

# BLUES ROCK REVIEW

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## Peter Novelli: Louisiana Roots & Blues Review

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*Louisiana Roots & Blues* is the second album by New Orleans guitarist Peter Novelli, and the album certainly lives up to its moniker. Louisiana has a rich musical tradition and Peter Novelli has fully embraced the past while he takes it to the future. The album is ripe with Louisiana blues-rock, but also features some zydeco and cajun music.

Novelli's sleazy, gritty guitar is the driving force on the album. "Eyes Talk" is a fine barrelhouse blues tune, he is downright ominous on "Shadow Man," and he growls on his cover of John Hiatt's "Lovin' a Hurricane." His voice channels Randy Newman,

especially on the aforementioned "Eyes Talk and" "(This Is) Our Last Goodbye."

Guest stars are aplenty on this album: Gordon Minette adds some fine piano playing to "(This Is) Our Last Goodbye" which makes the song that much more poignant, Chubby Carrier brings with him the tune "Zydeco Lady" and his accordion and frottoir. Shamarr Allen contributes an ethereal trumpet to "Treme 3 A.M.," and Chris Thomas King appears on two tracks: "Dyin' by Numbers" and "Elysian Breakdown." In addition to a fine band consisting of: organist Joe Krown, singers Lisa and Elaine Foster, drummer Darryl White, and bassist Chris Chew, Novelli has put out a very strong release steeped in tradition but also forward looking.

**The Review: 8/10**

### Can't Miss Tracks

- EyesTalk
- Shadow Man
- (This Is Our) Last Goodbye
- Elysian Breakdown

### The Big Hit

- Eyes Talk

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