

# REFLECTIONS IN BLUE

## January Reviews



**Backtrack Blues Band**  
**Make My Home In Florida**  
**Harpo Records 6477**

Recorded to a packed house in St. Petersburg, Florida on January 6, 2017, *Make My Home In Florida* was destined to be something special. The band was playing for a hometown audience who knew that the night was being filmed as well as recorded for the band's new live CD/DVD release. The band, which features Sonny Charles on lead vocals and harmonica, Kid Royal on lead guitar & lead vocals (cuts 2 & 4), Little Johnny Walter on rhythm guitar and backing vocals, Joe Bencomo on drums and Stick Davis on bass have been doing their thing for the better part of forty years. The unit came together in 1980, all seasoned players with a love for music, and the blues in particular. Their blend of Chicago Blues with a twist of Texas Blues and whatever else might be called for at any given time, is the kind of stuff that keeps the dancefloor jumpin' and both audiences and club owners happy. This is the type of music that has been keeping everything from juke joints, roadhouses, clubs, bars (both large and small, upscale and dives) packed every weekend for ages...and the Backtrack Blues Band does it quite well. This is a band in the old-school sense of the word. They work well together, to the point where they can anticipate each other's next move...even if things take an unexpected turn. They are no strangers to large crowds, having opened for the likes of Stevie Ray Vaughan, B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Robert Cray, Johnny Winter and countless others who would be considered among the cream of the crop. Whether playing for a large crowd or a packed house in a small club, they give nothing less than 100% each time they take the stage. The music and their fans are of the utmost importance. One of the things that I like most about this package is that it includes a DVD. There are countless music fans who, due to no fault of their own, are not able to get into shows. The video option allows them to enjoy a show they might otherwise miss. It is greatly appreciated. Not only does it broaden the band's audience, it gives those who were in attendance the ability to relive the experience at any time. This recording is a winner on many fronts. What's not to like? Timeless classic and well-done original tunes blend nicely for a totally enjoyable experience. The Backtrack Blues Band are worth traveling to see, but thanks to the folks who decided to film the show as well, the entire world has the opportunity to experience the events of the evening. *Make My Home In Florida* is a win/win. - Bill Wilson

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