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### Mark Robinson Named to List of “Top 20 Roots Guitar Players”

*‘Have Axe – Will Groove’ CD Release Shows Set—and More News*

[NASHVILLE, TN - February 13, 2013] Nashville blues-roots guitar slinger Mark Robinson has been making some news in advance of the February 26 release of his new CD, ‘Have Axe - Will Groove’:

- Roots-music magazine ***The Alternate Root*** named Robinson to their list of “**Top 20 Roots Guitar Players,**” in the company of some of the finest blues, roots, and Americana musicians playing today. Full list at [TheAlternateRoot.com](http://www.thealternateroot.com) <http://www.thealternateroot.com/what-s-trending/971-the-top-guitar-players-from-the-alternate-root>
- “**Blues Deluxe,**” syndicated to more than 100 radio stations, selected a cut from the new CD, “Pull My Coat,” as its “Bluebloods” feature for the first week of February.
- ‘Have Axe - Will Groove’ hit **#1 on AirPlay Direct’s Blues Chart** for the last week of January.
- **Alternate Root TV** Season 3, Episode 6 featured Mark Robinson and the East Nashville music scene. <http://www.thealternateroot.com/alternate-root-tv-module/184-alternate-root-tv-this-week/953-alternate-root-tv-show-6>

The reviews have started to come in, including a “5 Stars” rating from *Blues Underground Network* (see below for more), and DJs around the world have begun playing the CD.

*Have Axe - Will Groove* is Robinson’s follow-up to his acclaimed debut album *Quit Your Job - Play Guitar* (which made several “Best of 2010” lists). While the title of *Quit Your Job – Play Guitar* was autobiographical, the songs on his new release are even more personal ... and dirtier and funkier and grittier. And when it comes to Robinson’s sterling guitar work, they’re also more colorful.

In addition to six solo-penned songs, including the opening boogie “Drive Real Fast” and the low-down slow blues “Lifetime Prescription,” the album has two tunes Robinson co-wrote with Nashville partners: the Johnny Otis-inspired jump blues “Cool Rockin’ Daddy,” written with Mike Cullison (creator of the old-school country concept album *The Barstool Monologues*, which Robinson produced); and “Rhythm Doctor,” written with Dave Duncan (2013 Blues Song of the Year nominee for co-writing the Curtis Salgado tune “She Didn’t Cut Me Loose”). The cover songs Robinson chose for the CD are by three of his favorite writers: Davis Raines (“Baby’s Gone to Memphis”), Slat Klug (“Angel of Mercy”), and Doc Pomus (“Lonely Avenue”).

The band and special guests will join Robinson for *Have Axe – Will Groove* CD Release Shows in Nashville on March 2 and in Bloomington, Indiana on March 9 (details below and at [http://markrobinsonguitar.com/tour\\_\\_booking](http://markrobinsonguitar.com/tour__booking)). Then festivals and a return to Europe this fall. And the groove goes on.

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## EARLY BUZZ FOR THE CD

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"Robinson's new album fully delivers on the promise of his critically acclaimed 2010 debut release, *Quit Your Job – Play Guitar* ... He hits his stride on every track, flush with uncommon spirit."

—**Frank-John Hadley**, *DOWNBEAT Columnist*

"... stellar playing. Robinson's excellent on either electric, slide or acoustic guitar. ... [He] even includes glockenspiel within the blues sphere, but the best thing about *Have Axe - Will Groove* is his explosiveness and expertise."

—**Ron Wynn**, *ARTSNASH*

"5 Stars ... another brilliantly done album from an equally brilliant group of artists, especially Mark Robinson ... thoroughly enjoyed and highly recommended."

—**John Vermilyea**, *BLUES UNDERGROUND NETWORK*

"... strong performances ... Mark Robinson once again clearly articulates his musical vision."

—**Mark Thompson**, *BLUES BLAST MAGAZINE*

"I recommend this CD from the bottom of my Blues heart."

—**Ken Utterback**, *EXAMINER.COM Nashville Blues*

"Mark Robinson is a great singer-songwriter and a great guitar purist. Check out this new album, and you will know what I mean."

—**Philip Verhaege**, *KEYS AND CHORDS*

## CD RELEASE SHOWS

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### MARK ROBINSON

#### 'Have Axe - Will Groove' CD Release Shows

**Saturday, March 2, 2013**

**7:00 pm, \$10 cover**

**The Building** (formerly Billups Art, behind Drifters),  
1008C Woodland St., East Nashville TN  
Special Guest **Davis Raines** will open the show

**Saturday, March 9, 2013**

**7:00 pm, \$10 cover**

**The Players Pub**  
S. Walnut St., Bloomington, IN

## ALBUM INFO

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### HAVE AXE -- WILL GROOVE • Mark Robinson

Blind Chihuahua Records  
(Releases February 26, 2013)

**Producer:** Mark Robinson

**Associate Producer:** Daniel Seymour

**Engineers:** Jim Burnett, Mark Robinson & Daniel Seymour

**Recorded and mixed** at Guido's Studio South,  
Nashville, TN

**CD Design:** Alicia Adkerson, Adkerson Design

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