

Created by: Edward F. Nesta

## Maria Muldaur - Naughty, Bawdy, and Blue

**Maria Muldaur** captures the 20's, 30's and 40's sound so well on [Naughty, Bawdy, & Blue](#) that you will wonder if you are listening to original tracks cut 60-80 years ago.



### [Maria Muldaur - Naughty, Bawdy, and Blue](#)

**Naughty, Bawdy, & Blue:** *Down Home Blues, Up the Country Blues, Separation Blues, A Good Man is Hard to Find, Handy Man, New Orleans Hop Scop Blues, Smile, TB Blues, One Hour Mama, Empty Bed Blues, Early Every Morn, Yonder Come the Blues*

**Personnel:** Maria Muldaur: vocals; James Dapogny's Chicago Jazz Band: James Dapogny: piano, arranger, leader; Kim Cusack: clarinet, alto sax; Russ Whitman: tenor sax, baritone sax, clarinet; Jon-Erik Kellso: trumpet; Chris Smith: trombone, tuba; Kurt Krahnke: bass; Rod McDonald: guitar, banjo; Pete Siers: drums; Bonnie Raitt: vocals with Maria Muldaur on *Separation Blues*; Rob Bourassa: guitar solo on *Handy Man* and *Early in the Morning*; Dave Mathews: piano on *Empty Bed Blues*; Kevin Porter: trombone on *Empty Bed Blues*

**Naughty, Bawdy, & Blue** was produced by [Maria Muldaur](#) and Ron Harwood, and was released on the [Stony Plain Records](#) label. Maria Muldaur known for her classic hit *Midnight at the Oasis* (1974) shows her true love for folk, roots music, bluegrass, and 'old timey' music of the American rural south on **Naughty, Bawdy, & Blue**. To say that she has soaked in the soul of blues, jazz, and 'old timey' music would be an understatement; she is the purest form of reincarnation of the 1920's through 1940's sound. Complementing her on this release is the legendary James Dapogny's Chicago Jazz Band that not only holds the distinction of having performed with some of the greats that are covered on **Naughty, Bawdy, & Blue**, but the band consists of that unique mix of instruments to accompany Maria (clarinet, sax, trumpet, trombone, tuba, banjo, guitar, piano, bass, and drums). Minus the static, crackling sound, and that distinct echo that were a part of the albums pressed in the 20's, 30's and 40's, this will take you back in time to an era that set the table for female singers of today. Maria shows her respect for the singers she covers as she states, "they were the more sophisticated, polished, urban blues style performers; and they were decked out in lavish finery and accompanied by the most accomplished jazz musicians of the day." From head to toe, CD cover image to music covers, Maria becomes this era of music, she is as saucy, racy, and liberated as the divas of this era were.

The release opens with the track *Down Home Blues*, which was originally performed by Mamie Smith, and Maria shows she has learned her trade to a tee as she hits all the highs, lows, and sassy parts to perfection. In *Up the Country Blues*, originally performed by Sippie Wallace, Maria's voice captures the blues as she shimmies and saunters through the song. The track *Separation Blues* is shared vocals with

Created by: Edward F. Nesta

Bonnie Raitt and Maria, two performers who had the distinction to have performed this song with the legendary performer Sippie Wallace, who made it famous. Maria covers the track *A Good Man Is Hard To Find*, recorded by Bessie Smith circa 1927, with the original swagger that was signature Bessie Smith. One of my favorite tracks is *Handy Man*, originally performed by Ethel Waters (circa 1928); it is a true treasure in the way Maria sings with a wink and a leer in her voice as she belts out the playful, spicy, and risqué lyrics. Maria is not afraid to take on a challenge as she covers all the greats from Sippie Wallace, Bessie Smith, Victoria Spivey, Alberta Hunter, Ma Rainey, Mamie Smith, Ethel Walters and Sara Martin, and she does it to perfection. **Naughty, Bawdy, & Blue** is a release that you can not fake your way through as it would show in a downbeat, Maria truly embodies the sound of the 'old timey' music, as well as the standards from the 20's, 30's, and 40's. A must buy if you love blues, jazz, and great music.

Websites where you can procure **Maria Muldaur - Naughty, Bawdy, and Blue** are [Amazon](#), [CD Universe](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), [Music Outfitter](#), [Stony Plain Records](#), and [MSN Music](#).

© September 2007. Luxury Experience. [www.LuxuryExperience.com](http://www.LuxuryExperience.com). All rights reserved.