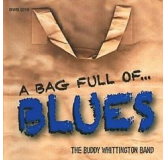


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1. *Black Cat Bone* - 4:54 2. *Jacksboro Highway* - 4:58 3. *Maydell* - 4:30 4. *Runnin' Blue* - 5:15 5. *Hideaway Medley* - 7:11 6. *Awestruck And Spellbound* - 4:13 7. *Sportin' Life* - 8:14 8. *Tailspin* - 3:20 9. *Help Me Through The Day* - 8:21 10. *Pieces And Parts* - 5:42 11. *You Upsets Me* - 3:45 Musicians: Buddy Whittington - Guitars & Vocals Roger Cotton - Keyboards Pete Stroud - Bass Darby Todd - Drums Mike Gage – Drums

From the longest serving Blues Breakers guitar slinger, here is, finally, the album we've all been waiting for - worth the wait? You betcha! I've seen this man on many occasions and been impressed with his prowess as both guitar player and singer with the Blues Breakers as the "warm up" band for John Mayall and also as the foil for John Mayall as the main attraction.

But let's forget the John Mayall connection and listen to this album for what it really is - a great blues album - showing the various forms in which this genre of music manifests itself, maxed by a man who lives and breathes the blues.

In quick fire succession we get *Young & Dumb*, *Pay The Band* and *Minor Blues* (a take on what's wrong in the Western World in general) followed by the ZZ Topesque *Second Banana* describing life on the road as the foil, and therefore second banana to John Mayall....interesting but executed with superb, Billy Gibbons style, clipped phrasing and soloing...truly superb. And, it doesn't end there - we are entertained with instrumentals and jazzier blues tracks before we get to the 8 minute rendition of Billy Gibbons' *Sure Got Cold After The Rain Fell*, which is accurate in it's inflection to the original, but fresh in it's delivery - really, it is that good!

Apart from the *Mess Of Blues* album (the fitting tribute to the essence of Jeff Healey) I would be

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most surprised if any blues album, no, if any album released this year, will come up to the absolute delivery of this album - just do yourself a favour and BUY IT! --- J. M. Green, amazon.com

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