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"In darkness, hearing was born before sight"

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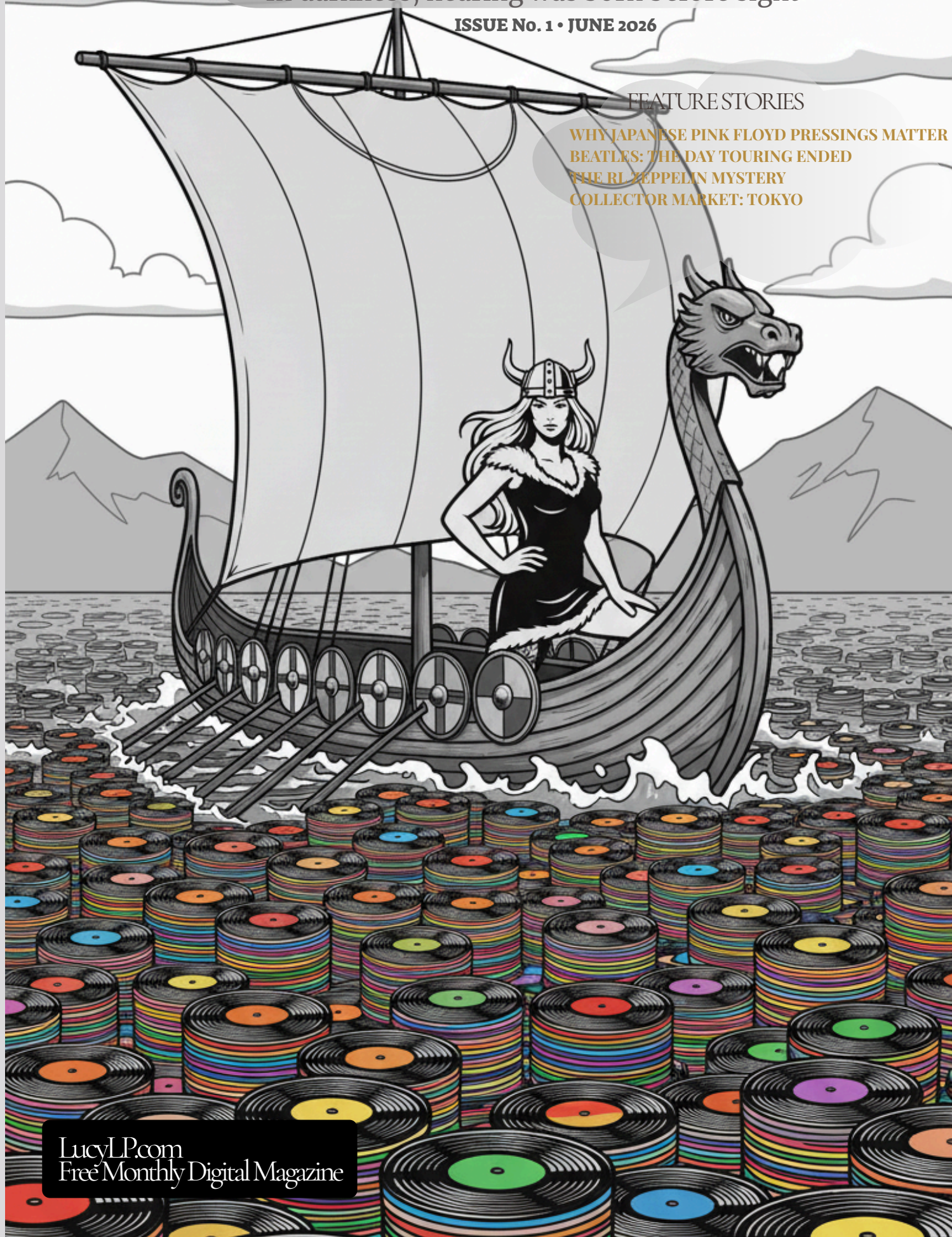
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WHY JAPANESE PINK FLOYD PRESSINGS MATTER

"Japanese pressings are prized for their quality packaging, and attention to detail"

The story behind the most sought-after Pink Floyd records in the
collector world.

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WHY COLLECTORS LOVE JAPANESE PRESSINGS

Quality First

Japanese record manufacturers became famous for exceptional quality control. Many collectors believe these pressings offered quieter surfaces and more consistent production standards than many mass-market releases

The OBI Strip

The famous paper band wrapped around Japanese releases was often discarded after purchase. Surviving copies with original OBI strips became highly collectible and can significantly increase a record's value

Attention To Detail

Japanese editions frequently included lyric inserts, booklets, and premium packaging. For collectors, these extras became part of the appeal

Collector Demand

Today, rare Japanese Pink Floyd editions remain among the most sought-after records in the global collector market, especially complete copies with all original inserts

"Condition, completeness, and the original OBI strip can make all the difference"



Collector Culture Archive

Japanese pressings remain among the most desirable records in the collector market.

COLLECTOR FAVORITES

5 Japanese Pink Floyd Pressings Every Collector Should Know

	The Dark Side of the Moon	Japan	1973	★★★★★
	Wish You Were Here	Japan	1975	★★★★★
	Animals	Japan	1977	★★★★☆
	The Wall	Japan	1979	★★★★☆
	The Final Cut	Japan	1983	★★★☆☆

The Dark Side of the Moon (1973)

Complete copies with original OBI strips remain among the most desirable Japanese Pink Floyd collectibles

Wish You Were Here (1975)

.Known for premium packaging and strong collector demand worldwide

Animals (1977)

.A favorite among serious Pink Floyd collectors looking for Japanese editions

The Wall (1979)

.Double LP editions with inserts and original packaging continue to attract collectors

The Final Cut (1983)

.Often more affordable than earlier titles while still offering excellent Japanese production quality

BEATLES: THE DAY TOURING ENDED

How one decision in 1966 changed music history forever



**"We were fed up with it"
John Lennon —**



By 1966, Beatlemania had reached levels never seen before.

Concert halls were overwhelmed by screaming fans, security concerns, and growing frustration within the band.

On August 29, 1966, The Beatles performed what would become their final commercial concert at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

The decision changed not only the band's future, but the future of modern music itself.



The Beatles faced audiences unlike anything seen before in popular music.

WHY THE BEATLES STOPPED TOURING

Beatlemania Outgrew The Stage

By 1966, Beatlemania had become something entirely new. Crowds of screaming fans often drowned out the music itself. At many concerts, The Beatles could barely hear their own instruments, making live performance increasingly frustrating.

The Technology Problem

Sound systems of the 1960s were not designed for stadium-sized audiences. While The Beatles continued to attract larger crowds, the equipment available could not keep pace. The result was a growing gap between what the band created in the studio and what audiences could hear live.

Exhaustion On The Road

Years of constant travel, media attention, and public appearances had taken their toll. Touring had become exhausting, leaving little time for creativity or experimentation.

A New Creative Direction

The Beatles were entering a new artistic phase. Albums such as Revolver introduced sounds and recording techniques that could not easily be recreated on stage. The studio was becoming their new instrument.

JOHN LENNON REFLECTION

"The music was getting better, but the shows weren't."

CANDLESTICK PARK

AUGUST 29, 1966

The final commercial concert that changed music history.



On August 29, 1966, The Beatles stepped onto the stage at Candlestick Park in San Francisco. None of them knew it would be their final commercial concert.

The performance lasted just over thirty minutes, yet it marked the end of an era.

After years of touring, screaming crowds, and constant travel, the band decided to leave the road behind and focus entirely on studio recording.

What followed changed popular music forever.

Albums such as Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, The White Album, and Abbey Road would redefine what a rock album could be.

FROM THE ARCHIVE

"It felt like the end of something important."

The final concert lasted only minutes.

Its impact would last for decades.

THE **RL** ZEPPELIN MYSTERY

How two tiny initials became one of the most famous collector marks in vinyl history

In the world of record collecting, few markings carry as much significance as two small letters: RL.

These initials belong to mastering engineer Robert Ludwig, whose original mastering of Led Zeppelin II became legendary among collectors.

Today, finding an authentic RL pressing is considered one of the great discoveries in vinyl collecting.



The tiny RL initials hidden in the dead wax became one of the most famous collector marks in vinyl history.

Mastering Engineer: Robert Ludwig	Record: Led Zeppelin II	First RL Mastering: 1969	Collector Demand: ★★★★★
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Collector Tip

Not every Led Zeppelin II copy is an RL pressing.

The initials must be visible in the dead wax area to confirm authenticity.

HOW TO IDENTIFY AN RL PRESSING

A collector's guide to spotting one of vinyl's most famous treasures

What Is An RL Pressing?

The initials RL refer to mastering engineer Robert Ludwig. His original mastering of Led Zeppelin II became legendary for its powerful sound and dynamic range.

Because of its reputation, collectors around the world actively search for authentic RL copies

Check The Dead Wax

Look between the music grooves and the center label.

Find The Initial

Search for the small hand-etched letters: RL

Look For Sterling Sound

Many authentic copies also include: SS for Sterling Sound.

Inspect Both Sides

Some copies contain RL on one side only, while the most desirable examples feature RL markings on both sides.

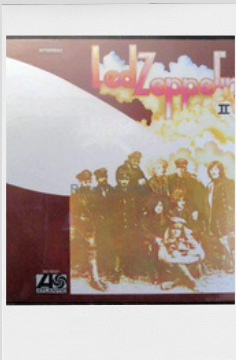
Collector Fact

Not every copy of Led Zeppelin II is an RL pressing.
The initials must be visible in the dead wax area to confirm authenticity.

RL

MARKET INTEREST

Version	Collector Demand
RL Both Sides	★★★★★
RL One Side	☆★★★★
Early Non-RL	☆☆★★★
Later Reissues	☆☆☆★★



FROM THE ARCHIVE: "The most valuable details are often the hardest to see."



"Every crate may contain the record you've been searching for your entire life."

COLLECTOR MARKET: TOKYO

Inside the world's most fascinating city for record collectors

For record collectors, Tokyo is more than a city.

It is a treasure hunt spread across dozens of neighborhoods, hundreds of shops, and millions of records.

From rare Japanese pressings to impossible-to-find promotional releases, collectors from around the world travel to Tokyo searching for discoveries that may never appear again. In districts such as Shinjuku, Shibuya, and Ochanomizu, entire buildings are dedicated to vinyl culture.

Collector Snapshot

District

Shinjuku

Shibuya

Ochanomizu

Nakano

Known For

Rare rock and jazz

Modern vinyl culture

Classic collector stores

Hidden collector gems

Quote Box

"Every visit to Tokyo feels like opening a sealed record for the first time."



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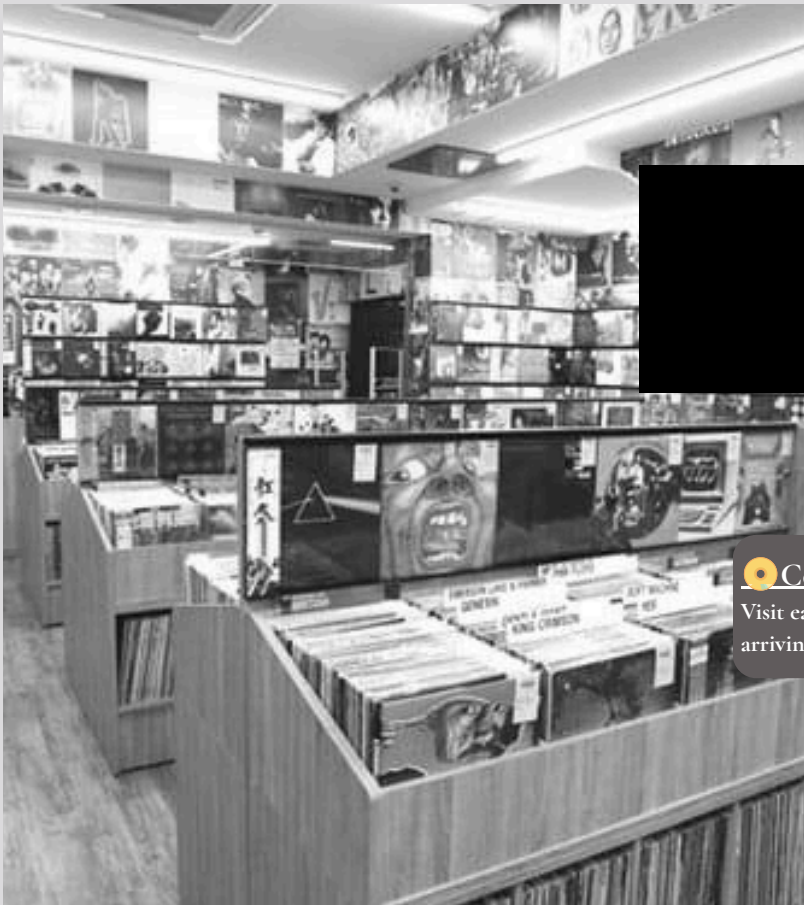


TOKYO RECORD STORES EVERY COLLECTOR SHOULD VISIT

Five legendary destinations for vinyl hunters



Store	District	Specialty	Collector Rating
Disk Union	Shinjuku	Rare Rock & Prog	★★★★★
Recofan	Shibuya	Massive Selection	★★★★★
Face Records	Shibuya	International Collectors	★★★★☆
HMV Record Shop	Shibuya	Modern & Classic Vinyl	★★★★☆
General Record Store	Shimokitazawa	Hidden Gems	★★★★☆



SPOTLIGHT STORE DISK UNION – SHINJUKU

- ★Thousands of collectible records
- ★Multiple floors dedicated to specific genres
- ★Famous among international collectors
- ★One of the best places to hunt Japanese pressings

Collector Tip
Visit early in the morning. Many rare items disappear within hours of arriving on the shelves.

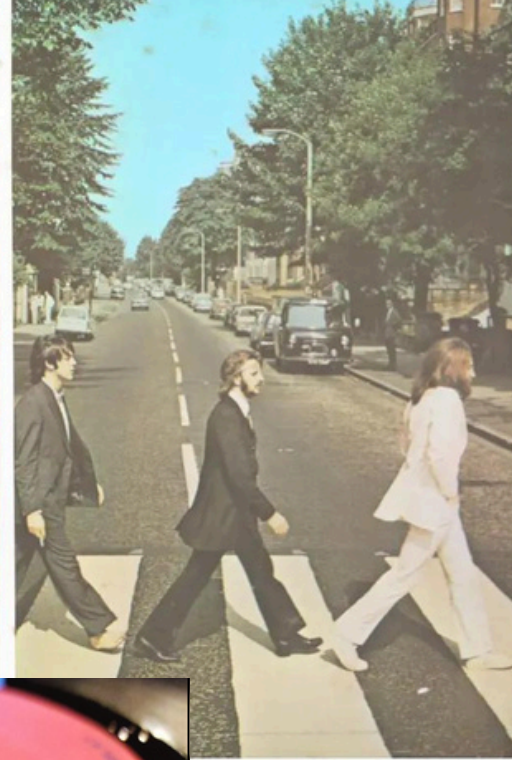
TREASURES FOUND IN JAPAN



RARE RECORDS THAT KEEP COLLECTORS SEARCHING



Collector Legend LED ZEPPELIN II RL



Pink Floyd – Wish You Were Here (Japan)

🇯🇵 OBI Original

📅 1975

⭐ Collector Demand: ★★★★★

💬 "One of the most desirable Japanese Pink Floyd pressings."

The Beatles – Abbey Road (Japan)

🇯🇵 Apple Records Japan

📅 1969

⭐ Collector Demand: ★★★★★

💬 "Known for exceptional packaging and pristine condition."

Led Zeppelin II RL

🇯🇵 Atlantic Records

📅 1969

⭐ Collector Demand: ★★★★★

💬 "The famous RL initials turned this record into a legend."

David Bowie – Heroes (Japan)

🇯🇵 RCA Japan

📅 1977

⭐ Collector Demand: ★★★★★☆

💬 "A favorite among Bowie collectors worldwide."

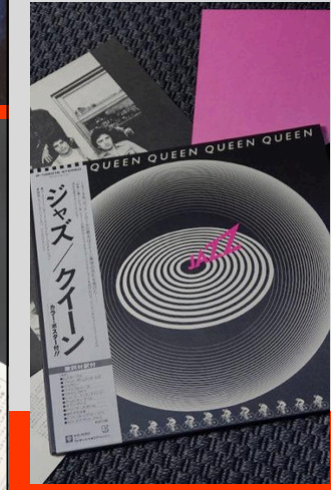
Queen – A Night At The Opera (Japan)

🇯🇵 EMI Japan

📅 1975

⭐ Collector Demand: ★★★★★☆

💬 "Japanese editions remain highly respected for quality."



Collector Quote

"The best discoveries are often the records you weren't looking for."

— Collector Culture Archive

THE WORLD OF OBI STRIPS

The small paper band that became one of the most important details in record collecting.



WHAT IS AN OBI?

The word "OBI" comes from the traditional Japanese sash worn with a kimono.

In the record world, an OBI strip is the paper band wrapped around the album cover containing pricing, catalog information, and promotional text.

WHY COLLECTORS LOVE THEM

Completeness

Many original owners discarded the OBI after purchase.

Visual Appeal

The colorful designs became part of the album's identity.

Value

An original OBI can dramatically increase collector interest.

Authenticity

OBI strips often help verify specific Japanese editions.

COLLECTOR FACT

Some rare Japanese records can be worth **30–100% more** when the original OBI strip is present.

Quote Box

"A Japanese pressing without its OBI is like a book missing its dust jacket."

— Collector Culture Archive

Album	OBI Color	Collector Interest
Abbey Road	Red	★★★★★
Wish You Were Here	White/Orange	★★★★★
Heroes	Purple	★★★★☆
A Night At The Opera	White	★★★★☆

Collector Tip

Never throw away an OBI strip.

For many collectors, it is as important as the record itself.

INSIDE A JAPANESE RECORD PACKAGE

The details that made Japanese pressings legendary among collectors.



WHAT'S INSIDE?

OBI STRIP

The iconic paper band collectors search for first.

LYRIC INSERT

Many Japanese releases included complete lyric translations and notes.

INNER SLEEVE

Often printed on higher-quality paper than standard international releases.

POSTERS & EXTRAS

Some albums included posters, postcards, stickers, or promotional inserts.

THE RECORD ITSELF

Japanese manufacturing became famous for consistency and attention to detail.



Item	Importance
Original OBI	★★★★★
Lyric Insert	★★★★☆
Poster	★★★★☆
Original Inner Sleeve	★★★☆☆
Catalog Sheet	★★★☆☆

COLLECTOR FACT

A complete Japanese pressing can be worth significantly more than the same record missing its inserts.

QUOTE BOX

"The record is only part of the story. The extras complete the experience."
— LucyLP Archive

THE HUNT

Why Collectors Never Stop Searching



The hunt is often more exciting than the purchase itself.
Every collector remembers the feeling.
A dusty crate.
A forgotten record.
A title hiding between hundreds of ordinary albums.
Sometimes the search lasts months.
Sometimes it lasts decades.
And sometimes, the record appears when you least expect it.

FEATURE STORY

Some collectors travel across countries.
Others wake before sunrise to visit flea markets.
Many spend years searching for a single missing album.
The record may be valuable.
But the memory of finding it often becomes even more valuable.

QUOTE BOX

"The best record in your collection is usually the one with the best story."

BOTTOM LINE

That is why record collecting remains a lifelong passion for collectors around the world.

THE RECORD THAT GOT AWAY

Every collector has one.



Every collector remembers the moment.
The record was there.
The price seemed too high.
The condition wasn't perfect.
There would always be another copy.
There wasn't.

FEATURE STORY

Sometimes the rarest records are not the ones we never find.
They are the ones we find and leave behind.
A missed opportunity can stay in a collector's memory for years.
The album may later become impossible to locate.
The price may double.
Or triple.
But what collectors remember most is the moment they almost owned it.

COLLECTOR MEMORIES

"I passed on a Japanese copy of Abbey Road in the 1990s."
"I thought another RL Led Zeppelin II would eventually appear."
"I saw it, held it, and put it back."

COLLECTOR LESSON

Experience teaches every collector the same thing: When a truly special record appears, hesitation can become regret.

BOTTOM LINE

Some records stay on the shelf.
Others stay in your memory forever.

QUOTE BOX

"The records we remember most are often the ones we never bought."

THE BEST FIND OF MY LIFE

Every collector has one.



It was just another Saturday morning.
Another flea market.
Another box of forgotten records.
Then I saw it.

FEATURE STORY

Some discoveries happen in seconds.
Years of searching.
Hundreds of stores.
Thousands of records.
Then one day, the album appears.
Not in an auction.
Not online.
Just sitting quietly in a dusty crate.
Waiting.

FIND DETAILS

Details

Pink Floyd – Wish You Were Here (Japan)

1975

Original

Excellent

25

★★★★★

Category

Record

Year

OBI

Condition

Price Paid

Collector Excitement

COLLECTOR LESSON

The greatest records are rarely found when you are looking for them.
They appear when curiosity leads you somewhere unexpected.

BOTTOM LINE

Some records enter a collection.
A few become part of your life.

QUOTE BOX

"You never forget the day you find the record."

WHY WE COLLECT

More Than Music



We begin by collecting records.
A favorite album.
A rare pressing.
A forgotten treasure.
But somewhere along the way, something changes.
The collection becomes more than vinyl.
It becomes a map of our lives.
Every record remembers a place.
A person.
A season.
A moment.
Some albums remind us where we were.
Others remind us who we were.

COLLECTOR THOUGHT

The value of a record is not always measured in money.
Sometimes its value is measured in memories.

THE LUCYLP PHILOSOPHY

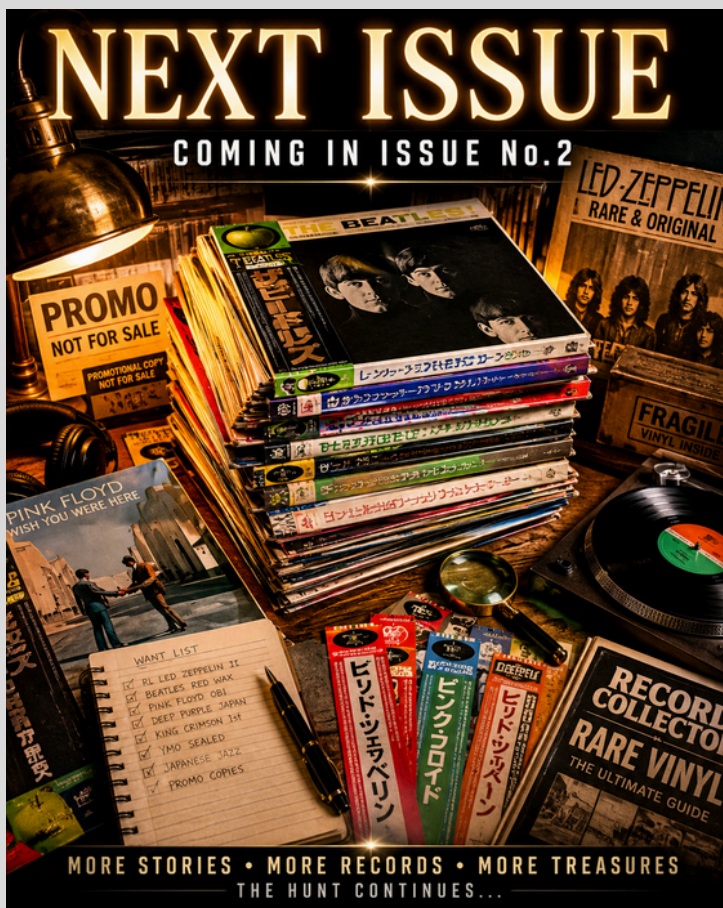
Collectors search for records.
But what they often find are stories.
The hunt.
The discovery.
The memories.
The music.
That is why we collect.

BOTTOM LINE

Records are made of vinyl.
Collections are made of memories.

QUOTE BOX

"Every record is a time machine waiting to spin."



🎧 THE WORLD OF PROMO RECORDS

The special editions never sold in stores.

Discover why promotional pressings remain some of the most fascinating records in collecting.

🎸 THE MOST VALUABLE BEATLES PRESSINGS

From first UK editions to legendary Japanese releases.

A guide to some of the most sought-after Beatles records ever produced.

🏆 JAPANESE JAZZ TREASURES

Rare pressings, legendary labels, and albums collectors search for around the world.

🌍 HIDDEN RECORD STORES OF EUROPE

Small shops.

Hidden basements.

Forgotten treasures.

Some of the greatest discoveries happen far from the famous cities.

📖 COLLECTOR STORIES

Real stories from real collectors.

The finds.

The mistakes.

The records that changed everything.

FROM THE EDITOR

Issue No.1 explored the culture behind collecting.

Issue No.2 will explore the records themselves.

QUOTE BOX

"Every collection starts with one record and one story."

BOTTOM LINE

The hunt continues.

See you in Issue No.2.

FROM THE ARCHIVE

Every Collection Begins With One Record

Every collection begins the same way.
One record.
One moment.
A song heard on the radio.
A gift from a friend.
An album discovered by accident.
Years later, shelves fill.
Stories accumulate.
The records become more than music.
They become a timeline of a life.

COLLECTOR REFLECTION

Some collectors remember every record they own.
Most remember the first one.
And almost all remember the one that changed everything.

QUOTE BOX

"The first record is never the rarest.
It is simply the most important."

LUCYLP NOTE

Issue No.1 was dedicated to the spirit of collecting.
The hunt.
The discoveries.
The stories behind the records.
The journey continues.

BOTTOM LINE

Every collection starts with curiosity.
Everything else follows.



THANK YOU COLLECTORS

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