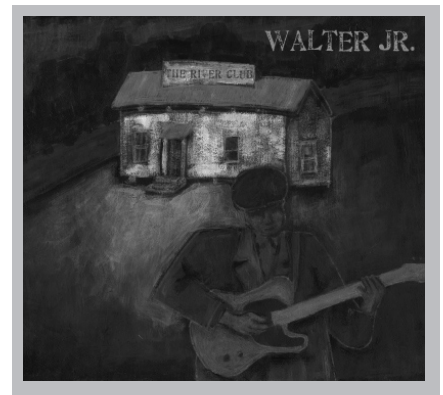


# ***Vintage Guitar***

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**Walter Jr.**  
**The River Club**  
(Gatortone Music)

Walter Jr. is yet another Louisiana guy who oozes funky soul, and on his new record he and his band let you know it! The title tune is a funky cut with the punchy/percussive playing Walter does so well; his Tele becomes part percussion instrument as he hammers his way through two solos, putting his chops on full display. “What She Want” starts as a quiet, bluesy funk before going into a powerful chorus and eventually to a quiet, tasty solo with a touch of tremolo. “Down the Bayou” is one of the catchiest songs, its vocal, lyric, and guitar becoming one through the chorus on a shuffle highlighted by yet another percussive solo. “Never Make It Up” is a mysterious minor key blues funk where Walter’s just at home.

**- John Heidt**