

TRAVELOGUE: BLUES TRAVELER CLASSICS, BAND'S FIRST "BEST OF" ALBUM, OFFERS "RUN-AROUND" AND 16 OTHER STUDIO FAVORITES SPANNING THE BLUES-ROCKER'S CAREER TO DATE

The musical journey of Blues Traveler is finally documented on the band's first "best of" collection, **Travelogue: Blues Traveler Classics** (A&M/UME), released November 12, 2002.

Encompassing the band's first six studio albums, from 1990-2001, with 17 selections, each 96k/24-bit digitally remastered from the original tapes, **Travelogue: Blues Traveler Classics** charts the course of one of the most critically acclaimed and enormously popular blues-rockin' jam giants of our day.

As Blues Traveler self-releases a live album in Fall 2002, What You And I Have Been Through, and tours the country before issuing a new studio album in Spring 2003, **Travelogue** offers a rear-view mirror reprise of the band's best-loved tracks.

Singer/harmonica player John Popper, guitarist Chan Kinchla, bassist Bobby Sheehan and drummer Brendan Hill formed the group in 1988 while still in high school in New York. After playing small clubs, frat houses and street parties up and down the East Coast, the band was discovered by promoter/manager Bill Graham and a recording contract with A&M soon followed.

1990's self-titled Blues Traveler offered tracks such as **Travelogue**'s "But Anyway," "Gina," "Mulling It Over" and "100 Years" (with Joan Osborne on background vocals). Travelers & Thieves followed in 1991 with "Optimistic Thought," "Sweet Pain" and "Mountain Cry" (with Gregg Allman on organ and vocals). As with its predecessor, 1993's Save His Soul (with "Love And Greed" and "Conquer Me," with Paul Shaffer on organ) also went gold as constant touring, including the annual H.O.R.D.E. Festival (founded by Popper in 1991), earned legions of fans.

Then Blues Traveler exploded with its aptly-named fourth album Four in 1994. Reaching six times platinum, Four spun off "Run-Around," which stayed in the Top 10 throughout summer 1995, became one of the biggest singles of the year and took home a Grammy for Best Rock Performance. **Travelogue** also includes that single's b-side, "Regarding Steven," as well as Four's "The Mountains Win Again," "Crash Burn" and "Hook."

After a 1996 platinum double-live album, the group returned the next summer with the platinum Straight On Till Morning, with "Carolina Blues" and "Canadian Rose." Then tragedy struck. On August 20, 1999, Sheehan was found dead in his New Orleans home. The band was devastated but persevered. For 2001's Bridge, with "Just For Me," Chan's brother Tad Kinchla assumed the bass duties and a full-time keyboardist was enlisted in Ben Wilson.

The journey continues for Blues Traveler.

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