

Backtrack Blues Band
Make My Home in Florida
(Harpo Records)

Backtrack Blues Band's latest release *Make My Home in Florida* is a dual disc DVD/CD combo recorded live at the historic Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg, Florida on January 6th, 2017 and has no overdubs or studio edits providing for a truly "live" release. Founding member

Sonny Charles, lead vocals, blues harp, states in the liner notes "...we felt it was the perfect occasion to capture the raw music and positive energy of a Backtrack Blues Band performance." Along with four originals the nine tracks include tunes from the songbooks of BB King, Sonny Boy II, T-Bone Walker and a tune covered by Little Walter. The CD opens with Sonny Boy's "Checkin' On My Baby" and shows the BBB to be a tight outfit led by skillful harp playing and the sharp guitar of lead guitarist Kid Royal. The title track is a slow harp driven blues about their hometown Tampa Bay and the loping shuffle "Shoot My Rooster" showcases some of Kid's chops. Royal take over lead vocals for BB Kings "Woke Up This Morning" and again on the oft covered classic "T-Bone Shuffle." "Nobody But You," penned by Walter Spriggs, was first released by Little Walter & His Jukes in 1957 and features some proficient blues harp by Charles. They come back to Sonny Boy for "Your Funeral and My Trial," a song he recorded for Checker in 1958. The DVD was professionally filmed by Chameleon Filmworks and uses multiple cameras to capture the action in the packed theater. Malcolm Kennedy