

# PICTURE COVERS – REAL BATS

## FRUIT BATS

In chronological order by release dates

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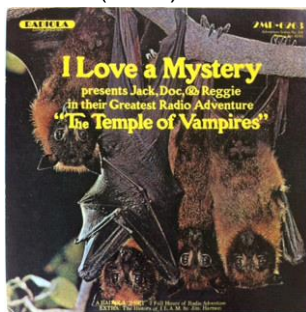
**PC-BTR-FT1** France ca.1960s  
**LP:** Johann Strauss – LA CHAUVE-SOURIS  
**Perf:** Orchestre et Choeurs de l'Opera de Vienne (Classical)  
**Label:** Musidisc 30 CV 1013  
**Photo:** (Color) **Laguens**

**Notes:** This grotesque cover photo is of a stuffed museum specimen of a flying fox bat which has its dried wings stretched out to the maximum and its mouth wide open. The bat is backlit by a red spotlight, which can be seen through its translucent wings, and the whole is superimposed on a night sky over a mass of silver and turquoise Christmas tree balls, which are perhaps meant to represent champagne bubbles.

**Ref:** Johann Strauss, La Chauve-souris LP, [Discogs](#)



**PC-BTR-FT2** United States 1976  
**LP:** I LOVE A MYSTERY – THE TEMPLE OF VAMPIRES  
**Perf:** Russell Thorson, Jim Boles, & Tony Randall (Spoken Word)  
**Label:** Radiola 2MR-6263 (2X LPs) (Gatefold cover)  
**Photo:** (Color)



**Notes:** The cover photo shows a tight pack of four flying foxes (Rousettes) hanging from a tree limb. They all have their eyes wide open. The same photo in black & white is printed on all the yellow labels.

This radio drama is a mystery tale and does not involve bats in any way.

**Ref:** I Love a Mystery – The Temple of Vampires LP, [Discogs](#)

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**PC-BTR-FT3** Germany 1997  
**Perf:** Guano Apes (Rock)  
A. German **CD:** PROUD LIKE A GOD  
Gun Supersonic SUPERSONIC 012  
B. European Reissue **CD:** PROUD LIKE A GOD (1998)  
BMG International 74321 55741 2  
C. American Reissue **CD:** PROUD LIKE A GOD (1999)

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D. Russian Bootleg **CD**: PROUD LIKE A GOD  
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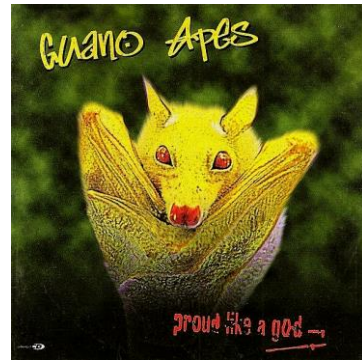
**Cover Design: FUEGO-Ateliers & Friedel Murders**

**Notes:** Looking up at a yellow-tinted Rousette bat that is hanging down with folded wings in a green space. The bat's eyes and nose have been colored red. These four releases all used this bat cover.

The Guano Apes were Alternative Rock / Modern Rock band from Gottingen (Germany), formed in 1990.

This group used a stylized bat cover on several of their 2003-2004 CD releases (see under Stylized Bat Covers – [Europe](#)) and also under Bat Picture Discs.

**Ref:** Guano Apes, Proud Like God CD, [Discogs](#)



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