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Howlin' Wolf - Live and Cookin' at Alice's Revisited (1972/1992)



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While Howlin' Wolf would never experience the sort of late-career renaissance enjoyed by his friend and number one competitor Muddy Waters during the mid-1970s, he could still display a measure of the electricity he once had when the spirit so moved him. Such a performance can be found on Live And Cookin' At Alice's Revisited, released in 1972 as the only live album released during Wolf's lifetime. Chess and producer Ralph Bass unknowingly captured lightning in a bottle, providing Wolf with one last shot at immortality (he would release only one more studio album, 1973's The Back Door Wolf, before his death in 1976).

Live And Cookin' At Alice's Revisited documents a January 1972 performance at a converted coffeehouse on the North side of Chicago called Alice's Revisited. For the record, Wolf was backed by his longtime musical foils – guitarist Hubert Sumlin and pianist Sunnyland Slim – as well as legendary drummer Fred Below, second guitarist L.V. Williams, former Little Walter bassist Dave Myers, and Chicago blues institution, saxophonist Eddie Shaw. It's a sad commentary on Wolf's status at the time that a few days after this now-legendary gig, Wolf and the band were opening for Alice Cooper in Los Angeles...an odd and ill-fitting pairing if ever there was one. --- Reverend Keith A. Gordon, About.com Guide

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