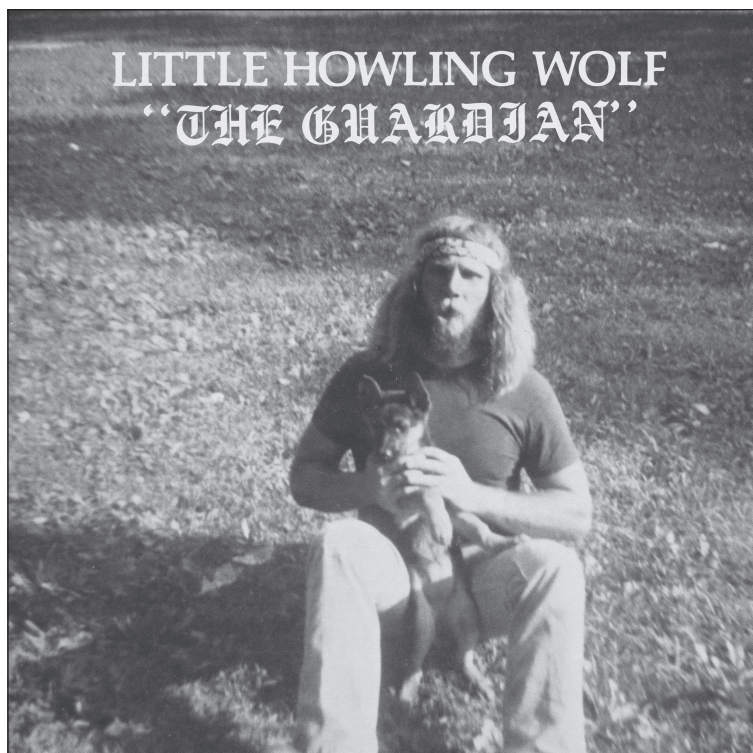


Little Howlin' Wolf

The Guardian REISSUE



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Format LP

Packaging Regular jacket

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Limited 550

Box lot 25

Genre Outsider / Avant blues

Key markets Chicago / Baltimore (hometowns)

RIYL Captain Beefheart, Sun Ra, Albert Ayler,
Dr. John, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Howlin Wolf

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Reissue of the ultra rare 1982 LP by Chicago street musician, bluesman, actor, storyteller and truth seeker known as **Little Howlin' Wolf**. Wolf is also a true outsider, whose wrenching soulfulness and fire-brained intensity have been captured in a breadcrumb trail of confounding and intentionally obscure self-released records.

In the late 1960s Wolf -- born **James Pobiega** in 1950 -- was already a saxophone wailing fixture at the legendary Chicago hangout, Maxwell Street Market. By the mid-1980s he released nearly three dozen 45s. Those singles are sprawling journeys into Wolf's world vision, as told through his gravelly voice and an array of instruments in styles and influences not limited to: American Indian, Polish and gypsy folk musics, Voodoo, vocal chants, blues, calypso and avant jazz. Often, it's all filtered through overdubbed abstraction.

Wolf issued two LPs collecting some of those singles -- *The Guardian* and *Cool Truth* (1985) -- both now reissued by Family Vineyard.

The Guardian is a baffling, hyper-creative statement recorded between 1976 and 1982. It's also vastly sincere and some of Wolf's most accessible and deeply emotional songs, yet it orbits a universe known only by the likes of Captain Beefheart or Albert Ayler.

Reissue features replicated LP jackets, with Wolf's original transcendent liner notes and labels bearing the Solidarity Solidarnosc Records name; never before seen photos; essay by ethnomusicologist **Ian Nagoski**; and download coupon.

Track Listing

1. The Guardian
2. Pain in My Heart
3. As I Cry
4. Get Down
5. Little Harlem Canto
6. Wolf Walked In
7. Ride in Your Car
8. Blue Eyed Soul
9. Main Fireworks Man on the South Side of Town
10. Dog on Down
11. Al Calle Lobo

Selling points

** A true "real person" album unlike anything else

** First time LP reissue of ultra rare album

** Very limited, only 550 copies

** Remastered by **Timothy Stollenwerk** from multiple copies of the original LP as master tapes were destroyed in a fire.



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