



MANNISH BOYS

Big Plans

(Delta Groove)

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Records from Van

Nuys, California,

was created specifically to release traditional blues from the Mannish Boys (and others), an all-star assemblage of West Coast blues veterans, although Chicagoans Jody Williams and Bobby James make appearances on this disc. The musicians read like a virtual *Who's Who*: Johnny Dyrer, Finis Tasby, Kid Ramos, Rick Holmstrom, Rob Rio, Mitch Kasmar, Jeff Turmes,

Eli Fletcher, Richard Innes, Tom Leavey, Leon Blue, Frank Goldwasser, and others, all left coast blues veterans. The music is most definitely straight blues, without the least bit of rock influence, and the performances are uniformly outstanding. What impressed me was the purity of purpose obvious in every performance. My only question: which musicians comprise the touring version of the band? Maybe I'll just have to see them next time they come around.

—Bob Cianci