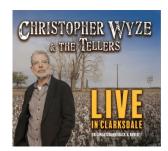


Blues Band Christopher Wyze & The Tellers Drop New Video "Back to Clarksdale"



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It doesn't happen every day that I feel the need to write about this, although it absolutely could. I'm talking about the blues, and how that genre relates to country music, because the two actually go hand-in-hand. To be fair, country music wouldn't even exist without the blues. Early blues artists like Robert Johnson, Lead Belly, Lightnin' Hopkins, John Lee Hooker and Muddy Waters are often named as huge influences on the creators of modern country music.

Let me back up. You're wondering why I'm rambling on about the blues, right? Before I explain the actual reason, I will say it's a subject I could bend your ear on for hours because it's not only fascinating to me, it's often necessary to cool the jets of those that will never appreciate the constant evolution of country music, but I'll put that on a shelf for today. For the moment, I need to give the blues a spotlight because I want to tell you about a fantastic band from that genre. Christopher Wyze & The Tellers have a new video "Back to Clarksdale" and it's delicious!



Photo courtesy of Christopher Wyze & The Tellers

Live in Clarksdale, their recently released album, is a real gift to fans of Christopher Wyze & The Tellers who have been listening to their studio records. There's almost never a better way to hear the blues than live and now you can also see the band live! On October 1, 2024 at the Juke Joint Chapel, Wyze and the five-piece Tellers recorded their show in front of a live audience. The former cotton gin was given a new life as a music venue that focuses on the sounds that originated in the Mississippi Delta – the blues. The very finest blues artists can be heard there and fans need to add it to their bucket lists. The cream of the crop have already graced the Juke Joint Chapel stage,

including **John Mayall**, **Kingfish**, **Cedric Burnside** and now, of course, Christopher Wyze & The Tellers.

In addition to the album and the "Back to Clarksdale" video, a combo CD/DVD *Live in Clarksdale* set is available, which features a 50-minute documentary filmed in the Mississippi Delta and hosted and produced by Christopher Wyze. The bonus content takes viewers on a tour through the musical landmark of Clarksdale and its historic surroundings, including the **Crossroads**, where Robert Johnson was said to have sold his soul to the devil.



The Crossroads / Photo courtesy of Patti McClintic

For those who consider themselves fans of the blues and its long and storied history, *Live in Clarksdale* is a must-have. It's streaming everywhere and available directly from the artist at bigradiorecords.com. The artist has also added tons of video from the show to their YouTube channel at Christopher Wyze & The Tellers on YouTube. If you subscribe to the channel (which costs absolutely nothing) and hit the notification bell, you'll get new videos as soon as they're uploaded.