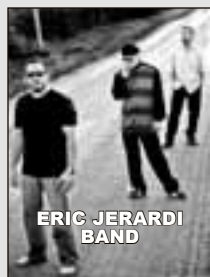




# BLUES NOTES

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ERIC JERARDI  
BAND

## THE BSO VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Ozone (7220 F St.)

5:30pm Buffet compliments of Tony at Ozone

6pm-7pm Dave Barger & Friends • 7:30pm-9pm The Eric Jerardi Band

*This event will be free to all 2009 BSO volunteers*

**Free admission with a new or renewed BSO membership**

*There is a \$10 cover for all others, with food for volunteers only!*



*McKenna's and  
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**Mark Hummel's  
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**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>  
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TH 4/1 5:30pm ..... Watermelon Slim  
TH 4/8 5:30pm ..... The Bel Airs  
TH 4/15 5:00pm ..... Kris Lager Band, 6:30pm Uncle Lucius  
TH 4/22 5:30pm ..... Too Slim & The Taildraggers  
Sun 4/25 5:00p m ..... Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys  
Mon 4/26 5:30pm ..... Ronnie Baker Brooks  
TH 4/29 5:30pm ..... Lil Ed & The Blues Imperials  
Sun 5/2 5:00pm ..... The Holmes Brothers  
TH 5/6 5:30pm ..... Lubriphonic  
TH 5/13 5:30pm ..... Josh Garrett & The Bottom Line  
TH 5/20 5:30pm ..... E.C. Scott  
TH 5/27 5:30pm ..... Larry McCray  
TH 6/3 5:30pm ..... Sugar Blue



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We would like to thank these fine programs for their support  
of the Blues Society of Omaha in their shows.

# FOLK HOUSE NEWS

The Boulder Acoustic Society concert has been moved from March 19 to Friday, April 9. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. \$15 artist donation requested (100% goes to the musicians).

Coffee, soda and light refreshments provided. If you're over 21, feel free to BYOB.

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## KAILIN YONG PEACE PROJECT

Kailin Yong, founder and former member of The Boulder Acoustic Society has formed a new and exciting group known as the Kailin Yong Peace Project. Kailin is a world class violinist who will keep you mesmerized all night. Kailin and his band will be performing at FolkHouse on Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 pm. Kailin's web site is here: <http://kailinyong.com/>

Watch a TON of live videos here: [http://bizzaartwerks.com/kailin\\_yong\\_watch.htm](http://bizzaartwerks.com/kailin_yong_watch.htm)

*New Date! Friday, April 9, 2010*

*Back by extremely popular demand.*

## THE BOULDER ACOUSTIC SOCIETY!

We are VERY excited to have Boulder Acoustic Society back at FolkHouse. If you miss this show, your life will be empty...

Seriously, these guys are fantastic musicians, great songwriters and fun as hell!

\$15 at the door, all proceeds go to the band. Doors open at 7:00, show at 7:30. Free pop, coffee and snacks. Feel free to add to the snack table if you like. Over 21? feel free to BYOB. Table dancing and public nudity not encouraged. These guys always fill the house, so reservations are encouraged.

The music of Boulder Acoustic Society is haunted by the past and focused on the future.

It's indie-folk that draws from Appalachian roots, gritty gospel and the contemporary urban soundscapes. BAS merges tradition with innovation, producing a unique sound and an unforgettable live entertainment experience. Five years, five albums and relentless touring have honed Boulder Acoustic Society into one of tightest and most entertaining bands of any genre. The pulsing percussion and thumping bass of Scott Aller and Neil McCormick support the dual lead vocals of multi-instrumentalists Scott McCormick and Aaron Keim.

"Punchline," the band's current release on Austin's Nine Mile Records has been hailed at home and abroad for forging "a new wave of American roots music." The disc also aptly displays the depth of the songwriting of the four members of Boulder Acoustic Society – a band who wears vintage clothes, savor small batch bourbon, rocks the ukulele.

Are they contemporary music with a dark, folky vibe or folk music with poppy hooks and string band textures? Who cares, its BAS and you don't want to miss them.

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# Debbie Davies & Robin Rogers Zoo Bar 3-16-10

In a rare Tuesday matinee the Zoo Bar enjoyed a great show when two Female artists with 2010 Blues Music Award Nominations to their credits joined forces in Lincoln. Debbie Davies, a 2010



BMA nominee for "Traditional Blues Female Artist of the Year", and Robin Rogers, 2010 BMA nominee for "Contemporary Blues Female Artist of the Year" played to a good crowd.



on the guitar with songs from her new instrumental CD. Robin, who also won the 2009 Blues Blast award for "Best Female Blues Artist" awarded in Chicago at Buddy Guy's Legends club laid down some Harp as well as some soulful/sultry vocals that I really liked a lot from her latest release.



As always Debbie's guitar was smoking as she paid tribute to some of her mentors, Albert Collins and Gatmouth Brown to name a couple and other inspi-

Together Debbie and Robin put on a great show that ended all too soon as the floor was full of dancers.

-Conrad Good

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# BLUES IN APRIL & MAY

[Thu 4/1]

112 North Duck (08:00pm) (Beer and Loathing in Dundee)  
 Kyle Harvey CD Release Party (Barley Street Tavern)  
 Open Jam w/Drunken Intentions (Chrome Lounge)  
 Piano Hour (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Swampjam (weekly blues jam) (08:00pm) (Pour House)  
 The Hundred Miles (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Todd Campbell (Ozone)  
 Watermelon Slim (05:30pm) (The New Lift Lounge (fka  
 Murphy's))

[Fri 4/2]

Acoustic Groove (The Tavern On Q)  
 Boondoggie (Ratigans Pheasant Tavern)  
 Jumpin Kate (Soaring Wings Vineyard)  
 Prime Cut (Downtown Blues)  
 Sachel Grande (Waiting Room)  
 Swampboy Blues Band (McKennas)  
 The Heart Murmurs (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Tijuana Gigolos (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)

[Sat 4/3]

Acoustic Groove (The Tavern On Q)  
 Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns (Corner Bar-Fremont)  
 Blues Messengers (06:00pm) (Duggans Pub)  
 Prime Cut (Midway Tavern, Soldier, Ia)  
 Thousand Houses (McKennas)

[Sun 4/4]

Lunar Light Project w/ Funk Trek, Lymph-node Maniacs  
 (09:00pm) (BarFly, 114th and Dodge (fka Shag Vodka Bar))  
 Matt Gagne Blues Experience (06:00pm) (Whiskey Roadhouse)

[Mon 4/5]

Omaha Big Band (Ozone)  
 Piano Hour (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Songwriters Potluck w/Kyle and Nick (06:00pm) (Barley Street  
 Tavern)

[Tue 4/6]

Jazzocracy (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Downtown Blues)

[Wed 4/7]

Lou De Luca and the RandM Blues Band (06:00pm) (Zoo  
 Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Swampboy Blues Band (07:00pm) (Why Not Bar)  
 Zebra Jam (Downtown Blues)

[Thu 4/8]

112 North Duck (Beer and Loathing in Dundee)  
 Darryl White Group (Zens Lounge)  
 Ed Archibald and Friends (Ozone)  
 Open Jam w/Drunken Intentions (Chrome Lounge)  
 Piano Hour (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Swampjam (weekly blues jam) (08:00pm) (Pour House)  
 The Bel Airs (05:30pm) (The New Lift Lounge (fka Murphy's))

[Fri 4/9]

Bel Airs (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns (Tropics Bar and Grill)  
 Elwin James and The Way Outs (McKennas)  
 Fabtones (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 John Walker (Bagels and Joe)  
 Matt Gagne Blues Experience (Downtown Blues)  
 The Boulder Acoustic Society (07:30pm) (Folk House)  
 Tijuana Gigolos (06:30pm) (Duggan's Pub, 440 S. 11th  
 St., 402-477-3513)  
 Trampled Under Foot (08:00pm) (BarFly, 114th and Dodge (fka  
 Shag Vodka Bar))

[Sat 4/10]

Academy of Rock Showcase w/Levi William (06:00pm) (Zoo  
 Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Bel Airs (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns (Tropics Bar and Grill)  
 Kris Lager Band (Downtown Blues)  
 Matt Cox Band (McKennas)  
 The Blues Orchestra (Downtown Blues)

[Sun 4/11]

Jerry Franksters (Grateful Dead Tribute) (09:00pm)  
 (BarFly, 114th and Dodge (fka Shag Vodka Bar))  
 Swampjam (weekly blues jam) (03:00pm) (Millard VFW (136th  
 Millard Ave))

[Mon 4/12]

Mike Gurciullo and his Las Vegas Lab Band (Ozone)  
 Mike Zito (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Piano Hour (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Songwriters Potluck w/Kyle and Nick (06:00pm) (Barley Street  
 Tavern)

[Tue 4/13]

Eric Jerard Band w/ Dave Barger and Friends (06:00pm) (Ozone  
 at Anthony's)  
 Jazzocracy (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Downtown Blues)  
 Z-JAM Open Mic (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)

[Wed 4/14]

Sandbloom w/ Darryl White Quartet (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N.  
 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Too Slim and the Taildraggers (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th  
 St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Zebra Jam (Downtown Blues)

[Thu 4/15]

112 North Duck (Beer and Loathing in Dundee)  
 Billy Bacon and his Porkestra (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th  
 St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Open Jam w/Drunken Intentions (Chrome Lounge)  
 Piano Hour (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Prime Cut (Sharp St. Tavern, Glennwood)  
 Susie Thorne Group (Myth)  
 Swampjam (weekly blues jam) (08:00pm) (Pour House)  
 Uncle Lucius w/ Kris Lager Band (05:00pm) (The New Lift  
 Lounge (fka Murphy's))

[Fri 4/16]

Acoustic Groove (Firewater Grill)  
 Billy Bacon and his Porkestra (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th  
 St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns (The Prestige)  
 Burgundy and Gray (McKennas)  
 Levi William (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
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[Sat 4/17]

Billy Bacon and his Porkestra (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th  
 St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Blue House And The Rent To Own Horns (The Prestige)  
 Drunken Intentions (The Observatory)  
 Kris Lager Band (Mc Kenna's)  
 Levi William (Trackside in Waverly)  
 Prime Cut (Bowley Bistro)  
 Swampboy Blues Band (The Firebarn Sports Bar and Grill)  
 The Blues Orchestra (06:00pm) (Heartland Cafe, Elkhorn)  
 The Blues Orchestra (11:00am) (Super Saver Grand Opening)

[Sun 4/18]

Scott Keeton w/ Mark Stuart & The Bastard Sons (02:30pm) (The  
 New Lift Lounge (fka Murphy's))  
 Swampjam (weekly blues jam) (03:00pm) (Millard VFW (136th  
 Millard Ave))

[Mon 4/19]

Mark Stuart and the Bastard Sons (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N.  
 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Piano Hour (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Songwriters Potluck w/Kyle and Nick (06:00pm) (Barley Street  
 Tavern)  
 Tony Benn (Dublin, Ireland) (Barley Street Tavern)

[Tue 4/20]

Jazzocracy (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Downtown Blues)  
 Tony Benn (Dublin, Ireland) (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)

[Wed 4/21]

Diamond Kazzoo (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Smokin Joe Kubek and B'nois King (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N.  
 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Swampboy Blues Band (07:00pm) (Why Not Bar)  
 Zebra Jam (Downtown Blues)

[Thu 4/22]

112 North Duck (Beer and Loathing in Dundee)  
 Mat Cox w/ Korey Anderson (Waiting Room)  
 Open Jam w/Drunken Intentions (Chrome Lounge)  
 Piano Hour (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Stone River Boys (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Swampjam (weekly blues jam) (08:00pm) (Pour House)  
 Too Slim & The Taildraggers (05:30pm) (The New Lift Lounge  
 (fka Murphy's))

[Fri 4/23]

Acoustic Groove (Brazen Head)  
 Jumpin Kate (05:00pm) (Duggan's Pub, 440 S. 11th  
 St., 402-477-3513)  
 Levi William (Bob's Tavern)  
 SON OF 76 and The Watchmen Duo (Marz Bar)  
 Stone River Boys (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Swampboy Blues Band (07:00pm) (Soaring Wings Vineyard)  
 The Blasters (08:00pm) (BarFly, 114th and Dodge (fka Shag  
 Vodka Bar))  
 The Blues Orchestra (Our Place, Ashland)  
 The Hundred Miles (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
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 Wheezetones Band (Red 9)

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**THURSDAYS: SwampJam at Pour House**  
**(97<sup>th</sup> & Mockingbird)**  
**SUNDAYS: Afternoon SwampJam 3pm-7pm**  
**at Millard VFW (136<sup>th</sup> & "Q" St.)**

[Sat 4/24]

Acoustic Groove (Brazen Head)  
 Josh Heinrichs & The Soul Riddim Band w/ 77 Jefferson  
 (09:00pm) (BarFly, 114th and Dodge (fka Shag Vodka Bar))  
 Jumpin Kate (Whiskey Run Creek Winery)  
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 Levi William (Bob's Tavern)  
 Luther James Band (McKennas)  
 Stone River Boys (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)

[Sun 4/25]

Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys (05:00pm) (The New Lift Lounge  
 (fka Murphy's))  
 Doc Mullet's Birthday Bash featuring the Killigans, and Son of 76  
 (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)

[Mon 4/26]

Big Sandy and his Fly-Rite Boys (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
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 Piano Hour (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Ronnie Baker Brooks (05:30pm) (The New Lift Lounge (fka  
 Murphy's))  
 Songwriters Potluck w/Kyle and Nick (06:00pm) (Barley Street  
 Tavern)

[Tue 4/27]

Jazzocracy (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Lil Joe and Big Trouble (Downtown Blues)  
 Z-JAM Open Mic (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)

[Wed 4/28]

Blues Messengers (09:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Chris Cain (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Zebra Jam (Downtown Blues)

[Thu 4/29]

112 North Duck (Beer and Loathing in Dundee)  
 Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials (05:30pm) (The New Lift Lounge  
 (fka Murphy's))  
 Matt Gagne Blues Experience (07:00pm) (The Prestige)  
 Open Jam w/Drunken Intentions (Chrome Lounge)  
 Piano Hour (05:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Swampjam (weekly blues jam) (08:00pm) (Pour House)

[Fri 4/30]

John Walker (Blue Moon Coffee House)  
 Lil Ed and the Blues Imperials (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
 Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Prime Cut (Ts Tavern)  
 Swampboy Blues Band (12th Street Pub)  
 Thousand Houses (McKennas)

[Sat 5/1]

Drunken Intentions (Kennedys after dark)  
 Funkiphino funk (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St. Lincoln, 402-435-8754)  
 Mark Hummel CD Release Party (McKennas)  
 Matt Gagne Blues Experience (Tin Lizzy Tavern)

[Sat 5/1]

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 (BarFly, 114th and Dodge (fka Shag Vodka Bar))  
 The Holmes Brothers (05:00pm) (The New Lift Lounge (fka  
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 Tommy Castro Band (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
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[Wed 5/5]

Tijuana Gigolos and more (06:00pm) (Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St.  
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[Thu 5/6]

Lubriphonic (05:30pm) (The New Lift Lounge (fka Murphy's))

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Acoustic Groove (The Tavern On Q)  
 Joe Bonamassa (Orpheum Theater)

[Thu 5/13]

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[Fri 5/14]

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[Thu 5/20]

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[Sat 5/22]

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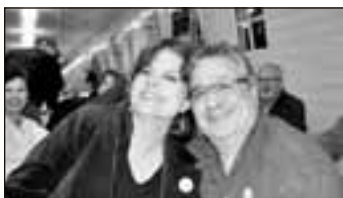
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-Conrad Good

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# MARK HUMMEL



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### Song List:

- 1) Funky Way
- 2) The Price Of Love
- 3) Never No More
- 4) One More Time
- 5) Roller Coaster
- 6) I'm Shorty
- 7) My Baby's So Sweet
- 8) Honey Bee Blues
- 9) I Want To Be Loved
- 10) Strange Things Happening
- 11) Ready Steady Stroll
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- 13) Highway Rhumba
- 14) Before The Beginning
- 15) It's My Life, Baby
- 16) Can't Be Successful

West Coast Harp Ace and 2010 Blues Music Award Nominee MARK HUMMEL is back with a truly stellar 16 track Blues collection, featuring not only his own dynamic Harmonica & Vocal work, but the talents of his very Special Guests: CHARLIE MUSSELWHITE, STEVE FREUND and RUSTY ZINN as well. Mark and Rusty have worked together since the 90's and all that roadwork with their band "The Blues Survivors" has paid off big time, transforming them into one of tightest, funkier and most soulful partnerships in the Blues World today, never has it been more evident than on the tracks gathered here. RETRO-ACTIVE is Mark Hummel's 5th album on the ELECTRO-FI label, and stand out cuts like "Funky Way", "I'm Shorty", "Never No More" and "Roller Coaster" make a strong argument that it's the best one yet! With this winning combination "RETRO-ACTIVE" seems destined to be one of the most talked about Blues Albums of the Year.

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# CD Reviews



## Nick Curran and The Lowlifes • *Reform School Girl*

In February Eclecto Groove Records released the latest compact disc from Nick Curran and The Lowlifes which is entitled "Reform School Girl". The release runs a tad over 39 minutes and lays down 14 fairly short but rocking tracks, most of which were written by Nick Curran. If you are familiar with any of Nick's previous releases you know this guy can rock, wail, and plays a real nice guitar. This disc is full of high energy, tastefully done music. Nick has often shown an appreciation for the old music masters by covering their songs and mimicking their style and sound. Delivery of Nick's vocals throughout the disc is highly reminiscent of the great Little Richard. Most of the songs have a very strong retro sound and feel about them, almost kind of 1950ish.

The opener sets the tone for the disc and although it is a cover of an Etta James song named Tough Lover you almost feel like its Little Richard himself doing the vocals with some great saxophone riding along to rock it up. Reel Rock Party has a dirty sound caused by the muted presentation of Nick's vocals and Jason Ricci's harp attack over the driving beat. The title track is a little easier going and is reminiscent of the rhythm and blues female vocal group The Ronettes from the 1960's. On Kill My Baby Nick screams out a tale of having had just about enough of his girl mixed in with a nice guitar solo and a baritone sax putting down the rhythm.

Psycho is kind of a crazy and rollicking rockabilly type tune, while Sheena's Back is yet another rocker seemingly influenced by the early rock and roll era. Baby You Crazy is even a quicker paced ditty featuring piano, saxophone, and guitar. Ain't No Good sounds a little bit like Bo Diddley's "Who Do You Love" and to me was not one of the more notable songs on the offering. The Lowlife seems a danceable song in which Nick sings about a ruthless, one way cad. Although I like the song, at this point of the CD I am beginning to acquire a "samey" attitude toward the overall project.

Ten songs into the disc you finally get a chance to catch your breath on the first slow song, which is called Dream Girl. This is the longest song, weighing in at 4:33, a blueser for you with some sorrowful gut wrenching vocals. The pace goes back up again though on the following Flyin' Blind co-written by Nick and Phil Alvin of the Blasters who also plays guitar and sings with Nick on this easy grooving tune. Alvin also wrote the liner notes for this release. The jump swing starts up again with the song about Lusty Lil Lucy, having a T-Bone Walker approach in the guitar delivery. On the song named Filthy Nick uses melodic and strong vocals to give a former girlfriend a strong tongue lashing about her lifestyle; maybe she should hook up with the cad in the Lowlife song. This song continues to maintain the consistent theme and sound of the disc. Nick wraps it up with a very short but very fast paced song known as Rocker.

The visual presentation of the disc has some photographs which I find delightfully interesting. If you have seen Nick live or his other compact disc releases you know he is rather a master at changing his appearance and persona. I had the pleasure of seeing him at a Fabulous Thunderbirds show at the Whiskey a couple years ago and the guy was as cool as an iceberg. While as a whole there really is not much of a range in

diversity on this disc I recommend having it in your collection. You can file it under the retro sounding, screaming vocals, guitar cruising, piano/saxophone packed, original music section of your library.

Unfortunately Nick was recently diagnosed with tongue cancer. So his planned tour associated with the release of this disc has been postponed. He is staying in his home town of Austin, Texas and receiving treatment. In a message from Nick on the internet he essentially states he is prepared to beat this thing down and get back to his business of rocking and rolling. We all wish you the best Nick and look forward to your return to our area.

—Dan Betts

What a cool cat – a throwback to the 50's – a honker and a screamer. I love it! Let's pray for his return to good health and let's more good jams. We love you Nick!

—Colleen Betts

## The Mannish Boys • *Shake For Me*

Delta Groove Music



This CD is labeled as the "5<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary" CD and it is a double celebration. The Delta Groove label was formed 5 years ago specifically to record and market **The Mannish Boys**. Delta Groove has since gone on to record many of today's top blues performers including: Elvin Bishop, Rod Piazza, Mike Zito, Ana Popovic, Candye Kane, Jason Ricci and The Insomniacs. The Mannish Boys have gone on to record four more CDs, two of which were nominated for multiple Blues Music Awards. The band itself has been nominated for the Blues Music Award's "Band Of The Year"!

The Mannish Boys are an ensemble group with revolving front and back doors. Over their five years they have had an ever-changing group of players. As near as I can tell the only two members who have recorded on all five albums are Kirk Fletcher on guitar and vocalist, Finis Tasby. One thing is constant through all the changes – high quality musicians covering a broad spectrum of the blues genre.

**Shake For Me** continues their traditional recording formula. It includes 40's sounding jump blues songs, 50's and 60's soul blues, delta blues and rock numbers. Continuing another tradition there is a generous amount of help from their friends with special guest appearances including Rod Piazza, Kid Ramos, Mitch Kashmar Nick Curran and Mike Zito.

The opening three tracks show the range of music covered on this CD. It opens with a killer cover of Albert Collins' Too Tired. The first guest, Nick Curran, covers the Collins guitar licks here. The second track is a medley of two diddley beat hits – Bo Diddley's Mona and Johnny Otis' Willie and the Hand Jive. Mike Zito plays the lead guitar and helps out on vocals. The third song is the soul blues classic – Lowell Fulson's Reconsider Baby and uses no guest appearance.

Other choice tracks include:

The Bullet is an original jump blues tune featuring guitar solos by Kirk Fletcher and Nick Curran wrapped around a piano solo by Fred Kaplan – a fresh look back at the sound of another time.

Those Worries is an original slow blues tune. Delta Groove boss and sometimes listed member of the band, Randy Chortkoff, provides the harmonica laced blues background to traditional down and dirty vocals by Bobby Jones.

Champagne and Reefer is a Muddy Water tune featuring guest vocalist Johnny Dyer with Mitch Kashmar sitting in on harmonica.

Way Down South closes the CD. It features Dutch harmonica player and singer Pieter van der Pluijm. Former Mannish Boys' guitar player Kid Ramos sits in on guitar along with the band's current rhythm section.

**Shake For Me** is a more than worthy followup to their 2009 Blues Music Award nominated album "Lowdown Feelin". Give it a listen – there is something here for everyone.

—Charlie Johnson

## The Brian Setzer Orchestra *Songs From Lonely Avenue*

Brian Setzer's new cd continues his trend of cds that are a sort of hybrid of rockabilly and swing musical styles. The musicianship is first-rate throughout, and Setzer demonstrates why he is widely considered one the best guitarists playing today.



The album features thirteen songs penned by Setzer that were inspired by movie soundtracks of films from the '40's and '50's. It is an interesting idea from a very creative mind, and the songs are a lot of fun – for a while.

For me, it is an example of too much of a good thing. It is like cheese cake. A piece of two is great, but most people don't want to sit down and eat a whole cake.

—A. J. Foyt



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