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Big Radio Records Signs Christopher Wyze & The Tellers For Their Debut Album: *Stuck in the Mud*

MEMPHIS, TENN. (May 20, 2024) – Big Radio Records, a label of Memphis music mainstay Select-O-Hits, has inked Christopher Wyze & the Tellers for their debut album, *Stuck in the Mud*. The 13-track studio release is scheduled to drop July 19, 2024.

“I learned about Wyze & the Tellers from a producer-friend. Their blues, it grabbed him,” says Johnny Phillips, who heads the label. Phillips listened and quickly decided he wanted Wyze’s *Stuck in the Mud* sound for his new and growing Big Radio Records label. “These guys lay down a fresh sound, but with an ‘old as mud’ feel to it,” he adds with a smile.

And Johnny Phillips should know. The label he runs operates within industry trailblazer Select-O-Hits, established in 1960 by his father, Tom Phillips and his uncle Sam Phillips of Sun Records fame. The company has been a part of more than 300 gold, platinum and Grammy winning albums, including many blues hits over the past six decades, the latest being a Grammy for Best Contemporary Blues Album for *Brother Johnny* by Edgar Winter.

And while the band name Christopher Wyze & the Tellers may be new to the blues scene, frontman, harp-player and singer-songwriter Wyze is anything but.

“I spent two decades doing blues standards,” says the Indianapolis-based Wyze. “It gets inside you and the stories just bubble up.” He penned lyrics for the album in Clarksdale, Miss. Recently, Nashville Songwriters Association International named Wyze a “One to Watch” songwriter (December 2023). A co-writer joins Wyze on each *Stuck in the Mud* track.

Recording in Muscle Shoals, AL and Clarksdale, MS, producer Ralph Carter directed the sessions. Classic rock lovers may know Carter from the prominence he reached early in his career as tour musical director, bass player and song co-writer with Eddie Money. His works include the smash hit, *Shakin*. In the blues world, Carter has written, toured, recorded and

produced with Sugar Ray Rayford and Franck L. Goldwasser (Paris Slim), among others. Christopher Wyze handles lead vocals on all thirteen tracks, adding blues harp to seven of them. Other featured artists include Eric Deaton on acoustic, electric and slide guitar for Muscle Shoals tracks and Cary Hudson on electric, acoustic and slide guitars for Clarksdale tracks.

Deaton has been a key contributor to the Grammy-winning sound of the Black Keys, on tour and in studio, notably on their hit blues album *Delta Kreme*. Singer-songwriter/guitarist Cary Hudson, called “a national treasure” by Jason Isbell, formerly fronted beloved rock band Blue Mountain. In 2023, he was named Artist of the Year by Southland Music Line.

Wyze & the Tellers will premiere a video single of *Stuck in the Mud* June 21st to coincide with album pre-order kick off. The full album debuts July 19, 2024, with distribution via digital platforms, online retail outlets and brick-and-mortar record stores by Select-O-Hits. Music fans can sign up for release updates at: www.ChristopherWyze.com or visit the label: www.BigRadioRecords.com. *Stuck in the Mud* is one of three blues albums to be unveiled by Big Radio Records this summer.