

Bluesman John Lee Hooker Jr. Drops New CD and Video – “Live in Istanbul, Turkey” CD and “Extramarital Affair” Video



When bluesman John Lee Hooker, Jr. named his album, “All Odds Against Me” it was because for so many years they had been. John Lee Hooker Jr. has an intimate relationship with the blues, having experienced them personally, battling drugs, alcohol, divorce, incarceration and death. But his is also a story of salvation, redemption and unbridled success.

On the heels of his second Grammy nomination, the blues singer is still receiving accolades for his third solo release, this time from the acclaimed Annual Webby Awards and the honored Jus’ Blues Music Foundation. As the son of blues legend, John Lee Hooker, John Lee Hooker Jr. is steadily honing his own pathway of recognition.

John Lee Hooker Jr.’s animated video for the single “Blues Ain’t Nothin’ But A Pimp” co-created by Frenchman Laurent Mercier at the Callicore Animation Studios in Paris was a first for the blues world. As such, the animation has been selected as an Official Honoree for the Best Use of Special FX/Motion Graphics category in the 13th Annual Webby Awards. The Official Honoree is a distinction awarded to the top 15% of all work entered that exhibits remarkable achievement. With nearly 10,000 entries received from all 50 states and over 60 countries, this is an outstanding accomplishment for Hooker Jr. The Webby Awards will be held June 10, 2009 at Cipriani on

Wall Street in New York.

In addition, Hooker, Jr. has been selected as a nominee by the Jus` Blues Music Foundation in the Traditional Blues Artist – Male category. The Jus` Blues Music Awards were established to give recognition and visibility to African-American Blues & Soul music artists and industry professionals for their artistry, accomplishments, achievements, performances, recordings and outstanding contributions to the genre. The 2009 Jus' Blues Music Award Shows will be held August 5th and 6th on the historical Beale Street in Memphis, Tennessee.

“I can’t even begin to express my appreciation and gratitude for the acknowledgements I am receiving,” expresses John Lee Hooker, Jr. “I make music to heal pain, express joys and bond us all together. The nominations and the awards are truly icing on an already delicious cake. I am just humbled and proud to be able to carry on a legacy as important as the blues. The recognition serves to prove that the blues is not only alive, but alive and still kicking!”

Hooker, Jr. was recently recognized for a second Grammy nomination in the Best Traditional Blues Album category for “All Odds Against Me,” and just returned home from a successful international tour. Go to <http://www.JohnLeeHookerJr.com> now and get your dose of the blues. For more information regarding the 2009 Jus` Blues Music Awards Week and to place your own vote, go to the website at <http://www.jusbluesmusicfoundation.org> and for more info on the Webby Awards go to <http://www.webbyawards.com>.

John Lee Hooker Jr. Secures Grammy Nomination!



On the heels of the successful release of his third CD, " All Odds Against Me," Grammy nominated blues artist and son of blues legend, John Lee Hooker, John Lee Hooker, Jr. heads to Europe, Turkey and Russia to wow audiences overseas with his special brand of blues flavor.

A blues superhero, as portrayed in his animated video release "Blues Ain't Nothin' But A Pimp" Hooker Jr. has successfully captured the attention of audiences internationally. The video animation, from Frenchman Laurent Mercier at the Callicore Animation Studios in Paris, has served to bridge the generational gap between the blues and hip hop audiences.

The video is the first of three to be released in 2008 and is included free on his enhanced CD. It can also be viewed on the web at www.JohnLeeHookerJr.com.

Pictured from left to right: rocker Lenny Kravitz and bluesman, John Lee Hooker, Jr. seen recently at the Pistoria Blues festival in Italy.