

Guitar Red

Guitar Red's 15 minutes of fame continue...

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This past summer, Decatur, Georgia based blues guitarist and singer Guitar Red (www.backspacerecords.com) fulfilled an unexpected lifelong dream, going literally from breadlines to headlines with the release of his debut album Lightnin' In A Bottle, the first release by newly launched Atlanta indie label Backspace Records.

Blues publications and journalists across the country are lining up to sing his praises. Red and Lightnin' In A Bottle recently won two key prizes in Real Blues Magazine's Annual Real Blues Awards: Best Debut Blues CD and Best New Blues Artist. In its original review, the publication raved: "Acoustic/Country Blues Album of The Year. It's been 3 or 4 years since anything this important, entertaining and moving has come out of North American Blues."

Blues Underground Network called the album "a true debut blues masterpiece," while Blogcritics Magazine wrote: "I'd lay odds that when he plays street corners, not only do people stop, but traffic does too" Guitar Red's music has more energy and vitality than most bands, and hundreds of times more personality than 90 percent of any musicians I've ever heard. Pure, unadulterated heart and soul." Red's hometown Atlanta Journal-Constitution added simply, "The Real Thing."

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If his success continues, he will not have time to hang around on the bench between the Brick Store and Little Shop of Stories. Or, maybe he'll have to do it some to keep his image "raw and real."

Greetings from REAL BLUES Magazine! Regarding our upcoming ANNUAL REAL BLUES AWARDS - I mentioned that Guitar Red's CD had won in two categories; BEST DEBUT BLUES CD and BEST NEW BLUES ARTIST! Congratulations!

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