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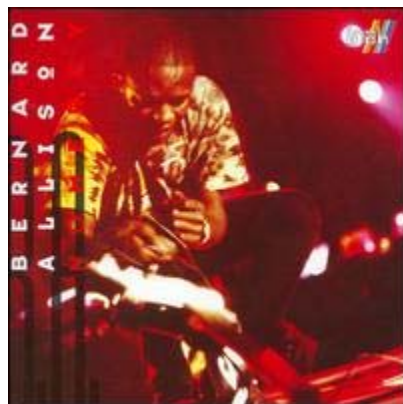
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No Mercy

Bernard Allison

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Review

by Greg Prato

When it comes to the blues, it seems like there are two different camps – those who are staunch authentic blues enthusiasts, and those who like their blues amped up with a decidedly rock approach. On his 1996 live release, 'No Mercy,' singer/guitarist Bernard Allison certainly falls under the later category. As with the majority of modern day blues rockers, Allison focuses mostly on covers of vintage blues tunes, with the odd original (or more succinctly, one lone original – "Next Generation") thrown in for good measure. Backed by a group of studio pros, 'No Mercy' captures blues at it's most well honed – the complete opposite of the grittiness of the original bluesmen – especially on such tracks as the album opening "Rock Me Baby" and "Breakin' Up Somebody's Home." Also included are a few tributes to Bernard's father, Luther Allison ("Change Your Way of Living" and "Help"), as well as a reading of "Tin Pan Alley," which is very reminiscent of Stevie Ray Vaughn's version (of his classic *Couldn't Stand the Weather* release). If you're an admirer of modern day blues rock, then 'No Mercy' is certainly worth a spin.

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| 1 Rock Me Baby | King | 7:30 |

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Artist

Bernard Allison

Album

No Mercy

Rating

★★★★☆

Release Date

Feb 21, 1996

Label

Inakustik

Time

51:42

Type

Live

Genre

Styles

Rock

Modern Electric

Blues

AMG Album ID

R 279352


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| 2 | | Don't Go to Sleep on Me | Brooks | 4:24 |
| 3 | | Break'in up Somebody' Home | Matthews | 4:59 |
| 4 | | Change Your Way of Living | Allison | 3:50 |
| 5 | | Driven Wheel | Sykes | 8:27 |
| 6 | | Next Generation | Allison | 5:32 |
| 7 | | Boo Boo's Boogie | Biraghi | 1:20 |
| 8 | | Tin Pan Alley | Reed | 13:23 |
| 9 | | Help | Allison, Carras | 5:12 |


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