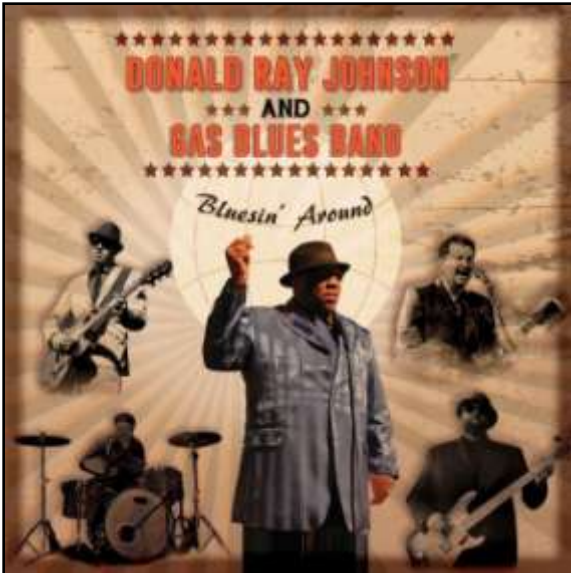


# Donald Ray Johnson & Gas Blues Band **Bluesin' Around**

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**Texas-born vocalist and drummer** Donald Ray Johnson has spent a lifetime dedicated to music. He has performed with blues legends such as Big Mama Thornton, Percy Mayfield, Lowell Fulson and Philip Walker, and toured with R&B stars including The Isley Brothers, The Commodores and Teddy Pendergrass. As an original member of the R&B/disco group A Taste of Honey, Johnson was the drummer on "Boogie Oogie Oogie," a now-classic, platinum-selling recording that reached No. 1 on the Billboard charts in 1978 and led to the group's Grammy Award for Best New Artist the following year. In recent years Johnson, who currently resides in Canada, has turned his attention to the blues genre, garnering nominations for Best Male Blues Vocalist from Real Blues magazine and Canada's Maple Blues Awards.

**The Gas Blues Band** was created five years ago by guitarist and vocalist Gaspard "Gas" Ossikian and features Philippe "Pompon" Scemama on bass, Yannick "Papayan" Urbani on drums and Pierre "Little Peter" Cayla on guitar. Whether backing numerous artists or performing under its own name, the Gas Blues Band has forged a unique musical identity, bringing to the stage an electrified style that combines elements of Jimi Hendrix, Muddy Waters, ZZ Top and James Brown.

**Bluesin' Around** is a collection of favorites Johnson and The Gas Blues Band have performed during their years together. "I met Gaspard in 2004 while on tour with the Maurice John Vaughn Revue, and we've done several tours since," Johnson says. "I was very pleased to go to France to record with this great band. It's a pleasure working with these stellar musicians!"

## TRACK LIST

1. BAD LUCK 3:19
2. BLUESIFYIN' 5:37
3. AIN'T SUPERSTITIOUS 3:14
4. NINETY PROOF 6:40
5. SHE'S FRENCH 0:57
6. BIG REAR WINDOW 4:09
7. DISTANT 4:27
8. SHE'S DRESSING TRASHY 4:21
9. WATCHING YOU 3:50
10. SHOULD'VE BEEN GONE 3:50
11. YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME 3:52

#1 by King, Josea, Taub, Modern Music/BMI

#2 by Joe Louis Walker; #3 by Willie Dixon

#4, #6 by Philip Walker, Bug Music/BMI; #5 by Gas Blues Band

#7 by Janice M. Johnson and P. Kibble, Conducive Music/BMI

#8 by Nathaniel (Nat) Dove, Tri-Clef Music/BMI

#9, #10 by Donald Ray Johnson, MarVista Music/BMI

#11 by Lucky Peterson, Chicken Wing

## MUSICIANS

**Gaspard Ossikian:** lead and rhythm guitar

**Pierre Cayla:** lead and rhythm guitar

**Philippe Scemama:** bass

**Yannick Urbani:** drums

*Guests:*

**Daniel Antoine:** Hammond organ, keyboards

**Samuel Dumont:** saxophone

**Nicolas Gardel:** trumpet

## PRESS

"Johnson infuses everything he does with emotional immediacy and musical vitality."

- *David Whiteis, Living Blues magazine*

"If the blues had a royal family, surely Johnson would be the king of vocals."

- *Dawn Lee Wakefield, Texas A&M University Arts Examiner*

"A restrained vocalist who uses subtlety in lieu of emotional overstatement or sexual braggadocio."

- *Thomas J. Cullen III, Blues Revue magazine*

## VIDEO

**YouTube video for "Distant":**

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZ\\_PKIEwdvU](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZ_PKIEwdvU)

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