

## Jonny Lang - Smokin' (1995)

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1. "Louise" (Lang, Langseth) – 4:23 2. "Changes" (Larsen) – 3:17 3. "Lovin' My Baby" (Lang) – 3:10 4. "I Love You the Best" (Lang) – 4:03 5. "Nice & Warm" (Benoit) – 7:43 6. "It's Obdacious" (Johnson) – 3:18 7. "Sugarman" (Hayes) – 4:12 8. "'E" Train" (Larsen, Larsen, Larsen) – 4:11 9. "Too Tired" (Collins) – 3:15 10. "Smokin'" (Lang, Larsen, Larsen) – 3:45 11. "Malted Milk" (Johnson) – 3:17
- "Kid" Jonny Lang - vocals, guitar Ted  
"Lightnin' Boy" Larsen - guitars, backing vocals Michael Rey Larsen - drums, backing vocals  
Jeff Hayes - bass guitar, backing vocals + Steve Cropper – guitars

Smokin' is a good electric blues album, but it's hard to divorce an assessment of it from the knowledge that singer/guitarist Jonny Lang was a mere 14 years old when he recorded it. Would one consider it such an achievement if the bandleader were twice that age? Probably not. Without Lang's precocity as a draw, the album is a competent work in a hidebound form. The guitar playing is fluid and professional in a style reminiscent of many other players, notably B.B. King. The singing is fine, but unremarkable. The backup band maintains a groove and gives Lang something to play off of. If you saw a band playing like this in a local club, you'd have a good time. And if you could tell that the guitar player was underage, you'd be far more impressed. But then, that's the point, isn't it? ---William Ruhlmann, allmusic.com

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