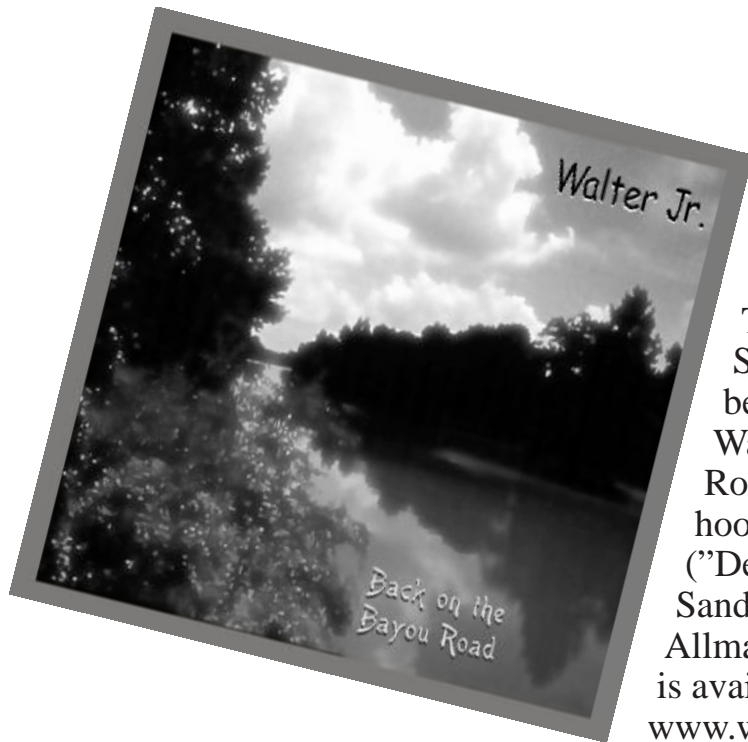


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After his rockin' 1999 debut CD *Louisiana Soul*, Lafayette guitarist **Walter Jr.**, delved into new age and jazz sounds, but he's cooking up swamp grooves again on his new CD, ***Back on the Bayou Road***. The company he keeps on the album says a lot; legendary Muscle Shoals bassist David Hood lays down the bottom while Southern belle Bonnie Bramlett offers sultry guest vocals. Head musical chef Walter Jr. serves up a sizzling plate of bayou blasts ("Hot Louisiana Rock"), swamp pop (a gritty cover of "Mathilda"), slide-guitar-fueled hoodoo ("Gator Bait") and even jump blues and double entendres ("Delta Cat"). The whole album's sweetened by producer Johnny Sandlin, the early Allman Brothers collaborator who produced the Allmans' classic album *Brothers and Sisters*. ***Back on the Bayou Road*** is available locally at Barnes & Noble and F. Camalo's or by visiting www.walterjr.com.

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