



FIRED-UP & READY

released: 13th Oct 2008 on Temple Records

'...one of Scotland's heroes, a bluesman of amazing ability...a totally brilliant one man band.'

Mike Harding, preview of 'Fired-Up & Ready', BBC Folk & Acoustic Website Sept 2008

'... Britain's foremost 'one-man' blues band...An uplifting album by a Scottish master'

Scotland on Sunday, reviewing 'Fired-Up & Ready', Oct 2008

'Have you any idea how much your face gnawingly aches if you unwittingly maintain a smile for almost fifty-three minutes? I do, now that I've listened through this masterful Blues album!' 10/10

Loud Horizon Music, reviewing 'Fired-Up & Ready', Oct 2008

'...just about the best time you can have while staying within the bounds of decency...The newly converted Seasick Steve fans should make this top notch treat their next discovery and I can't recommend it highly enough'

Zeitgeist Review, reviewing 'Fired-Up & Ready', Oct 2008

'If he was American he would probably be hailed as a folk hero and ride to gigs in the back of a freight train. ...a man that knows his craft and really puts his heart, soul and everything into his blues.'

Fatea, reviewing 'Fired-Up & Ready, Sept 2008

'...sit down and listen, because you're about to get a lesson in great music. ...this is an album from the heart... ...a great release from the one man blues powerhouse... 9 out of 10'

Die Shellsuit Die, reviewing 'Fired-Up & Ready, Nov 2008

'...Whellans delivers the goods with style and accuracy... ...a great representation of a very skilful musician... ...a superbly crafted album...'

Toxic Pete, reviewing 'Fired-Up & Ready, Sept 2008

'...packing a blinding array of material into these 53 minutes. The breathless rush as riff follows boogie on it's way to feelgood factor is often exhilarating... Engaging, well-crafted & rockin', the album's a blast throughout.'

Living Tradition, reviewing 'Fired-Up & Ready, Nov 2008

'I first saw Mike play back in the mid 1960s...he has lost none of his drive and fire. "Fired-Up & Ready" is a terrific album... ...enough to satisfy the tastes of all Blues lovers'

Blues Matters! Magazine, reviewing 'Fired-Up & Ready, January 2009

'...after 10 seconds of the opening track, it blazes through that Mike Whellans is a born bluesman... ...a completely honest musician playing from the heart...'

Maverick Magazine, reviewing 'Fired-Up & Ready, March 2009