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THE MANNISH BOYS

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The Mannish Boys are one of today's top exponents of the Chicago and southern blues sound of the fifties; hardly surprising given the line-up of veteran blues men Bobby Jones, Finis Tasby or Johnny Dyer on vocals, label boss Randy Chortkoff on vocals and harmonica, Frank Goldwasser, Kirk Fletcher or Kid Ramos on guitars (just check the experience of that trio!), Ronnie James Weber or Tom Leavey on bass and Richard Innes on drums.

As if that wasn't enough, they have some guests along too: one time Earl Hooker sparring partner Little Sam Davis on vocals and harmonica being perhaps the most notable for the purists, whilst lovers of modern blues will welcome the presence of guitar ace Junior Watson, harmonica men Lynwood Slim and Al Blake, and pianist Fred Kaplan. Put these guys in the studio with a bunch of songs such as Howlin' Wolf's 'Chocolate Drop' (never thought I would hear any cover of this particular song, never mind one so well tackled by singer Jones!), Junior Parker's 'These Kind Of Blues', a couple from Billy 'The Kid' Emerson, some other equally worthwhile borrowings and a few originals (including two by Sam Davis), and the results recommend themselves. If you ever despaired of hearing new recordings of that real blues sound, do yourself a favour and go and buy this right now!

----- *Norman Darwin*