

Big Joe Manfra – Dois (2006)



01. *I'll Hurt You* (3:53) 02. *All Over Now* (3:16) 03. *Grange* (3:44) 04. *Little Ol' Groove* (1:38) 05. *Pretty Sad Girl* (3:32) 06. *Funk'n' Crazy* (1:34) 07. *I'm Ready* (5:28) 08. *Nao Volte Aqui* (3:55) 09. *Wrong Life Blues* (5:40) 10. *Crazy Little Thing Called Love* (3:58) 11. *Jogo De Dado* (5:03) 12. *Hoochie Coochie Man* (5:48) 13. *Ja E Blues!!!! (Pt. I & II)* (3:31) Peter Madcat Ruth - Harmonica, Vocals Big Joe Manfra - Guitar Fabio Mesquita - Bass Andre Carvalho - Drums + Jefferson Goncalves – Harmonica

During his fifteen-year solo career, four CDs and the first DVD made by a Brazilian artist under his belt, Big Joe Manfra is considered one of the major blues artists in Brazil nowadays. His work reflects the weight of his personality, combined with a great deal of talent and perseverance, ingredients necessary to achieve some attention with a musical style that does not belong to the Brazilian culture. After spending a period in the United States, Manfra returned to Brazil in 1994, beginning his solo career a year later. Over this period, Big Joe Manfra developed a sound that has his own brand. Assuming the vocals from the second CD on, he tried not to stick just to the traditional blues, mixing the energy of his rock side with the funk rhythms and the jazz influence on his arrangements to the style born in Mississippi. His unmistakable bluesy accent led American harp ace Peter "Madcat" Ruth to call him during the last ten years to his tour, as a result they did the CD "Live in Rio" (2006), recorded live at the traditional Brazilian club Mistura Fina in Rio de Janeiro. Madcat said about him, "Big Joe Manfra is a great guitar player, his leads always have good taste and his rhythm guitar is solid as a rock." Around the stages of South America, Big Joe Manfra played in festivals alongside American blues big names like Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers, Tommy Castro and Chicago Blues Ladies; also sharing the stage with international names such as John Mayall & The Bluesbreakers, Roy Rogers, Michael Hill, Stanley Jordan, Grant Green Jr., Norton Buffalo, Peter Madcat and Jamie Wood. In May 2008, after opening with his band the first show of John Mayall & The Bluesbreakers South America Tour in Rio de Janeiro, Big Joe Manfra had the pleasure to be invited to play some songs with the legendary English father of the blues and his band on the rest of the tour. Having all these credentials, Big Joe Manfra is endorsed by Walden Guitars, Tecniforte Cables and SG Strings; contributor to Backstage Magazine and founder of Blues Time Records, today the biggest Brazilian blues label. --- bigjoemanfra.com

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