

# MOONDOG

THE VIKING OF 6TH AVENUE

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**"Moondog lived a life of tremendous courage and discipline; he was an admirable, unique person and a personal inspiration."  
— Philip Glass**

Here is one of the most improbable lives of the twentieth century: a blind and homeless street musician becomes a legendary eccentric in New York City and rises to prominence as a major-label recording artist and an internationally respected composer.

Born Louis Thomas Hardin in 1916, he became an honorary member of the New York Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall in the late '40s. His unique, melodic compositions were released by the Prestige jazz label, and in the late 1960s the Viking-garbed Moondog became a pop music sensation on Columbia Records. The last decades of his life saw his evolution as a master composer for European orchestras.

Moondog's work has influenced an ever-expanding cadre of notable musicians from Philip Glass and Steve Reich to pop artists Janis Joplin and Stereolab; his music transcends labels and redefines the distinction between popular and high culture. This is his authorized biography.

The CD enclosed is a compilation of Moondog records spanning five decades, containing a dozen previously unreleased Moondog recordings, including performances with Philip Glass, Steve Reich, Jon Gibson, Stefan Lakatos and Paul Jordan.

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—Alan Rich, *New York Magazine*

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