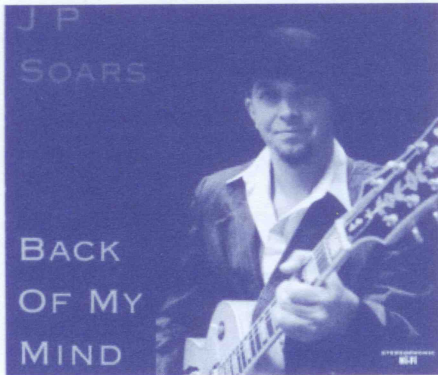


REVIEWS

JP SOARS

BACK OF MY MIND

Soars High Productions, 2008



2009 IBC Winners (Best Blues Band) JP Soars and the Red Hots have received massive hype and praise in the blues press. Guess what: believe the hype. **"BACK OF MY MIND"** is a mix of blues standards and

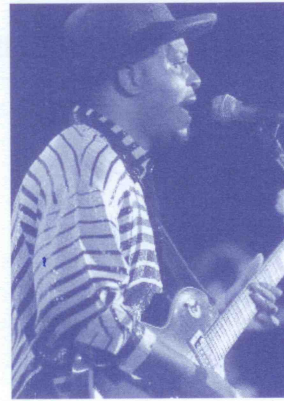
Soars' material. This is great stuff. He sings with heart and soul and his guitar playing is stellar. Ferocious and tasteful, Soars delivers the goods on T-Bone Walker's "Low Dirty Deal" and Reverend Gary Davis' "Cocaine." And his own "Call My Baby" isn't too shabby, either.

Two thumbs way up on JP Soars.

- JACK HADLEY

BLUES GUITARIST LIL' DAVE THOMPSON, R.I.P.

Monday, February 15, 2010



It is with great sadness that we report the death of bluesman Lil' Dave Thompson. The noted blues guitarist was killed in an auto accident outside of Augusta, Georgia at 7:00 AM on Sunday morning, February 14, 2010. Thompson and his band were returning home to Greenville, Mississippi from Charleston,

South Carolina where they had performed Saturday night, the last gig on a lengthy and successful tour. None of Thompson's band members were seriously hurt in the accident.

Thompson was born in Mississippi in 1969 into a blues family, his father Sam having performed alongside artists like Asie Payton, Willie Foster, Paul Wine Jones, and others. He began playing guitar at the age of nine, and was playing in local bands in his early teens. Thompson made his recording debut in 1995 with the release of Little Dave and Big Love on the Fat Possum label. Although he would literally disappear from the blues scene for better than six years, Thompson would reappear in 2002 with his album C'mon Down To The Delta.

It was with a pair of albums for the Electro-Fi Records label, however, that Thompson would make a big noise in the blues world. Thompson's Got To Get Over You (2006) and Deep In The Night (2008) would be accompanied by constant touring and critical acclaim, and would earn the guitarist a loyal and growing audience. Thompson is survived by his wife of 15 years, Susan White, and by five children. Our thoughts go out to Thompson's family, friends, and many fans worldwide.

- **Rev. Keith A. Gordon**

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