Mojo Buford - State Of The Blues Harp (1998)



1 Picking Rags 2 Groundhog Blues 3 Mo's Stroll 4 Jealous Of My Baby 5 I'm A Bluesman 6 I Wanna Know 7 Jack Potato Boogie 8 Come Home Baby 9 Big Leg Woman 10 Watch Dog 11 Jealous Of My Baby 12 Mo's Stroll 13 Deap Sea Diver 14 Picking Rags Bass – Bernice Cartwright Drums – Geoff Nichols Guitar – Richard Studholme Harmonica, Vocals – Mojo Buford Piano – Jack Hills

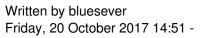
In the past, I have reviewed some of the CD's performed by former members of the Muddy Water's band including, Pinetop Perkins, Willie "Big Eyes" Smith, Bob Margolin and Jerry Portnoy. Harpist Mojo Buford is another former member of that band.

This CD was originally released in 1989 and was re-released with 4 additional tracks by JSP in 1998. Buford is joined on this CD with JSP session musicians Richard Studholme-guitar, Geoff Nichols-drums, Jack Hill-piano, and Bernice Lartwright-bass. Buford's harp playing is sharp and his vocals are reminiscent of the old delta blues performed by the Muddy Water's band.

The lyrics are often witty and somewhat humorous with warnings to big leg women to keep their dress tail down on "Big Leg Woman" to his declaration that he has found a new way of loving his woman on "Deep Sea Diver".

The liner notes indicate that Buford has essentially disappeared after this 1989 release and has not been heard of since. This is not the case. In actuality, Buford has released at least four other CD's on Blue Loon Records all of which are also recommended. ---deepbluereview, amazon.com

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