981] Trouble With Love/Open Fire/As Lovers Do/Walking In Chains/Dimming Of The Day//Another Heartache/To Be A King/Power Cut/Eastern Promise/The Sun Never Sets

USE 14 - *Avoid Freud* - **Rough Trade** [1980] It's A Jungle/High School Confidential/Lie Back, Let Me Do Everything/Physical Violence/I Can't Take It//What's The Furor About The Fuhrer?/Fashion Victim/Emotional Blackmail/Hostage/Grade B Movie

USE 15 - *Compass Point* - **Desmond Dekker** [1981] I'll Get By/Moving On/We Can and Shall/Hurts So Bad//Come Back to Me/Cindy/I Do Believe-My Destiny/Big Headed/That's My Woman/Allamanna

USE 16 - 7 - **Madness** [1981] Cardiac Arrest/Shut Up/Sign Of The Times/Missing You/Mrs. Hutchinson/Tomorrow's Dream//Grey Day/Pac-A-Mac/Promises Promises/Benny Bullfrog/When Dawn Arrives/The Opium Eaters/Day On The Town

USE 17 - *Jukebox Dury* - **Ian Dury & The Blockheads** [1981] What A Waste/Reasons To Be Cheerful (Pt. 3)/Wake Up And Make Love With Me/There Ain't Half Been Some Clever Bastards/Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick/Razzle In My Pocket//Sex And Drugs And Rock And Roll/Inbetweenies/Common As Muck/Sweet Gene Vincent/I Want To Be Straight/You'll See Glimpses

USE 18 - *Hit And Run* - **Girlschool** [1981] C'mon Let's Go/The Hunter/(I'm Your) Victim/Kick It Down/Following The Crowd/Tush//Hit And Run/Watch Your Step/Back To Start/Yeah Right/Future Flash

### **Stiff WOW-600 Mini-LP Series (Distributed by Columbia):**

**Note: The WOW prefix is a nod to Wendy O. Williams, lead singer of the Plasmatics.**

WOW 666 - *Metal Priestess* - **The Plasmatics** [1981] (12" Mini-LP) Lunacy/Doom Song/Sex Junkie//Black Leather Monster/12 Noon/Masterplan

### **Stiff/Columbia/Epic 30000 Series (Distributed by Columbia):**

JE 36101 - *Fool Around* - **Rachel Sweet** [1978] Just My Style/B-A-B-Y/Who Does Lisa Like?/Wildwood Salloon/Stay Awhile/Suspended Animation//It's So Different Here/Cuckoo Clock/Pin A Medal On Mary/Girl With A Synthesizer/Stranger In The House

JE 36102 - *Stateless* - **Lene Lovich** [1978] Lucky Number/Sleeping Beauty/Home/Too Tender (To Touch)/Say When//Tonight/Writing On The Wall/Telepathy/Momentary Breakdown/One In A 1,000,000/I Think We're Alone Now

JE 36103 - *Gomm With The Wind* - **Ian Gomm** [1979] Hold On/Hooked On Love/Sad Affair/Black And White/Come On/Airplane//24 Hours Service/That's The Way I Rock 'N' Roll/Dirty Lies/You Can't Do That/Chicken Run/Another Year

JE 36104 - *Do It Yourself* - **Ian Dury & The Blockheads** [1979] Inbetweenies/Quiet/Don't Ask Me/Sink My Boats/Waiting For Your Taxi//This Is What We Need/Uneasy Sunny Day Hotsy Totsy/Mischief/Dance Of The Screammers/Lullaby For Francies

JE 36308 - *Flex* - **Lene Lovich** [1979] Bird Song/What Will I Do Without You?/Angels/The Night/You Can't Kill Me//Egghead/Wonderful One/Monkey Talk/Joan/The Freeze

Njc 36337 - *Protect The Innocent* - **Rachel Sweet** [1980] Tonight/Jealous/I've Got A Reason/New Age/Baby, Let's Play House/New Rose//Fools Gold/Take Good Care Of Me/Spellbound/Lovers Lane/Foul Play/Tonight Ricky

JE 36433 - *What A Blow* - **Ian Gomm** [1981] Man On A Mountain/Do It In Style/Jealousy/It Don't Help/Here It Comes Again (That Feeling)/What A Blow//Nobody's Fool/(Swayin' To The Music) Slow Dancin'/(I'm In A) Heartache/I Like You, I Don't Love You/I Just Wanna Stay Here/Jaguar

JE 36434 - *Dirty Looks* - **Dirty Looks** [1980] They Got Me Covered/Love Crimes/You Can't Love Me/Lie To Me/Take A Life/Let Go//12 O'clock High/You're Too Old/Accept Me/Disappearing/Drop That Tan

E 36463 - *Big Smash!* - **Wreckless Eric** [1980] A Pop Song/Tonight Is My Night/Too Busy/Broken Doll/Can I Be Your Hero?/Back In My Hometown//It'll Soon Be The Weekend/Strange Towns/Excuse Me/Break My Mind/Good Conversation/Out Of The Blue

JE 36998 - *Laughter* - **Ian Dury & The Blockheads** [1980] Superman's Big Sister/Pardon/Delusions Of Grandeur/Yes And No (Paula)/Dance Of The Crackpots/Over The Points//Take Your Elbow Out Of The Soup You're Sitting On The Chicken/Uncoolohol/Hey, Hey, Take Me Away/Manic Depression (Jimi)/Oh Mr. Peanut/Fu\*\*ing Ada

ARE 37077 - *...And Then He Kissed Me* - **Rachel Sweet** [1981] Shadows Of The Night/Then He Kissed Me/Be My Baby/Billy And The Gun/Party Girl//Two Hearts Full Of Love/Little Darlin'/Fool's Story/Everlasting Love (With Rex Smith)/Streethart

SE 37452 - *New Toy* - **Lene Lovich** [1981] Savages/Special Star/Never Never Land/Cats Away/Details/New Toy

ARE 38399 - *No Man's Land* - **Lene Lovich** [1982] It's You, Only You (Mein Schmerz)/Blue Hotel/Faces/Walking Low/Special Star//Sister Video/Maria/Savages/Rocky Road

#### **Stiff/MCA 39000 Series (Distributed by MCA):**

MCA 39023 - *Beyond The Pale* - **Passion Puppets** [1984] Like Dust/Overland/Terminal Culture/In Your Eyes/Fear Of Being Touched//Voices/Beyond The Pale/Crush That Suspicion Thing/New Way/Playground/Child

#### **Stiff/MCA 5100 Series (Distributed by MCA):**

MCA 5744 - *Rum Sodomy And The Lash* - **The Pogues** [1985] The Sick Bed Of Cuchulainn/The Old Main Drag/Wild Cats Of Kilkenny/I'm A Man You Don't Meet Every Day/A Pair Of Brown Eyes/Sally McLennane//Dirty Old Town/Jesse James/Navigator/Billy's Bones/The Gentleman Soldier/And The Band Played Waltzing Matilda

#### **Stiff/MCA 36000 Series (Distributed by MCA):**

MCA 36015 - *Poguetry In Motion* - **The Pogues** [1986] London Girl/A Rainy Night In Soho//The Body Of An American/Planxty Noel Hill

MCA 36016 - *Dance Party* - **The Untouchables** [1986] Freak In The Street/(I'm Not Your) Steppin' Stone/Hey Ut's//Free Yourself/I Spy (For The F.B.I.)/What's Gone Wrong