

The Day

Johnny Winter

Live Through the '70s

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Given that he lives in Connecticut, Johnny Winter is a reasonably regular performer from here to New York City (at least, given his age and years of hard living). And he can still bring it. But if you were fortunate enough to see him in the 1970s - when he reignited an interest in blues music years before Stevie Ray Vaughan - and also went through a period of substantial and deserved stardom in hard rock, you always knew you were seeing a Giant. This collection, which contains 14 performances spanning the gamut of his experiments, and including "Stone County" (taped in Waterbury!) and "Mean Town Blues," is as close as you'll get to those days.

- RICK KOSTER