

THE
CLAUDETTES
INFERNAL PIANO PLOT... HATCHED!



"I've hit lots of highs and lows as a musician. Highs: playing on Grammy-nominated albums by Junior Wells and *Chicago Blues: A Living History*, playing Montreux right after Bob Dylan, hanging with Quincy Jones and Art Neville, touring with Otis Rush, rocking 1000 roofs off with my prog-pop band *oh my god*. Lows: a van crash, a van break-in in Buffalo, sleeping on revolting floors, playing to an audience of zero (you again, Buffalo!) on hockey playoff night.

But things just got odd after Michael Caskey and I took a gig at Claudette's Bar in Oglesby, IL in 2010. Claudette made us her house band, put us on salary and moved to Chicago after she lost her lease. Now she takes us to bars all around the Midwest, yelling at us while she sells beers from our stage. She also sets up discomfiting "showcases" at places like Blockbuster Video and Staples. Why tolerate this? Because she pays us, she keeps us working and it's all been strangely fun.

I don't know why Claudette thinks she needs a house band when she doesn't even have a bar of her own. But playing so much has helped us find our own sound. For this session, we just set up in the studio and hit it like we've been hitting it for Claudette and her customers up to six nights a week. I hope you enjoy our jumbles of jazz, blues, punk, soul and space echo. We call it Cosmic Cartoon Music."

-Johnny Iguana

THE CLAUDETTES ARE:

**JOHNNY IGUANA
PIANO**

**MICHAEL CASKEY
DRUMS**

WEDNESDAY: KARAOKE! MUST BRING OWN

KARAOKE, THOUGH NOT HIRING RIGHT NOW.

SEE CLAUDETTE FOR DETAILS SUNDAY

SPECIAL: FISH OR CHIPS..CHOOSE ONE, ONLY

\$7.95! DON'T EAT THE TAC IN YOUR DRINK.

RECORDED BY ANTHONY GRAVINO AND JOHNNY IGUANA AT JOHNNY IGUANA'S HOUSE,
JOYRIDE AND THE DRAKE IN CHICAGO, IL IN 2011 AND 2012 · MIXED BY ANTHONY GRAVINO AT THE DRAKE

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SUMMER: WASH OWN GLASS FRIDAY NIGHT:

LADIES' NIGHT..OH WHAT A NITE!...NO

SPECIALS, THOUGH TUNA MELT \$7.50.

DOLLAR EXTRA FOR CHEESE ON IT, THOUGH



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1. STUMBLIN' HOME SATISFIED 2:54 2. BIG SUCKER PUNCH 3:13 3. HAMMER AND TICKLE 3:20 4. TIDE POOL 3:14
5. DEEP SOUL FOR HIGH SOCIETY 2:41 6. NEW ORLEANS YARD SALE (NEW 11-BAR BLUES) 2:49 7. INFERNAL PIANO
11. LAND OF PRECISELY THREE DANCES 2:32 8. SERENADING THE CLEAN-UP CREW 4:00 9. TREMBLIN' BLUES 3:09 10. MOTÖRHOME 2:39
12. CHIN-UP TANGO 3:18 13. DO YOU SEE IT TOO? 2:35

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