Memphis Slim — blues deluxe

South Side Reunion — Memphis Slim (Warner Brothers)

Memphis bluesmen as Buddy Guy, Junior Wells, A.C. Reed, Philip Guy, and Roosevelt Shaw, South Side Reunion is just the kind of writing of southside Chicago oriented musicians. The results are phenomenal: a tight, well-arranged, well-produced and well-executed record.

The most impressive facet of South Side Reunion is the arranging. Every song is meticulously put together and presented with just enough harmony, just enough vocal work, just enough lead guitar and piano, complemented by horns and consistent rhythm guitar work. Instruments are sensibly used to work for the songs and musicians and not against them. Memphis Slim, who now resides in Europe, is the central figure in the reunion. Besides having written all but two of the songs, Slim plays piano in his inimitable Chicago style — fast dri", then rolling, then tickling the piano keys. Slim also plays two numbers on guitar. "No" also demonstrates Slim's guitar work by Junior Wells, and "You Charlie," which features outstanding harmonica work by Junior Wells, and "The Tough Kids." The rest is pretty wretched sides, completely devoid of the beauty G. Whiz, bassist The Kiddo, and Mark Astolfi. With this album, they die, drowned in the cumbered edition of a rock superstars gone hary.

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