



BAND: Matt O'Ree
ALBUM: Matt O'Ree Live
LABEL: N/A
YEAR: 2008
GENRE: Blues Rock
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RATING:

five out of five stars

I could be greedy and not tell you a thing about the best kept secret in New Jersey from the good old USA, or about his CD/DVD 10th anniversary release, but that is not what I nor Rockeyez is all about." It is all about the music." Hence, a local guitar hero of mine, a guitar slinger to most, one day, mark my words he will be known in every blues and rock club around our crumbling world-Matt O'Ree.

I had conducted an interview a few years back with this fine young lad who, was hard at work winning many awards (such as the Guitar Center sponsored "Guitarmageddon King of the Blues", defeating over 4000 entries pitted against him.) O'Ree also won four 2005 Asbury Music Awards at the Legendary Stone Pony for:

Best Blues Band
Best Guitarist
Best Local Release - "Shelf Life"
Best Song of the Year - "Saints & Sinners"

Matt O'Ree was also invited to perform at the legendary guitarist himself, Les Paul's birthday Bash! Not to shabby. There are more accomplishments that Matt has achieved, and I recommend hitting his site for the full Monty.

Well, it has been 10 hard years pounding the road for Matt, who has finally released a live CD/DVD combo "Matt O'Ree Live". This awesome combo features songs from all three of Matt O'Ree's previous releases, as well as some new scorchers.

The CD is a well thought bundle of Matt O'Ree at his best throughout his career. It covers all colors in the spectrum of what you would expect from a guitar player. From the opening cut "What You Got" a Robin Trower type ripper to the acoustic instrumental "Song For Bernie" that demonstrates true feel (Yes feel! Remember what I am always writing about). There are also your blues barn burners like "Back Home" which gives you the foot stomping you need ;to the highly acclaimed (and my favorite) "Saints and Sinners" which is just a fireball of pure musicianship demonstrated by the entire band. By the way, this is a power trio at its best. Bass player Lance Taylor holds it all together nicely while Monster Magnet drummer Bob Pantella lights up the CD with pure adrenalin.

The DVD is a video of the live performance, were you can watch and learn or purely enjoy! The DVD was filmed live at the Starland Ballroom in N.J by Jupiter Video Productions- a nine-time Emmy Award winning camera crew and produced by six-time Emmy Award producer Mike Pamarico. This package is a one-two punch!

I know it must sound like I am all for the home team, Fuck Yea, I am! But as the saying goes” put up or shut up”! Buy this or any other of Matt O’Ree’s music and judge for yourself! I guarantee you will be onboard the fan bus faster than the rising gas prices!

Bravo to Matt and Da Boys!

Rock On!

Band Lineup:

Matt O’Ree – Guitar and vocals
Lance Taylor – Bass
Bob Pantella – Drums

Track Listing:

What You Got
Back Home
Saints and Sinners
Running Home
It’s a Crime
Theresa
Bringing the Blues
Song for Bernie
Over