



Muddy Waters: Complete Aristocrat & Chess Singles A's & B's 1947-1962

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A lot has changed in the music industry since Muddy Waters (born McKinley Morganfield) made his way up from the Mississippi Delta to Chicago in search of a career in music. Once in the Windy City, Waters switched from the acoustic to the electric guitar, magnifying his Delta country-blues style.

Four years after landing in Chicago, Waters, along with his backing band, which included future blues legends James Cotton, Willie Dixon, Otis Spann, Little Walter, and Junior Wells, recorded a single for the Chess Brothers' infamous label Aristocrat Records. Waters and the Chess brothers were a match made for the blues scene and worked together for 20 years. Waters' music set the standard for what would become known as the Chicago blues.

Back when Waters started recording, most musicians recorded singles instead of full-length albums, and Waters cataloged countless number of tracks for the Chess imprints. These singles, both the A-sides and B-sides, have been collected for this impressive four-disc set 'Complete Aristocrat & Chess Singles A's & B's 1947-1962.'

The comprehensive collection included an impressive 98 tracks featuring Waters' biggest hits, "I Can't Be Satisfied," "Rollin' Stone," "Walkin' Blues," "Honey Bee," and his three biggest hits "I'm Your Hoochie Coochie Man," "Manish Boy" and "Got My Mojo Working." The hits are great, there's no question about that, but 'Complete Aristocrat & Chess Singles A's & B's 1947-1962' gives the avid or casual blues listener a deeper insight into Waters' music. It's interesting to see his path from acoustic to electric and makes you question: if he didn't switch to the louder guitar, would he really be as successful as he was, or would he have been just another blues player from the South? Luckily, we didn't have to find out the answer to that hypothetical question, because Waters not only made his mark in the blues, but he was the patriarch of the Chicago Blues sound.

Sure, there is an endless array of Muddy Waters compilation releases out there, but this one, this four-disc box set is everything you are looking for as a blues fan and more.

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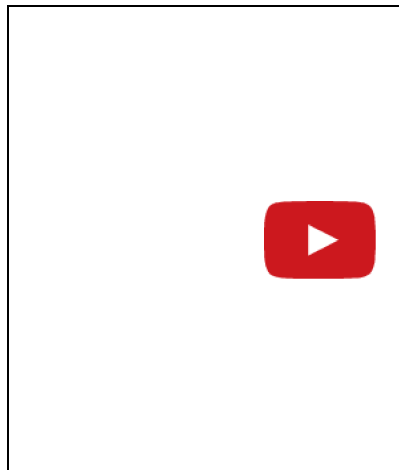


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