

Playyard blues..at last

So, at last, we had *Playyard Blues* released by Mascot. The European release date was May 17, 2010. Next..the album has been put out in Japan (May), Taiwan (June) and finally in the UK (July 4, 2010). A lot words have been spent on the last John's fatigue, but every word heard is a positive one. *Playyard Blues* demonstrated (once again and not the last one) the blues side of John. Blues has always been part of John's inspirations, but a

so massive blues-oriented work has never seen the light..before now. And this doesn't mean the album fails just because is unusual for hard-rock guitar god like John. His versatility (check out for the hundreds of collaborations John was involved in) is the key to unlock his successful career, since the 80s. Apart from a couple of tracks *PB* is totally bluesy..not "the old, boring, classic blues style", but more modern, where blues traditional patterns find a good compromise with rock ones. It's not a secret the first track from this album *Let It Shine*, was previously released on a good blues rock compilation called *Where blues meets*

rock. As said before, a couple (maybe three) of tracks are pure hard, heavy, guitar-god oriented tracks, where *Leif Sundin* (*Face it live 96*) has been called back on voice. I'm speaking about *Got my eyes on you* and *Born again*. The rest of the new solo work is sang by John himself, a very good trial on voice again. Just one word about *PB*. If you are a long time John's fan ..go and buy it from your local reseller. You'll not be disappointed, apart from the total running length (10 track, less than 50 mins) and the lack of a couple of instrumental tracks as on *Optimus*. Maybe the next album, I hope.. (*LF*)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Saturday July 17, 18-21 (GMT +1) John will be on [Total Rock Radio](#) UK for an exclusive interview talking about *Playyard blues*.
- ◆ Europe will play at this year's iTunes LIVE Festival at the London Roundhouse on July 25th. Click [here](#) to watch the show.

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wants. This issue—I know—is not full of news, contents, etc..but read it, look at the design and ..but please..give me a feedback using the link <http://micropoll.com/t/KET30ZBKcG> (it's a poll) and/or send an email to webmaster@johnnorum.net with subject *Newsletter Feedback* and tell me your opinions. It's very important for the newsletter's future. Maintaining a website without having external helps is very hard and time-consuming, especially if

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