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A retrospective of Californian guitar virtuoso John Blair, 1973-2017
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- **Long overdue and first retrospective compilation of John Blair's long career in music.**
- **A musical activist, guitar virtuoso, surf music expert, author of books and discographies, John Blair is an important representative of the California music scene.**
- **From Bluegrass music to Rockabilly and Surf sounds.**
- **Contains rarities and previously unreleased material.**
- **Notes and discography by John Blair himself.**
- **Carefully re-mastered for this exclusive Bear Family release.**
- **Extensive liner notes and mostly unpublished photos from John's private collection.**
- **Comes with a 6-sided Digipac.**

John Blair, a dazzling name in the Californian music scene, who once made his first recordings with bluegrass music, played rockabilly with Ray Campi and rocked the surf rock scene at the end of the 1970s. He is author, wrote liner notes to various releases of Rhino Records and other labels, as well as a number of books and discographies about American surfing and hot rod music of the late 50s and 60s.

Here is the long overdue retrospective of John Blair's musical work from 1973 to the present day. Among them, of course, his classics, as well as plenty of rarities and previously unreleased material. Stylistically the palette ranges from bluegrass to rockabilly to plenty of surf instrumentals of the finest playing style, including an unreleased unplugged acoustic set.

Sounds of the early years

The first CD of this 2-CD set is chronological and opens with an extremely rare bluegrass recording from 1973, here for the first time on CD, followed by some rockabilly tracks, when John worked with Ray Campi & His Rockabilly Rebels for Rockin' Ronny Weiser's Rollin' Rock Label.

Jon & The Nightriders

John Blair is not only the founder of this surf rock legend, he is also the head and soul of the band. With this formation he not only stirred up the Californian surf scene at the end of the 70s, he was driving a new surf instrumental wave worldwide long before Quentin Tarantino even thought of 'Pulp Fiction'. A large part of this double CD rightly deals with Jon & The Nightriders with many beautiful, sometimes brutal live recordings with a tough drive, including rarities and plenty of unreleased material on CD2! The classic title song 'Rumble At Waikiki' is included twice, in a rare early studio version and the legendary 'Whiskey A Go-Go' live version!

Various John Blair projects and guest appearances

CD2 also includes a series of surf instrumental recordings recorded by John Blair with various bands, including many well-known bands such as The Trespassers, The Eliminators and Frankie & The Pool Boys, or the Spanish-born Els A-Phonics. And here is also a complete unreleased acoustic surf instrumental set that John Blair recorded together with Marty Tippens. Surf Rock unplugged! Just great! The double CD contains 52 tracks, many rarities never before on CD and a total number of 22 previously unissued gems and of course an excessive booklet with many rare photos, label illustrations and memorabilia from John Blair's private archive and last but not least, the fantastic first-hand liner notes by John Blair himself! Rumble At Waikiki!

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TRACK LISTING:

CD 1:
The Procks, Gerald & Elnora: Ole Slew Foot • **Ray Campi & His Rockabilly Rebels:** Honky Tonk Man • I'm Coming Home • Don't Get Pushy • **Jon & The Nightriders:** Rumble At Waikiki • Ali Baba • Suicide Bay • Depth Charge • Rumble At Waikiki (Live) • The Nightrider (Live) • **John Blair:** Star Palace Radio Commercial (poss. Radio Station KKDJ) - Fresno, CA • **Jon & The Nightriders:** (I Think I'm) Surfing Japanese • Splashback! (Medley) [James Bond Theme-Batman-Pipeline-Apache-Walk Don't Run-Wipe Out-Telstar-Peter Gunn Theme-Misirlou-Tequila-Ring Of Fire-Runaway-Red River Valley-High Noon-El Paso-Wheels-Rebel Rouser] • Charge Of The Nightriders (William Tell Overture) • Geronimo • Storm Dancer • Beneath The Reef • Thunder Over Rincon (Live) • Banzai Washout (Live) • Amor Del Mar • Rev-Up! • Moon Tide • Boogie Board • Cabazon • Molokai Cocktail • Moving Target

CD 2:
Jon & The Nightriders: Bombay Beach/Bombora (Live) • Moon Cricket (Live) • Horror Hayride (Live) • The Force Of Gravity (Live) • **John Blair:** Free Fall • The Eliminators: Balsa Chica • **The Trespassers:** Spookfish (Demo) • Slipstream (Demo) • **Frankie & The Pool Boys:** Cat Fight • **The Els A-Phonics:** Albufera Stomp • **The Surfari's Tribute Band:** Dune Buggy (Live) • Storm Surf/Wipe Out (Coda) (Live) • **John Blair & Marty Tippens:** Vaquero • Indian Nation • Adventures In Paradise • Clink Clink Classic • Panic Button • Gandy Dancer • March Of The Fiberglass Soldiers • Blue Fire • Amor Del Mar • Find Me A Golden Street • Almost Paradise • Evermore • Bulldog • Come Softly To Me (Coda)

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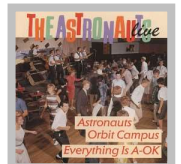
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