

THE LUCKY LOSERS

FEATURING CATHY LEMONS & PHIL BERKOWITZ

A WINNING HAND

Veteran blues vocalist Cathy Lemons (Stevie Ray Vaughan, John Lee Hooker, Anson Funderburgh) has teamed with harmonica master and vocalist Phil Berkowitz (Sean Carney, Billy Branch) to return the duet to blues and roots music. Their unique, modern approach to classic blues and R&B combines compelling originals with new takes on rarely recorded covers. The outstanding "A Winning Hand," produced by Kid Andersen at Greaseland Studios, includes guest artists Kid Andersen, the legendary Steve Freund, 2015 IBC Best Guitarist winner Ben Rice, and more. This auspicious debut is a winner that's poised to make its mark on the blues world at large.

CATHY LEMONS is a blues-singing legend who has performed regularly in the Bay Area for 25 years. She has been described as "the finest light-skinned female blues vocalist in the U.S." (Real Blues, 2010) with "a velvety and hypnotic voice resonant of a female Howlin' Wolf" (Fulltimeblues, 2010). Hailing from Dallas, Cathy honed her chops with Anson Funderburgh, performed with Stevie Ray Vaughan, and has worked with some of the greatest names in blues, including John Lee Hooker (she toured as his send-off singer in 1987), Tommy Castro, and Ron Thompson. She has three CDs to her credit, two of which were released on the VizzTone label. Her latest, "Black Crow," received national attention and was a DownBeat magazine "Winners' Pick."

PHIL BERKOWITZ is a charismatic San Francisco-based harmonica player and vocalist who has brought his unique, energetic musical style to audiences for over 17 years. He has mastered many different types of blues, a fact that's exemplified by his diverse repertoire. Phil's last two CDs, "Louis' Blues" and "All Night Party," were met with high critical praise. He has toured, performed, and recorded with a variety of top blues and jazz musicians such as Danny Caron (Charles Brown's musical director), Duke Robillard, Sean Carney, and Billy Branch.

The album's wide range of influences include Chicago and Texas blues, Stax/Volt-styled soul, blues rock, jazz, and New Orleans funk. Of its twelve tracks, six are originals: three by Cathy, and three by Phil and collaborator Danny Caron.

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STREET DATE: 6/1/2015

TRACKS:

1. **CHANGE IN THE WEATHER: 4:22**
(BERKOWITZ, CARON) DIRTY CAT MUSIC BMI
2. **I TAKE WHAT I WANT: 4:22**
(PORTER, HODGES, MABON, HAYES) COTILLION/ IRVING MUSIC
3. **WHAT HAVE I DONE: 3:22**
(JIMMY ROGERS) BMG PLATINUM SONGS OBO ARC MUSIC
4. **A WINNING HAND: 6:56**
(LEMONS) TAKE NO PRISONERS MUSIC BMI
5. **SUICIDE BY LOVE: 4:30**
(LEMONS) TAKE NO PRISONERS MUSIC BMI
6. **WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED: 5:04**
(DYLAN) SPECIAL RIDER MUSIC
7. **WHAT IS SUCCESS: 4:52**
(TOUSSAINT) SCREEN GEMS-EMI MUSIC INC.
8. **LONG HARD ROAD: 4:55**
(BERKOWITZ, CARON) DIRTY CAT MUSIC BMI
9. **BABY, YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES: 3:22**
(STEIN, OTIS, BENTON) SONY/ATV MELODY OBO IZA MUSIC
10. **CRY NO MORE: 4:08**
(BROWN, SHANKLIN) CIRECO MUSIC
11. **DETROIT CITY MAN: 5:30**
(LEMONS) TAKE NO PRISONERS MUSIC BMI
12. **DON'T YOU LOSE IT: 5:41**
(BERKOWITZ, CARON) DIRTY CAT MUSIC BMI

Artist: **THE LUCKY LOSERS,**
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All tracks are suitable for airplay according to FCC standards. Suggested Tracks: 3,4,7