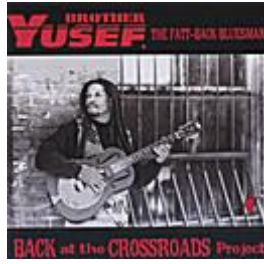


Mp3 Brother Yusef - Back At The Crossroads Project



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Down home, backwoods, gut bucket, blues. This is what happens when one man, his guitar and his left foot gets the Blues 13 MP3 Songs BLUES: Acoustic Blues, FOLK: Folk Blues Details: Brother Yusef is a master of traditional slide guitar, as well as a uniquely passionate vocalist. He remembers first hearing the call of the Blues as young child attending church with his grandparents in Bakersfield, CA. The raw and intense emotions in church left a lasting impression which he carried with him into other music genres. At age 19 Brother Yusef picked up a guitar and began experimenting with reggae, r&b and jazz. He found himself at a musical crossroads in 1989 when he went to the Bakersfield church of his childhood, to pay his last respects at his grandfather's funeral. A soloist there began picking out a soothing church hymn on guitar, connecting Yusef to his grandfather, elders and ancestors in the rich tradition of the blues. Brother Yusef has gained recognition from audiences and musicians throughout the Los Angeles and Orange County area for his range of sounds and emotions -sadness, joy, anger and laughter. He keeps "one foot in the past and one in the present", by combining "traditional" finger picking and slide guitar playing with the contemporary feel of urban blues. Audiences love the full sound of his solo performances (he uses his right hand thumb to beat out a percussive bass-line and shuffle, while the index finger plays rhythm and lead lines); and musicians nicknamed him "Fatback" or "Fatt-Back Bluesman", for his intense playing and vocal style. Brother Yusef occasionally plays with a blues trio he formed in 1998, The F.B. Experience. The group features Yusef on guitar and vocals, Keith Crenshaw on drums and Robert S. Hilton on washboard, harmonicas a unique collection of homemade instruments. These days Brother Yusef can be seen performing at Downtown Disney located at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California. Usually every Thursday, Friday Saturday.

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