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Various Artists: Jukin'

The *Jukin' Wit De Blues* series of compilations from Catbone Unreleased Records, gathers together vintage recordings from some of the true Blues masters (and the odd surprise) into themed albums that concentrate on one singular style, approach, or vibe of the Blues. With *Jukin'*, the theme would appear to be on the up-tempo, full on, kickin' up a storm attack that raised the roof on many a packed hall in years gone by.



Featuring Little Richard, Howlin Wolf, James Cotton, Billy Boy Arnold, George Cummings, Jimmy Reed, Mike Bloomfield and Jack Millman, there's no doubt that this latest addition in the Catbone collection contains some pulsating contributions from the true heavy weights of the genre. Add to that the iconic nature of some of the songs presented - "Tutti Frutti", "Highway 49", "Shame, Shame, Shame" and "Wang Dang Doodle" - and the results are a pure joy for any aficionado of this style of music. The live in the studio versions of these songs contains bags of energy and the vibrancy that made Blues music so irresistible in the first place. Oddly however the album's closing track, the ultra-jazzy tones of "Asphyxiated Swing" from Jack Millman doesn't fit on this album at all, neither in style, sound, nor attack and good though it is, it is a confusing end to a good collection. That aside, The large collection of Howlin Wolf and James Cotton (4 tracks apiece) and Little Richard and Billy Boy Arnold (2 each), ensure that the standard is kept high and the energy intense.

The recordings are of universally high quality, especially considering their vintage, however as with the four other collections in this series that I have reviewed the scant liner

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collections in this series that I have reviewed, the sparse liner notes and complete lack of information in the booklet severely lets this release down. Having now heard all five discs in this series, the other question that I am beginning to wonder is, whether I would have preferred to have actually heard all the contributions from each single artist presented together, rather than split across five CD's. Personally I would, but that is I suppose only a small gripe regarding what is another compilation that presents this style of music in a very strong light.

Track Listing

1. Feeling Good - JAMES COTTON
2. Good Time Charlie - JAMES COTTON
3. Ah Baby - BILLY BOY ARNOLD
4. Worried About You - HOWLIN WOLF
5. Don't Lie To Me - MIKE BLOOMFIELD
6. There Is Something On Your Mind - JAMES COTTON
7. Shame, Shame, Shame - JIMMY REED
8. Off The Wall - JAMES COTTON
9. Tutti Frutti - LITTLE RICHARD
10. Highway 49 - HOWLIN WOLF
11. Keep On Knockin' - LITTLE RICHARD
12. Wang Dang Doodle - HOWLIN WOLF
13. Mary Bernice - BILLY BOY ARNOLD
14. Cause Of It All - HOWLIN WOLF
15. Highway 61 - GEORGE CUMMINGS
16. Turn Your Love Light On - JAMES COTTON
17. Asphyxiated Swing - JACK MILLMAN

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