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1. *Ain't That Loving You* 5:38 2. *Southside Stomp* 4:13 3. *Death Don't Have No Mercy* 6:00
4. *Jim's Song* 3:00 5. *Heartbreak (It's Hurtin' Me)* 6:43 6. *Howlin' Blues* 4:11 7. *Never Gonna Break My Faith* 5:25
8. *Long Lost Conversation* 10:15 9. *Sweet Miss Vee* 4:16 10. *Blues for Magic Sam* 5:24 11. *So Many Roads* 10:52 12. *You Don't Know What Love Is* 4:04
Ronnie Earl - guitar Dave Limina – piano and Hammond B3 Diane Blue – vocals Forrest Padgett – drums Paul Kochanski – bass + Nicholas Tabarias – guitar Mark Earley – baritone sax Mario Perrett – tenor sax Peter Ward – guitar

Stony Plain Records released of the latest CD from multi Blues Music Award-winning guitarist Ronnie Earl and his band, the Broadcasters, *The Luckiest Man*. Ronnie Earl calls the album, “A traditional blues album of remembrance, love, and unwavering resolve to live with faith and gratitude.” The new disc was recorded at Woolly Mammoth Studios, Waltham, Mass.; Keep the Edge Studio, Quincy, Mass.; and in Groton, Mass. On *The Luckiest Man*, Ronnie and the Broadcasters, both current as well as some of the earliest members, contribute to the new album, which follows the sudden loss of Jim Mouradian, the band’s beloved bass player following a show in January. Mouradian was also a respected guitar luthier, family man and a gentleman. This musical journey through loss and healing can be felt in the hauntingly beautiful “Death Don’t Have No Mercy,” and in Ronnie’s tender tribute to his brother on “Jim’s Song.” Life moves ever onward in the pulse and beat of “Heartbreak,” and faith takes hold in “Never Gonna Break My Faith.” For the song, “Long Lost Conversation,” Ronnie is reunited with some of the earliest Broadcasters and current members of Sugar Ray and the Bluetones, who were on his first albums in 1983.

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