



Robert 'Top' Thomas

The Town Crier

Florida "Swamp Blues" master Robert 'Top' Thomas, a native of New Smyrna Beach, Florida has toured and/or recorded as guitarist and vocalist with several renowned Blues artists including; "Noble 'Thin Man' Watts", "Lazy Lester", "Victor Wainwright", "The King Snake All-Star Revue", "Alex Taylor", "Bill Wharton", "Blue House", and "Mark 'MuddyHarp' Hodgson", to name a few; but is best known as a founding member of King Snake recording artist "Smoke-House".

"SmokeHouse" recorded four groundbreaking CD's in the 90's that defined the genre of Florida Swamp Blues. Living Blues Magazine said of their 3rd release Cadillac in the Swamp; "*The year 1995 was a great one for blues recording, but this irrepressible set of updated swamp blues earns this reviewer's vote as the best of the lot.*"

Robert's sound is a gumbo of Louisiana swamp and Delta roots, influenced by many of his heroes including; Lightnin' Slim, Muddy Waters, Jimmy Reed, and Lazy Lester.

Supporting Robert on his debut CD "The Town Crier" are Stephen Dees (Bass), Billy Dean (Drums) [WildRoots rhythm section], and introducing to the Blues world; harmonica virtuoso Stephen Kampa [winner of the 2012 Florida Harmonica Championship]. Also, look for special guest performances by Victor Wainwright, Damon Fowler, Brandon Santini, and Beth McKee.

"It's with great pride that I introduce Robert "Top" Thomas debut CD on WildRoots Records, "The Town Crier". This is a man that knows the blues! His authentic guitar playing and vocal stylings are the real deal. I know you'll enjoy this album as much as we do."

Victor Wainwright - Co-Owner of WildRoots Records & 2012/2013 BMA Nominee

"... the first on my best of 2013 list. This is a knock-out, kick-ass blues album by a wailing frontman with that perfect gruff blues voice and some shredding guitar solos, reminiscent of all those great old legends such as Muddy Waters, Hound Dog Taylor, Robert Johnson"
Rockin' Roll Call - Bill Locey

"..great album without a single weak spot. Proof that real Blues is not dead."
Barn Owl Blues - Eric Campfens

"I can honestly say I'm completely pleased and impressed with this effort. Thomas has done his legacy proud..."
Silver Michaels - Memphis TN

"Excellent production, top-notch performances, and lots of personality..." **Blinded by Sound**

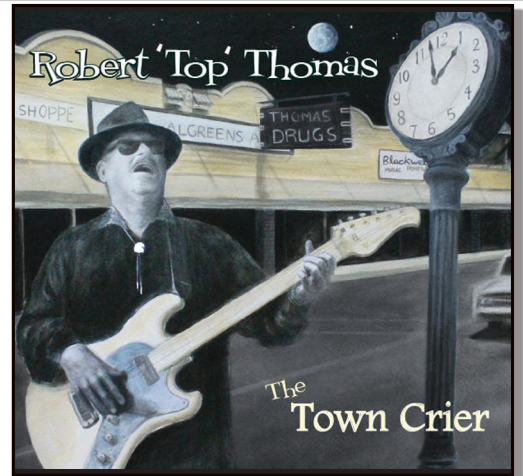
WildRoots Records, a Edgewater FL/Memphis TN based label, is known for releasing three internationally acclaimed CD's by Victor Wainwright and the WildRoots, produced by Stephen Dees, who once again takes the seat as producer for "The Town Crier".

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ARTIST: Robert 'Top' Thomas

TITLE: The Town Crier

FORMAT: CD (13 Tracks)

LABEL: WildRoots Records, LLC

RELEASE DATE: Feb 19th, 2013

CATALOGUE NUMBER: CD2013

UPC NUMBER: 884501828994

MUSICIANS:

Robert 'Top' Thomas - Lead Vocals, Lead Electric & Acoustic Guitars

Stephen Dees - Bass, Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Percussion, BG Vocals

Billy Dean - Drums

Stephen Kampa - Harmonica

SPECIAL GUEST MUSICIANS:

Victor Wainwright - Co-Lead Vocal Trk# 6, Acoustic Piano, Organ

Damon Fowler - Dobro Guitar Trk# 10

Brandon Santini - Harmonica Trks# 2 & 11

Beth McKee - Accordion Trk# 3

TRACK LISTING:

01. Mississippi Quickie [3:29]
02. Blues Grass [3:06]
03. The Same Thing Could Happen to You [2:34]
04. Lazy Little Daisy [3:43]
05. King Snake Crawl [4:13]
06. Bad Seed [featuring Victor Wainwright] [5:09]
07. What's the Matter Ma [1:48]
08. Sugar Shop [3:14]
09. YeeHaw Junction [3:06]
10. I'm a Freight Train [featuring Damon Fowler] [2:48]
11. Daddy's Gone [featuring Brandon Santini] [2:46]
12. The Town Crier [4:03]
13. It Aint Easy [2:58]

Produced and arranged by **Stephen Dees**

WildRoots Records

All songs BMI



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