



LAZY LESTER'S *ALL OVER YOU* (25th ANNIVERSARY EDITION) TO BE RELEASED NOVEMBER 10, 2023 VIA ANTONE'S / NEW WEST RECORDS

POPMATTERS PREMIERES PREVIOUSLY UNRELEASED "NOTHING BUT THE DEVIL (LIVE) TODAY

Antone's / New West Records are proud to release Lazy Lester's *All Over You (25th Anniversary Edition)* on November 10, 2023. The 13-track set was remastered by Jim Wilson & Matty Alger and will be available on vinyl for the first time. The anniversary edition also includes a solo, live performance of Lightnin' Slim's classic, "Nothing But The Devil." Met with acclaim upon its original release, **AllMusic** awarded *All Over You* 4 out of 5 stars, calling it "His most cohesive album since his first for Excello" while **Jazz Times** called it "an infectious, easy-grooving session." After his passing in 2018, **The New York Times** called Lester the architect of "Swamp Blues."

Lazy Lester first made his name for sides on the legendary Excello Records in the 50s and 60s. A chance meeting during a bus trip changed his life in the mid-1950s. Lightnin' Slim, an established recording artist for Excello, was on the bus and an immediate connection blossomed. Slim was on his way to a recording session and Lester decided to accompany him. When the scheduled harp player, Wild Bill Phillips, didn't show up for the session, Lester filled in and a classic pairing was born. Lester immediately became a mainstay on Slim's Excello recordings and live shows. After impressing producer Jay Miller, he made his lead debut on Excello in 1956. Lester would go on to record 30 sides for the label (his "Pondarosa Stomp" is the namesake for the legendary music festival) before leaving in 1966. He started working various jobs including trucking, lumberjacking, and road construction, before landing in Pontiac, Michigan in the mid 70s. Lester quit recording before making his return in 1987 with *Rides Again*. The acclaimed *All Over You*, featuring newly recorded renditions of his legendary Excello sides, followed in 1998.

From his liner notes, Producer Derek O'Brien says, "The relationship between Lazy Lester and Antone's Nightclub in Austin was as natural as a gator to a swamp. Lester embodied the primordial ooze of Southern Louisiana Blues from which the idea of

Antone's had sprung. He was a hero to Clifford Antone and the young musicians in the club's house band for his Excello recordings as a solo artist and accompanist for Lightnin' Slim, Slim Harpo, and others (Lester's immortal 'Sugar Coated Love' was cut by the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Lou Ann Barton, and Barbara Lynn, making a strong case for it being the club's national anthem). Lester loved Antone's back, and recording for the club's in-house label was a foregone conclusion. In some ways, *All Over You* encapsulates Lester's sound better than his Excello recordings. It's hard to listen to these stripped-down versions of his early sides and not think that THESE are the definitive versions, played by a genius artist at the peak of his craft."

Today, **PopMatters** premiered the previously unreleased bonus track, "Nothing But the Devil - Live," saying "The performance is a portrait of a master musician at the height of his powers. His impeccable vocal phrasing and intonation combine with his clocklike guitar playing to give the listener an unforgettable listening experience. Bonus material for reissues can sometimes feel like needless add-ons at best and, at worst, can subtract from the pure joy and surprise of the original recording. That's not the case here, as this performance of 'Nothing But the Devil' is worth the price of admission alone." Hear "Nothing But the Devil - Live" [Here](#).

Lazy Lester's *All Over You (25th Anniversary Edition)* will be available across digital platforms, compact disc, and standard black vinyl. A limited to 500 Orange with Blue Splatter Vinyl Edition will be available at Independent Retailers and is available for pre-order **NOW** via [NEW WEST RECORDS](#).

Lazy Lester *All Over You (25th Anniversary Edition)* Track Listing:

1. Nothing But the Devil
2. I'm A Lover Not A Fighter
3. I Made Up My Mind
4. I Need Money
5. Hello Mary Lee
6. You're Gonna Ruin Me Baby
7. If You Think I've Lost You
8. My Home is A Prison
9. Tell Me Pretty Baby
10. The Sun is Shining
11. Irene
12. Strange Things Happen
13. Nothing But The Devil - Live (Previously Unreleased)

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