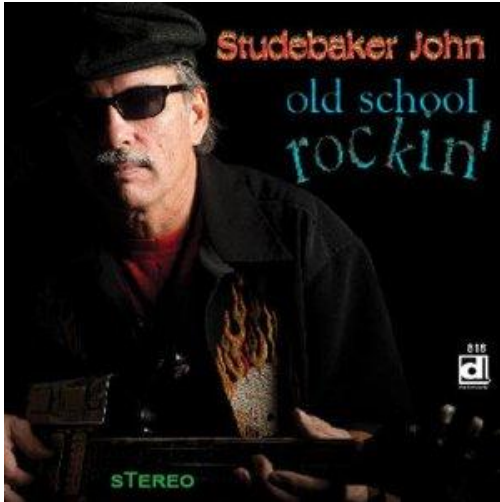


New Stuebaker John CD -- "Old School Rockin' "

does just that

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Many of you are already familiar with [Stuebaker John](#), and his tough Chicago blues band, the Hawks. He's been around the Burgh a bit, at Moondog's, and headlining last New Year's Eve's party for the Blues Society of Western Pa.

Now following up his very fine Delmark label debut of 2010, "Maxwell Street Kings," John Grimaldi is back with another hard-rocking Chicago-style album, "Old School Rockin'" (Delmark), that once again shows off his wicked-sharp slide, tasty harp, and just generally his razor-sharp approach to the blues.

With 14 original tunes, John throws down shuffles and boogies and never slows down till the last track fades. Well, he slows down enough on tracks like "Disease Called Love" and "Dark Night" just to show that he has two speeds, I guess -- tough and tougher.

The Hawks snap along behind him, providing a sturdy framework for John's flaming fretwork and gritty harp.

There's nothing brand new here, but there's nothing brand new about tough old blues, either. An excellent outing by John, and worth your while, if he's your style.