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Cathi's CD Reviews 2-1-09

Jo' Buddy & Down Home King III - "Whole Lotta Things to Do" (Ram Bam Records) A

Jussi Raulamo (Jo Buddy) a guitarist from Finland, partnering with a drummer (Down Home King III - there's a I and II?) on their version of the blues - all original tunes recorded live. Described as "roots gumbo" the music is blues and draws you in with a smile. Jo Buddy has been on 28 albums (!) and worked his show all over Europe. He's 40 years old and plays rhythm, solo and bass on his archtop guitar over his drummer's (16 years younger) beat. Very ballsy.primitive and yet with a pocket all his own. I'm not sure exactly what to call this. Finlandiana roots-blues? Sometimes out of tune, but never out of groove.this is a one-man band who picked up a drummer and feels it every time. This guy is definitely an original who can definitely show us a little bit about feel (check out # 4 or 7) - Finland gut-bucket stuff..who knew?

-Cathi Norton-