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In the world of music, Jack Wargo is best known as Guitar Jack, and for good reason. He has carved his reputation as a top-flight master of guitar, touring with Screamin' Jay Hawkins, and Hank Ballard and the Midnighters. Billy Preston brought Jack into his fold of illustrious alumni, with Jack lending his skills for several years until Billy's passing. Hearing Jack in a church setting, R&B icon Solomon Burke, relied on Jack's inimitable style as a cornerstone for his spirit and authenticity. All the while, Jack's been writing and honing an identity on guitar that singles him out in the pantheon of great blues instrumentalists. His own catalogue is rooted there; introspective, prolific, and refreshingly unique. His latest collection, titled "The New Normal," is one you'll want to add to your collection. Produced by Paca Thomas and Guitar Jack Wargo, "The New Normal" is a drum-tight eleven song set that dishes up traditional twelve bar and blues shuffles, R&B, and soul seamlessly interwoven. The title track sounds the alarm for a society gone awry, its premise enforced with biting lyrics and guitar tones of a world gone slightly mad. Utilizing distorted vocals and vintage gear, Jack does so much with tone here. He follows up a with a brooding, bluesy "Isn't It A Pity" with an elbows-on-the-bar, blue collar framing. "Philco Radio" focuses on nostalgia for the past to which anyone can relate, featuring legendary bassist, Jerry Jemmott. "Losin' It," which features award-winning drummer Tony Braunagel, is critique on the conditions in America. There is a common thread that weaves through "The New Normal," a thread that's wound its way through Guitar Jack's entire discography; social commentary, love lost and found, life on the streets, life in the fast lane, and life of the common man. "The New Normal" firmly establishes Guitar Jack as a card-carrying member of the exclusive club of Guitar Masters.



TRACKS

1. Outside Looking In 3:40
2. Go 'Cross Town 3:33
3. The New Normal 5:08
4. Isn't It A Pity 4:19
5. Philco Radio 3:42
6. Losin' It 5:02
7. Let It Ride 4:17
8. You and Me 4:48
9. More Than You Know 3:42
10. Same Old Story 4:27
11. Stay Strong 3:25

Produced by Jack Wargo aka Guitar Jack & Paca Thomas for Pacaworks