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## Johnny Winter Live Through The '80s

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[Johnny Winter's \*Live Through The '70s\*](#) DVD was a fine document of a seminal period in the blues guitarist's career, and a welcome addition to the collection of every J.W. fan. Start saving up your pennies, kids, 'cause on August 24, 2010 our friends at Music Video Distributors will be releasing Winter's *Live Through The '80s* on DVD, providing more of the same from the blues legend's personal archives.

*Live Through The '80s* features eighteen red-hot Johnny Winter performances, captured live in venues both large and small, compiled from the master recordings. Among the concert footage you'll find on *Live Through The '80s* are appearances at Massey Hall in Toronto, circa 1983; a 1984 performance at the Capital Theater in Passaic, New Jersey; and highlights of a raucous show at the 1984 Roskilde Festival in Denmark.

*Live Through The '80s* also offers performances from New Hampshire (1984); Bromma, Sweden (1987); and Pistoia, Italy (1988), among other locations. Among the songs included on *Live Through The '80s* are such fan faves as "Sweet Papa John," "Good Times Woman," "Mojo Boogie," Bob Dylan's "Highway 61 Revisited," the classic [Sonny Boy Williamson](#) song "Unseen Eye," and Winter's trademark take on Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode." Intercut between these performances is rare interview footage of Winter backstage, and on his tour bus, talking about his music and love of the blues.



Hardcore Johnny Winter fans already know this, but the mid-1980s was a particularly creative time for the guitarist. His association with the noted blues label Alligator Records resulted in three good-to-excellent albums - 1984's *Guitar Slinger*, 1985's *Serious Business*, and 1986's *Third Degree* - and the decade was bookended by 1980's *Raisin' Cain* and 1988's *The Winter of '88* albums. Throughout the decade, Winter led a potent "power trio" of musicians that included talented bass player and harpist Jon Paris. It's an era of the guitarist's career worth revisiting, *Live Through The '80s* a welcome addition to the (still growing) Johnny Winter catalog.

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