

## **John Lee Hooker – Cook With The Hook:Live In !974**

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On Saturday July6th, 1974, John Lee Hooker played to a crowd of 6000 people at the ‘Down In The Dumps’ festival in Gardner, Massachusetts – luckily the concert was captured on a three-camera shoot by Robert Boyd’s Fitchburg, Gardner, Leominster Cable for broadcast in local cities and towns, and is released here on DVD for the first time.

Hooker is sympathetically backed by The Fabulous Rhinestones as his declamatory, but resonant, voice delivers classics like “It Serves You Right To Suffer”, “Boom Boom”, “Sweet Sweet Thing” and “Whiskey & Women” accompanied by his instantly recognisable trademark single string guitar runs. Seated throughout most of the performance, Hooker stands up, discards his guitar and prowls the stage as he exhorts the audience to “Boogie” in an extended finale that has the crowd literally “eating out of the palm of his hands”.

The video quality is at times grainy and shaky but always acceptable, but the sound is good – and importantly it gives the viewer a chance to see Hooker performing live whilst still close to his prime.

One for all Hooker fans – which should mean all of you. ([www.wienerworld.com](http://www.wienerworld.com))

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