

STAN “THE BEATLEMAN” PANENKA

LETTER OF AUTHENTICITY

**MEGA RARE AUTHENTIC AND ORIGINAL 1963
COMMERCIAL SINGLE PLEASE PLEASE ME/ASK ME
WHY VJ 498 OVAL LOGO, THICK PRINT WITH THE WITH
THE NAME “BEATLES” ON LABEL ON THE VEE JAY
RECORDS LABEL! THE SECOND BEST COPY KNOWN
THAT I KNOW OF!!**

The purpose of this letter is to certify the authenticity, history and value of this example of a **Please Please Me/Ask Me Why VJ 498 commercial single on Vee Jay Records.**

HISTORY OF THE VJ 498 COMMERCIAL SINGLE

This is the VERY RARE Please Please Me/Ask Me Why VJ 498 commercial single that was released on February 25, 1963 on the Vee Jay Records label. It is the first American record to have the Beatles name on it.

When it was first released Vee Jay Records misspelled the Beatles name. When it was first released Vee Jay Records spelled the Beatles name as “Beattles”. Later on they corrected the name. There are a total of six label variations.

AUTHENTICITY INFORMATION

This copy is absolutely authentic and original in every detail. The paper stock of the label is correct and the appropriate stamped info is in the dead wax.

THE RECORD IS VERY RARE TO BEGAN WITH. IT IS MEGA MEGA RARE IN STUNNING NM CONDITION! YEP, THIS COPY IS IN NM CONDITION!

IN ALL MY 30 YEARS OF COLLECTING BEATLES RECORDS I HAVE ONLY HEARD OF ONE EXAMPLE THAT IS IN SO SLIGHTLY BETTER

CONDITION THAN THIS COPY IS IN (MISSED IT BY THAT MUCH!). WE ARE TALKING “HAIRS”!!

I KNOW WHO OWNS THAT COPY AND HE WON'T BE SELLING UNTIL HE IS DEAD! AND YES I GET FIRST SHOT AT THAT EXAMPLE!

VALUE

THIS IS A VERY RARE SINGLE! GO AHEAD AND TRY TO FIND A TRUE NM COPY! BEST OF LUCK TO YOU! IN FACT, LIKE USUAL WHEN/IF YOU FIND A RARE BEATLES RECORD IT IS PRETTY MUCH ALWAYS EITHER IN VG CONDITION OR IT IS “BEAT”!

THE COMMERCIAL SINGLE IS IN A STUNNING NM/MT CONDITION. THE VINYL IS SOO CLOSE TO MINT CONDITION! THE LABEL IS IN NM/MT CONDITION! JUST ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE WOULD GRADE THE LABEL MINT! I SEEN A VERY TINY FLAW! ANY VJ 498 SINGLE IN NM OR BETTER CONDITION IS MEGA MEGA MEGA RARE!! SO MEGA RARE IN FACT THAT OF ALL OF THE SIX LABEL VARIATIONS I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN 20 EXAMPLES THAT ARE IN NM OR BETTER CONDITION!!

A NOTE ABOUT GRADING. GRADING IS SUBJECTIVE. I AM KNOWN AS ONE OF THE TOUGHEST GRADERS. I HAVE BOUGHT RECORDS FROM SO MANY COLLECTORS AND DEALERS AS WELL AS HAVE EXAMINED MANY RECORDS TOO FROM COLLECTORS WHO CLAIM THAT THEY WERE IN MINT CONDITION OR PERHAPS NEAR MINT CONDITION. WHEN I EXAMINED THE RECORDS MOST OF THE TIME THEY WERE NOT IN THE CONDITION THAT I WOULD SAY WAS NEAR MINT OR MINT. AT A BEATLEFEST IN 2014, MANY WELL KNOWN COLLECTORS AND DEALERS WERE DISCUSSING MY BEATLES PRICE GUIDE AND MY GRADING. IT WAS SAID THAT “WHEN IT COMES TO RECORD GRADING STAN IS LIKE GOD, IF HE SAYS THAT THE RECORD IS IN NEAR MINT CONDITION THEN THAT RECORD IS IN TRULY NEAR MINT CONDITION”!

MOST (99%) OF THESE SINGLES ARE IN VG+ OR LESSER CONDITION!

I WOULD PLACE A VALUE OF \$6,000 - \$7,000 for this copy.

THIS PARTICULAR COPY WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN VALUE.

THIS SINGLE IS ON EVERYONE'S WANT LIST!!

CLOSE TO THE MOST WANTED AMERICAN BEATLES COMMERCIAL 45!!

**IN FACT, IT IS AMONG THE MOST COVETED OF ALL BEATLES
MEMORABILIA ITEMS THAT ARE KNOWN TO EXIST IN THE WORLD
BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST AMERICAN BEATLES SINGLE TO HAVE
THE BEATLES NAME ON IT!**

**I GUARANTEE THAT THE ABOVE SINGLE IS ORIGINAL
AND IS AUTHENTIC AS I HAVE STATED IN THIS DOCUMENT.**

STAN "THE BEATLEMAN" PANENKA _____ DATE _____

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