



FOG CITY RECORDS announces the release of **THUNDER CHICKEN**, the debut album from Austin badboys **PAPA MALI & THE INSTAGATORS**.

Thunder Chicken was an ole-time brand of "extra strong wine" that played a role in bandleader Malcolm "Papa Mali" Welbourne's formative years in north Louisiana. Fueled by Malcolm's slide guitar chops and chunk-o-funk vocals, and fortified by legendary drummer Barry "Frosty" Smith's monster drumming, Papa Mali's new batch of Thunder Chicken is every bit as potent as the original - and nastier than a lard bucket full of armpits!

Featuring an epic voodoo funk reworking of Dr. John's underground classic "Walk On Guilted Splinters", the debut album from Papa Mali & The Instigators makes a few nods to their heroes (The Wild Magnolia's "Fire Water" is also covered here), and moves on to elaborate on their own uniquely southern-fried hoodoo sound.

Recording over just five days in the band's native Austin, Texas, this "band of bandleaders" concocted a rich gumbo with the unmistakable flavor of experience -- conjuring up memories of the past while still tasting like the future. From old-school funk workouts like Buddy Guy's "Many Of Many Words" to the personal revelations of the final track "Rational Mind", the songs presented here keep a groove throughout but prove that a good-time record can still say something.

In addition to more than an hour of this super dynamite Austin soul, the Thunder Chicken CD is fortified with a multimedia "Enhanced CD" experience that includes a full video and bonus audio tracks. Yet despite packin' all this heat, Thunder Chicken is priced like a regular audio CD.

"A potent gris-gris bag of tribal rhythms and true New Orleans-style funk, peppered with judicious touches of slide guitar and more than a bit of bayou joie de vivre. The vocals are delivered with a soulful swagger, almost as if Jimi Hendrix had been raised in the swamps on a steady diet of James Brown, the Meters and scratchy Delta blues. The Instigators cover a lot of familiar territory, but they do so with a greasy authority, touching on key New Orleans classics with in-the-pocket instinct. A raucous, insinuating debut."

- Kevin Forest Moreau, Gambit Weekly

"Who are these dudes? Haven't heard swamp music this good since Tony Joe White."

- Lee Froelich, Playboy Magazine

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Title: THUNDER CHICKEN

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