



**THE PLANETARY BLUES BAND**  
*Once Upon A Time In The South Loop*  
(Self-Produced)

This family blues band brings a modern Chicago blues-rock sound to the forum with its sizzling guitars, surging rhythms, and piercing vocals. Featuring Martin Schaefer-Murray on guitar and vocals, Michael Schaefer-Murray on guitar and vocals, Bobby Schaefer-Murray on bass guitar and Nick Evans on drums, the session includes seven original songs and three pure blues covers. There's plenty of emotion to share, both from vocals and from guitars, as the band makes each statement clearly with passion.

Memphis Minnie's "Crazy Cryin' Blues" lets the band rock hard at the top of the vocal spectrum. Blind Lemon Jefferson's "See That My Grave Is Kept Clean" also rambles at a fast, blues-rock pace with emotion to spare. The band likes to push its message hard and strong. There's one instrumental, "The Shillelagh," which continues the blues-rock spirit. Each selection forces a spirit of hard-driving blues; half the album runs slower than the rest. "Blues Resurrection" and "When I Say I Love You," the program's two best selections, recall the Chicago blues spirit that brought us Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy, and a whole lot more.

-- *Jim Santella*