

Birthday Blues

Photo/Dick Waterman

Edward James "Son" House Jr. was born near Lyon, Mississippi in Coahoma County on March 21, 1902. Son's father was a musician and influenced him to sing but his church would not allow him to sing the blues. After his parents' separation when he was 8 years old he moved with his mother to Tallulah, Louisiana and later to New Orleans in Algiers. As a teenager he began preaching sermons and at 19 he married Carrie Martin and moved to Centerville, Louisiana to work on her father's farm. House left his wife in 1922 and began preaching in churches but had to stop at age 25 due to his drinking but then picked up a guitar and soon began performing. House was sentenced to 15 years at Parchman due to a juke joint gun fight but was released in 2 years. He moved to Lula, Mississippi where he began a friendship with Carley Patton. Son worked as a tractor driver on several plantations when Alan Lomax recorded him in 1941. In 1943, Son moved to Rochester, NY and worked on the railroad and gave up music. In 1964 Dick Waterman help restart and manage Son's career and soon was touring and recording. By the 70's House had Alzheimer's and Parkinsons and was unable to perform. Son moved to Detroit with his wife Evie who he had married in 1934. Son House died on October 19, 1988.



Aquarius

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18:

2/4/54 – Curtis Salgado, Everett, WA
2/5/1898 – Will Shade, Memphis, TN
2/6/44 – Willie Tee, New Orleans, LA
2/7/34 – Earl King, New Orleans, LA
2/7/34 – King Curtis, Fort Worth, TX
2/8/1899 – Lonnie Johnson, New Orleans, LA
2/8/29 – Floyd Dixon, Marshall, TX
2/9/62 – Catfish Keith, East Chicago, IL
2/11/27 – Josh White, Greenville, SC
2/11/28 – Aaron Moore, Greenwood, MS
2/11/37 – Phillip Walker, Welsh, LA
2/11/40 – Big Bad Smitty, Vicksburg, MS
2/11/43 – Little Johnny Taylor, Memphis, TN
2/12/1900 – Pink Anderson, Laurens, SC
2/13/49 – Chicago Beau, Chicago, IL
2/14/37 – Sam Maghett, Grenada, MS
2/15/1901 – Kokomo Arnold, Lovejoy, GA
2/16/16 – Bill Doggett, Philadelphia, PA
2/16/63 – Chris Duarte, San Antonio, TX
2/17/26 – Noble Watts, Deland, FL
2/17/54 – Lou Ann Barton, Austin, TX
2/18/41 – Irma Thomas, Ponchatoula, LA

Pisces

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20:

2/19/36 – Sam Myers, Laurel, MS
2/19/37 – Robert "Bilbo" Walker, near Clarksdale, MS
2/20/37 – Nancy Wilson, Chillicothe, OH
2/20/46 – J. Geils, New York City, NY
2/21/1903 – Scrapper Blackwell, Syracuse, SC
2/22/1908 – Claude "Fiddler" Williams, Muskogee, OK
2/22/28 – Texas Johnny Brown, Choctaw County, MS
2/22/33 – T-Bone Walker, Royse City, TX
2/22/36 – Ernie K-Doe, New Orleans, LA
2/24/28 – Antoine "Fats" Domino, New Orleans, LA
2/24/36 – Willie Kent, Sunflower, MS
2/24/53 – Carl Weatherby, Jackson, MS
2/26/45 – Mitch Ryder, Hamtramck, MI
2/26/47 – Paul Oscher, Brooklyn, NY
2/27/43 – Jimmy Burns, Dublin, MS
2/28/42 – Bobby Foster, Tchula, MS
3/1/12 – Walter Davis, Grenada, MS
3/2/21 – Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis, New York City, NY
3/2/24 – "Papa George" Lightfoot, Natchez, MS
3/3/27 – Little Junior Parker, Clarksdale, MS
3/3/46 – John Primer, Camden, MS
3/4/09 – Howard Armstrong, La Follette, TN
3/4/44 – Bobby Womack, Cleveland, OH
3/5/29 – J. B. Lenoir, Monticello, MS
3/5/60 – Rico McFarland, Chicago, IL

3/6/1893 – Furry Lewis, Greenwood, MS
3/6/44 – Mary Wilson, Greenville, MS
3/10/03 – Bix Beiderbecke, Davenport, IA
3/10/15 – Guitar Slim, Greenwood, MS
3/9/33 – Lloyd Price, Kenner, LA
3/10/38 – Omar Sheriff, Shreveport, LA
3/10/50 – David Maxwell, Waltham, MA
3/10/53 – Ronnie Earl, New York City, NY
3/11/1900 – Charley Hicks, Lithonia, GA
3/12/17 – Leonard Chess, Motele, Poland
3/13/13 – Lightnin' Slim, St. Louis, MO
3/13/59 – Melvin Taylor, Jackson, MS
3/15/12 – Lightnin' Hopkins, Centerville, TX
3/15/1905 – Bertha "Chippie" Hill, Charleston, SC
3/18/27 – Big Daddy Kinsey, Pleasant Grove, MS
3/18/41 – Wilson Pickett, Prattville, AL
3/19/37 – Clarence "Frogman" Henry, New Orleans, LA
3/20/35 – Sam Lay, Birmingham, AL
3/20/37 – Eddie Shaw, Stringtown, MS
3/20/48 – Marva Wright, New Orleans, LA
3/20/49 – Marcia Ball, Orange, TX
3/20/51 – Jimmie Vaughan, Dallas, TX
3/21/1893 – Bo Carter, Bolton, MS
3/21/1902 – Son House, Riverton, MS
3/21/30 – Otis Spann, Jackson, MS
3/21/44 – Gaye Adegbalola, Fredericksburg, VA
3/21/37 – Huckleberry Hound, Greenwood, MS

Aries

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

3/22/32 – Juice Boy Bonner, Bellville, TX
3/22/46 – Melvin Sparks, Houston, TX
3/23/26 – Louisiana Red, Vicksburg, MS
3/23/51 – Lee McBee, Kansas City, MO
3/24/22 – King Pleasure, Oakdale, TN
3/24/46 – Lee Oskar, Copenhagen, Denmark
3/25/1904 – Pete Johnson, Kansas City, MO
3/25/1906 – Curly Weaver, Covington, GA
3/25/42 – Aretha Franklin, Memphis, TN
3/26/17 – Rufus Thomas, Cayce, MS
3/27/1905 – Leroy Carr, Nashville, TN
3/27/15 – Robert Lockwood, Jr., Marvel, AR
3/27/32 – Junior Parker, West Memphis, AR
3/27/37 – Johnny Copeland, Haynesville, LA
3/29/51 – William Clarke, Inglewood, CA
3/29/68 – Sue Foley, Ottawa, ON, Canada
3/30/14 – Sonny Boy Williamson I, Jackson, TN
3/30/45 – Eric Clapton, Ripley, Surrey, England
3/30/48 – Dave Hole, Cheshire, England
3/30/63 – Eugene "Hideaway" Bridges, New Orleans, LA
3/31/13 – Etta Baker, Caldwell County, NC
3/31/21 – Lowell Fulson, Tulsa, OK
3/31/1905 – Big Maceo, Atlanta, GA



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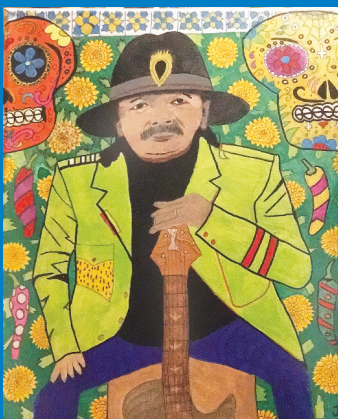
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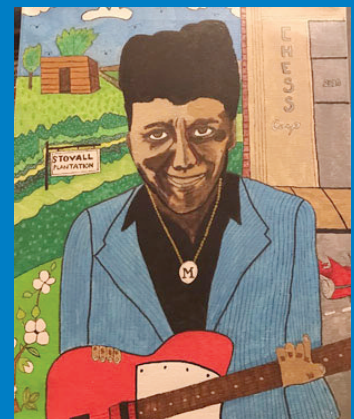
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Got Mojo?

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Got My Mojo Working Again!

Been to Louisiana and got me a mojo hand and a John the Conqueror Root. Both are talismans used in the creation of a mojo. A good mojo can attract love, luck and energy. I have three John the Conquerors and they help me to get parking spaces in New York City and Chicago, a miracle indeed! In love you need mojo too. You must have your mojo going to attract love. I have been lucky for 25 years with Sugar.

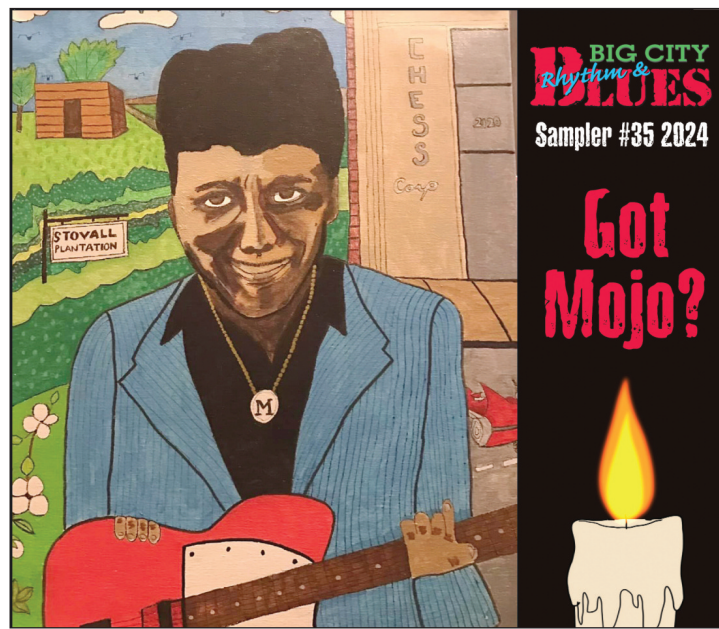
"Got Mojo?" features my portrait of Muddy Waters at the Stovall Plantation near Clarksdale, Mississippi where he started and where he ended up at Chess Records in Chicago. One of my favorite Muddy Waters songs is "Got My Mojo Workin'" and has inspired this CD Sampler. Take Muddy's word for it and "Get your mojo workin'!"

"Got Mojo?" CD Sampler #35 helps the participating musicians to get their "Mojo Workin'" with their music on the sampler. "Got Mojo?" has artists from Mississippi, Pennsylvania, the UK, Florida, Saginaw, Michigan, Detroit, Indiana, Wisconsin, New Orleans, California and Burdickville, Michigan. Please support these hard working musicians, check-out their work on their websites and buy their music.

Thank-you for subscribing and I hope you enjoy "Got Mojo?" as much as we do. See you down the road, take the high road, if you come to a crossroads - take it, may the river be with you, may the wind be at your back, surf's up, mahola, aloha and don't forget to boogie.

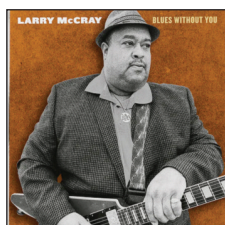
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Best, Robert Jr. Whitall



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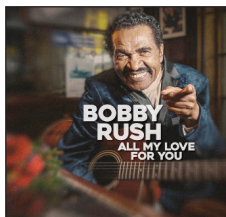
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Larry McCray's title track, that memorializes his manager Paul Koch who died suddenly, is a classic.

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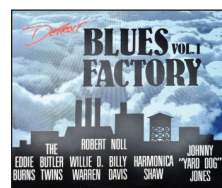
"Nobody's Fault" (3:05)
I'll Be Standing
RDK Records
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Released a few years ago, "Nobody's Fault" is dedicated to our brother - drummer and artist Ralph Kinsey who died on 1/16/2024.

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"Troubled Shoes" (5:04)
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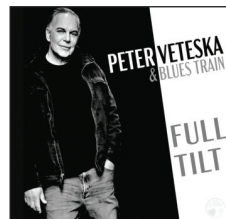
"Rosalita" (4:44)
Cheat The Devil
Whiskey Bayou Records
www.anthonynosano.com



Produced by Tab Benoit, Anthony Rosano's "Rosalita" connects with his beautiful voice and fluid guitar.

7. Peter Veteska & Blues Train

"Slow Down You Crazy Fool" (3:59)
Full Tilt
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Last Call For The Blues
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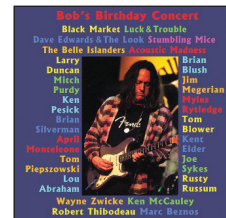
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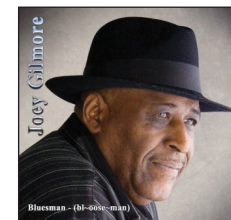
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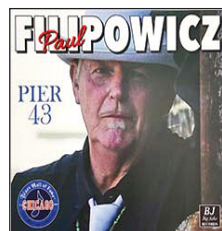
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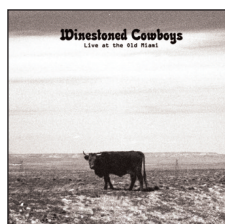
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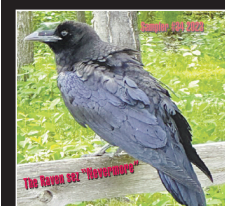
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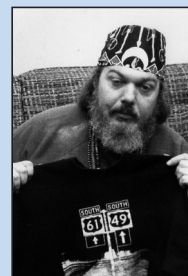
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Dia De Los Muertos Sunset, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, #39 LRBC 11/1/2023



Sugar's cover shot (l-r) Mr. Sipp, Kingfish, Big Llou, D. K. Harrell, Cowboy Walter & Bernard Allison, #39 LRBC, 11/1/2023

And I Ain't Lyin'!

#39 **Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise's** last port stop was Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. It was a beautiful sunny "Dia De Los Muertos" - "Day of the Dead," November 1st, 2023 and the LRBC honored our Blues Legends and Cruisers with a Music Walk on Deck 2 at 10:30 am. Afterwards many cruisers enjoyed the colorful festivities on shore. Sugar &

Junior spent the morning working and setting up the 2024 **Feb/Mar Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine's** cover shoot above the Crow's Nest with the **Kingfish, Mr. Sipp, D.K. Harrell, Bernard Allison, Big Llou and Cowboy Wilbert McAlister**. Before sunset, Sugar finally got to see and hear the genius of **Paul Thorn** at the World Stage, that was standing

#39 LRBC Autograph Party with Chris Cain, Elvin Bishop and Paul Thorn, 11/2/2023



room only. Sugar stopped by to see the one-man band **Nathan James** at the B.B. King's Blues Club. Later that evening while **Los Lobos** performed on the back at the ship's Seaview Pool AFT stage, Sugar soaked in the hot tub and pool under the stars while watching **Ruthie Foster** at the Lido Pool Mid Ship stage.

The last two days of the #39 LRBC was **Bluesin' at Sea**—full days of nonstop music and excitement. Sugar & Junior's headquarters—Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine subscription booth located next to the Lido Pool Mid Ship Stage — was very busy with subscribers and fun, watching and photographing bands. After sunset

Kevin Burt jamming with Pat Harrington & Dave Gross, Crow's Nest, #39 LRBC, 11/3/2023



Kingfish & Scrap Iron Jr. eating healthy on the high seas. 11/2/2023

cruisers began lining up for the artist autograph signing party that gives them a chance to speak and take pictures with their favorite musicians. After the autograph party, Sugar & Junior always attend a special dinner with the artists in the main dining room. The last day of the cruise was a whirlwind of activity between the subscription booth, **Sailin' On The High Seas Silent Auction, Awards Party and Live Auction** then packing it all up. Many, many thanks to all the cruisers who signed up and/or renewed a Big City Rhythm & Blues subscription and bid high for the auctions!

After a two-day train trip from San Diego, they were back in the big "D" as excitement was building for **Michigan Wolverines** and the **Detroit Lions**, Junior began hanging his first Royal Oak art exhibit "**Happy To Have The Blues**" at **Edo Ramen** on December 8 & 9, 2023. Junior had actually been admitted to Detroit's Henry Ford Health Hospital a few



Sugar, Dr. Peabody and Junior are "Happy To Have The Blues!"
Edo Ramen, Royal Oak, MI, 12/9/2023

days before but luckily his very good doctor—**Dr. James Peabody** knew how he could set up a special pass and get Junior approved to leave the hospital during his two-day evening art exhibit event. It was so heartwarming for him to see old and new friends and sell his art. Special thanks to **Greg Vartanian** (co-owner of Edo Ramen) and musicians **John Sinclair, Jeff Grand, Bob & April Monteleone**.

On January 17, 2024, Sugar & Junior left the icy polar vortex behind and are enjoying the sunny south until May! Yeah! Next stop is bluesin' on the high seas #40 **Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise, Mardi Gras, Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival, Tampa Bay Blues Festival** and **New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival!**

Love & happiness,
Sugar Mae

John Sinclair holding his autographed portrait by the artist Robert Jr. Whitall,
Edo Ramen & Sushi, Royal Oak, MI, 12/8/2023



April & Bob Monteleone performing at Jr's "Happy To Have The Blues" art exhibit,
Edo Ramen & Sushi, Royal Oak, MI 12/9/2023



Jeff Grand played the blues with John Sinclair at Junior's "Happy To Have The Blues" art exhibit opening, Edo Ramen &



Junior's first portrait - "Happy To Have The Blues" and the rest is history!

Sugar, Junior, Frank Pettis & Charlie Auringer having fun at Edo Ramen & Sushi
hosting Jr's "Happy To Have The Blues" art exhibit. Royal Oak, MI, 12/9/2023



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