

**MICK KOLASSA**

# UNCLE MICK'S CHRISTMAS ALBUM

This Christmas album was recorded in the 95-degree heat of a Memphis summer, we thought it would be cool. The album is 100% Memphis, every musician, engineer, technician, and guest call Memphis home. Once again Mick Kolassa teamed up with Jeff Jensen to produce a fun-filled and unique album. Combining some originals with Christmas classics the band put a Memphis spin on everything. Trust us, this ain't your daddy's jingle bells!

The album opens with Mick's take on Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You". It is delivered in a very Memphis bluesified fashion. Then the band took "Frosty the Snowman" right down Beale Street in a Second Line kind of way. Mick's original "The Best Christmas Ever" is a fun and funky love song about a very special Christmas present.

The blues classic "Merry Christmas Baby" is followed by a VERY different take on the previously unbluesy "Jingle Bells" – the band brought this song to Memphis in a big way! "Winter Wonderland",

which provides some lightness to the mix, is followed by "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas", delivered with an R&B feeling and featuring Rick Steff on multiple key instruments – including a Mellotron.

Mick's blues rocker "Christmas Morning Blues" is a story of a Christmas that fell victim to a classic blues problem. The album closes with the band's "Beale Street Christmas Jam", in which the musicians each take a shot at fitting a classic Christmas song into a 12-bar 1-4-5 shuffle. All in all, we hope

this album is as much fun to listen to as it was to produce!



## THE MUSICIANS

**Mick Kolassa** VOCALS AND GUITAR

**Jeff Jensen** GUITAR

**Bill Ruffino** BASS

**Rick Steff** KEYS

**James Cunningham** DRUMS

**Eric Hughes** HARMONICA

**Marc Franklin** TRUMPET

**Reba Russell** BACKING VOCALS

**Susan Marshall** BACKING VOCALS



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## TRACK LISTING

**1 All I Want for Christmas is You**

*(Mariah Carey and Walter Afanasieff) 4:25*

**2 Frosty the Snowman**

*(Jack Rollins and Steve Nelson) 2:43*

**3 The Best Christmas Ever**

*(Mick Kolassa) 5:34*

**4 Merry Christmas Baby**

*(Lou Baxter and Johnny Moore) 5:19*

**5 Jingle Bells**

*(Traditional) 4:28*

**6 Winter Wonderland**

*(Felix Bernard and Richard Bernhard Smith) 3:08*

**7 Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas**

*(Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane) 3:38*

**8 Christmas Morning Blues**

*(Mick Kolassa) 3:25*

**9 Beale Street Christmas Jam**

*(Jeff Jensen and Mick Kolassa) 3:28*



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