

## **She's On The Other Side**

**Reviewed by Daniel Feiler, Host Two Steps from the Blues, Eastside Radio, Sydney.**

"She's On The Other Side finds Dean Thomas swapping his resonator acoustic guitar for an electric variety, all the while maintaining the warmth and good humour of his 2003 debut release Not Really the Blues.

Thomas explores a wide variety of blues styles throughout this well-crafted sophomore effort. From the groove of Like A Refugee to the '50's slick of Born To Rock, the driving Mother Needs Some Love to the countrified 21st Century Blues.

And it's hardly surprising that Thomas has taken on such an ambitious project, reflecting so many different shades of blues. His acoustic live shows of two years ago were a tasteful blend of music and history as he recounted the stories and performed the music of many Country Blues greats. It'll be fascinating to see how Thomas packages up She's On The Other Side for the road this time around.

Speaking of the road, this new CD is the perfect accompaniment when driving. The blues has always evoked travel and movement - this feeling is captured throughout She's On The Other Side. Thomas has done some traveling himself. In the great tradition of blues men who headed North across the Mason-Dixon line and substituted their acoustic guitars for electrics, Thomas has made a similar journey with enthusiasm, style and wit."

*Daniel Feiler*

**Reviewed by Chris Peridis, Australian Guitar**

Coming off the back of 2004's Not Really The Blues, on this CD Dean Thomas travels down a path inspired by traditional blues with a contemporary twist. This is an album all blues players and fans alike will be happy to have spinning in the CD player. There is some fantastic, tasteful playing on She's On The Other Side for anyone who likes gritty slide blues, while the closing track "Jaywalking" is a fantastic

swing blues instrumental that'll have you boogying. Other standouts include the title track and "Like A Refugee".

*Chris Peridis*

**Some kind words from radio stations.**

Dean's CD 'She's On The Other Side' is currently Coast FM's AMRAP CD of the week. I was really impressed by the album and that's why I selected it for our feature album of the week. *Jean Abbott, Coast FM, October 2007*

We have received the CD and I like it! The main strength I feel is in the different stories Dean tells in each song. *Graham Smith, Radio 5GTR, October 2007*

Thanks for drawing attention to Dean's great album 'She's On The Other Side'. Today I played 'She's On The Other Side' as a lead up to it being my feature album of the week for next week. We are only too happy to give it time on the airwaves. *Stephanie Ellen, 2NVR, November 2007*

I enjoyed the CD and really loved 'The Man From Afghanistan' track, catchy and so true in the way people forget history and the issues of the day in our fast paced life. *Jeff Ruitenbach, 2CCR FM, October 2007*

What a great album. *Kay Howick, Music Director, Bay FM, October 2007*

'She's On The Other Side' is still being played on my Show, Spirit of the Blues. The response I'm getting from my listeners is very positive.

*Wendy Rudin, Spirit FM, November 2008*