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A new compilation of fresh blues, featuring lyrics by Pete Thelen. 10 MP3 Songs BLUES: Acoustic Blues, BLUES: Blues Vocals Details: BLUES BYTES Blues Today, Volume III is the third in a series of project albums from Arizona singer / songwriter Pete Thelen. The concept here is to gather groupings of Thelen's friends in the studio to record his original compositions. Like the previous collections, there is always at least one gem which makes the album worth finding. This time out it's a simple, acoustic number, "Wind Up From Mexico," featuring harmonica player and singer Lester Chambers (of Chambers Brothers fame) and guitarist K.K. Martin, the latter with some nice slide work. Making a return appearance to Blues Today, Volume III is legendary blues drummer Chico Chism, who handles the vocal work on the blues shuffle "Blues Today." The perpetually cool Chism doesn't sound completely comfortable with this number, but it still comes across well. Another keeper is an acoustic tune with an ole' timey feel, "Thumbnail Moon," featuring good fiddle by Jon Parry, vocals from Charlie Prazma and accordion from Mike King (the latter is a nice touch); this song ends on an interesting note, as the Marshall Vente Orchestra come in just as the song is fading out. Rena Haus, who also appeared on a previous Blues Today album, contributes tasteful vocals on the jazzy/gospel-ish "2ns Shoe," with strong tenor sax playing from Jim Massoth. Finally, one more strong cut, "Lovers," introduces female vocalist Carey Slade, a singer with just enough of a rasp in her voice. For more information on the Blues Today collections and the work of Pete Thelen, check out his site at blues-today.com. MUEN Magazine PETE THELEN'S LATEST BLUES COMPILATION 'BLUES TODAY VOL. III featuring himself in collaboration with some of his blues friends, which just so happens to be some of the best blues artists I've heard in guit a while! Great album with roots stretching deep into nothing but the solid blues.... Peter Thelen from Wisconsin releases another compilation featuring himself and fellow artists, Lester Chambers, Chico Chism, Linda

Moss, Charlie Prazma, Vince Micko, Rena Haus, Mike King, Wayne Bruno, and Carey Slade. "We had such a great time making 'Blues Today Vol. II' that I decided to give it another go," says Thelen. "Additionally, we grew from some thirty artists to some fourty-plus. It took one-and-a-half years and three studios (to complete)." The Musicianship on this latest compelation is of the highest quality. Many of the artists are known and respected highly in the music world, such as legendary soul singer Lester Chambers of Chambers Brothers renown, Chico Chisma is also a legendary drummer.... Go to blues-todayto learn more about Pete Thelen and his greatest contribution to date titled "Blues Today Vol. III". BluePower Review: Blues Today Volume Three! Fri Jun 28 16:23:12 PDT 2002 An eclectric Blues treat from BT PRODUCTIONS, this new CD features some very fine artists including LESTER CHAMBERS, K.K. MARTIN, CHICO CHISM, LINDA MOSS, CHARLIE PRAZMA, VINCE MICKO, RENA HAUS, MIKE KING, WAYNE BRUNO, CAREY SLADE AND PETE THELEN. Pete Thelen, the driving force behind this great series of CD's, has written most of the lyrics to all the cuts as well as arranged and produced. BluePower picks are: "Wind Up From Mexico", "Blues Today" and "Never Stray". This CD is a great listen when accompanied with a good bottle of wine, someone you love and a stormy night. Check it out! John Rhys/BluePower Southland Blues VARIOUS ARTISTS Blues Today, Volume III BT Productions Singing blues tunes today needn't be much different from yesterday. The topics are the same. Our manner of expression is the same. In many ways, we face the same problems today that our grandparents and their parents faced early on. Ten originals by Pete Thelen share that comfort. He's collaborated with Mike King and Charlie Prazma on most of the tunes. Each song is performed by a different ensemble. Thelen sings "Reunion," with Prazma on guitar and bass, Paul Wood on piano and Bruce Penn on drums. "We've come a long way," he sings. Boogie-woogie and a contemporary attitude give fresh air to the refrain, "All I want to do is sing the blues." Chico Chism sings the title track, which includes a powerful harp performance by Mark Dennyand a soulful guitar solo from Greg Sheldon. Linda Moss belts out a strong warning on "Storm A- brewin'," a slow, driving blues that features Prazma's fiery guitar. He sings "Thumbhail Moon," a loping ballad with fiddle, accordion, dobro, mandolin and more. "Alameda" is a special selection created by Vince Micko. The rock ballad oozes strong emotions, as Micko sings about a special woman. Thelen's lyrics are included with the liner notes, making this one a valuable addition to the household blues collection. Rena Haus sings "2nd Shoe" in a soulful, Ray Charles-like setting with piano, organ, bass and tenor sax. It's a lovely tune about the kind of things we

take on our shoulders every day. Wayne Bruno sings, "I never stray far from the blues" slowly and deliberately, and Carey Slade sings about life-long lovers elsewhere on this highly recommended album. Mike King sings Zydeco on "Seem To Be," another common sense tune about the things we see every day. "Sometimes, things aren't what they seem to be," King says. No kidding. The very same message that our ancestors faced way back when is still on our blues agenda today. -Jim Santella What's Up Pete Thelen is that rare breed of musician that enjoys recording and releasing music by other artists as much as his own material. Each of the Wisconsin-based singer/songwriter Blues Today volumes is more a labor of love than anything else; see. this is not a record label owner putting out the music of others; the soft-spoken Thelan is rather a passionate fan. Thelan is now set to release Blues Today Volume III, which he hopes to be his most ambitious, well-received effort yet. The previous two B.T. compilations received media praise from both print and radio from coast to coast. Thelan has an Orange County connection, too - his 1999 B.T. Volume II compilation was released on O.C. musician K.K. Martin's Ranell Records imprint. Martin and legendary soul singer Lester Chambers (of Chambers Brothers renown) are also part of the strong eleven-track lineup on BTVIII. For more info. on BTVIII and/or to order the CD, log onto blues-today.com.

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