

MICK KOLASSA

They Call Me Uncle Mick!

With this album Mick Kolassa has once again returned to his acoustic roots. No amplified instruments were used on any track, making this album purely acoustic. Once again working with producing partner Jeff Jensen, they have assembled a true Free Range Blues experience! Opening with Bo Carter's 1931 gem "My Pencil Won't Write No More" Mick let's everyone know that this album is about fun! The second track is a remake of Mick's song "Wasted Youth", this acoustic version features the one and only Bobby Rush on harmonica. The great John Prine's "Daddy's Little Pumpkin" is next, followed by Mick's "Used to Be" which features Doug McLeod on guitar.

Continuing Mick's hobby of "uncovering" songs that fit well into a blues form, Hank William's "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" is presented in a very different way. Doug McLeod also played on Mick's original "My Woman She's So Mean" – a song about a very troubled and troubling lady. Next, he is joined by the one and only Watermelon Slim as they celebrate a very bluesy version of Joni Mitchell's "Woodstock" – a song they've played together often.



Mick's song "Why?" asks a critical question of an overly critical friend. The old standard "Sunny Side of the Street" lightens the mood, and the lightness continues with Mick's song "Bless His Heart" – which is build around the classic southern put down. The album closes with Mick's homage to cheese – of all kinds.

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TRACK LISTING

- 1 **My Pencil Won't Write No More** (2:55) CARTER
- 2 **Wasted Youth** (4:43) KOLASSA
- 3 **Daddy's Little Pumpkin** (3:20) PRINE
- 4 **Used To Be** (2:36) KOLASSA
- 5 **I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry** (3:16) WILLIAM
- 6 **My Woman She's So Mean** (4:19) KOLASSA
- 7 **Woodstock** (4:54) JONI MITCHELL
- 8 **Why?** (5:07) KOLASSA
- 9 **Sunny Side of the Street** (2:51) MCHUGH & FIELDS
- 10 **Bless His Heart** (3:31) KOLASSA
- 11 **The Cheese Song** (3:12) KOLASSA

MUSICIANS

Mick Kolassa
 VOCALS, GUITAR,
 PERCUSSION

Jeff Jensen
 GUITAR, PERCUSSION

Tom Leonardo
 DRUMS

Carl Caspersen
 BASS

Rick Steff
 PIANO

Eric Hughes
 HARMONICA (1,3,6,8,10)

Alice Hasan
 VIOLIN

Doug McLeod
 GUITAR (4,6)

Watermelon Slim
 VOCALS, HARMONICA (7)

Chris Gill
 SLIDE GUITAR (11)

Brad Webb
 SLIDE GUITAR (2,7)

John Whittemore
 VIBRAPHONE (9)

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 HARMONICA (2)

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