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Electric bluesman gets Clapton comparison

How good is Peter Parcek? Well, one of his heroes was Buddy Guy.

He had some friends who got him into Buddy's dressing room after a show.

"I felt a little out of place, because I didn't know anybody. So out of nervousness, I guess, I just absent mindedly pick up one of Buddy's guitars, unplugged and started playing," Peter said. "After a while I realized the room was quiet and I looked up, and Buddy was watching me with his finger pressed to his lips for silence."

"You're as bad as Eric Clapton," Buddy said. "And I know Eric Clapton."

So when you pick up a copy of Peter's CD, *Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven*, be prepared to be amazed.

The new disc was produced by Marco Giovino (Robert Plant, Buddy Miller, Tom Jones), who also played drums and percussion on the sessions. Special guests on *Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven* include North Mississippi Allstars guitarist Luther Dickinson, legendary Muscle Shoals keyboardist Spooner Oldham and long-time Willie Nelson harmonica wiz Mickey Raphael.

"Marco Giovino had uniquely powerful musical concepts and presence,



Peter Parcek

plus tremendous rhythmic and arranging ideas," Parcek said about the recording sessions. "His innovative sound and feel profoundly imbue and impacted the album.

"In addition to being an inspiring producer, player and arranger, Marco assembled a phenomenal band for the recording sessions in Nashville: Luther

Dickinson, Mickey Raphael, Dennis Crouch (T-Bone Burnett, Diana Krall) Dominic John Davis (Jack White) and many more luminaries. We even made a trip to Fame Studios in Alabama to record with the great Spooner Oldham."

If you love electric blues, you must get this NOW!

Too Many Bad Habits still fresh, cool as ever

Blues icon Johnny Nicholas has reissued his long out-of-print 1977 album, *Too Many Bad Habits*, along with a special bonus disc of previously unreleased performances.

"This album was initially released on the fledgling Blind Pig label in 1977 and was cut from their catalogue in 1978 shortly after I joined Asleep at the Wheel and stopped touring under my own name," Johnny said. "I requested the original masters back from the label numerous times over the years and finally got possession of all multi track tapes, masters, art work and photos in January of 2016. After we successfully transferred all of the old tapes, I was pleasantly surprised to discover a bunch of stellar performances which had never been released—Walter and Johnny and Red were my friends and mentors and hearing this stuff was such a thrill. I hope people enjoy listening to these historical slices of the real blues, played by the masters, as much as we have enjoyed re-discovering, listening to and remastering them."

If you're not familiar with Johnny Nicholas, a good comparison would be the Basement Tapes with the Band and Bob Dylan.

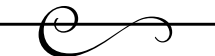


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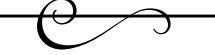
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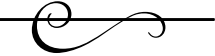
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- ShoutThe Beatles
- OvertureBlood, Sweat & Tears
- Silver InchesEnya
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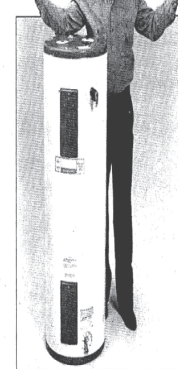
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