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1 Kid's Jump 2 I'm Ready (Tribute to Lester Butler) 3 She Wants to Sell My Monkey 4 Mannish Bov play 5 You're Sweet 6 Howling Wolf play 7 Goin' Crazy over TV 8 Mystery Train 9 It's Too Bad 10 Strangest Blues 11 As the Years Go Passing By 12 Walkin' and Walkin' Johnny Dyer, Randy Chortkoff (vocals, harmonica); Finis Tasby (vocals); Kid Ramos (guitar); Richard Innes (drums).

19th Annual Winthrop Rhythm & Blues Festival, Winthrop, (07/17/2005).

With all of the perils and pitfalls that surround live recordings, Live & In Demand stands out as a rare jewel. The Mannish Boys are a wonderful collection of individual artists that stand out in their own right but who come together to prove that the whole is still greater than the sum of its parts. Their performance at the Winthrop Blues Festival was tight, clean and exudes the professionalism that all of these artists are known for. Kudos go out to whoever was smart enough to hit the "record" button on the sound board. He or she saved for us a gem that will stand on its own merits for a long, long time.

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The Mannish Boys are one of the most universally praised new blues bands, both live and on record, since the heyday of the blues genre a half century ago, receiving virtually unanimous rave reviews from both the blues specialty press and general entertainment reviewers. The current edition of The Mannish Boys features a veritable one-band blues festival of talent; most of the members either lead or are integral members of other successful touring and recording bands. They've honed their blues to a brilliant edge through appearances before sold-out crowds and on festival stages in the U.S., Canada, and in Europe. Their new live recording, "Live & In Demand", captures The Mannish Boys at the top of their game at the 2005 Winthrop Blues Festival, rolling out their dynamic, non-stop, old-style 'blues revue' featuring acclaimed veteran bluesmen Finis Tasby, Johnny Dyer, Kid Ramos, Franck Goldwasser, Leon Blue, Randy Chortkoff, Richard Innes and Tom Leavey.

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