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CHARLIE APICELLA & IRON CITY "LIVE IN NYC"



"LIVE in NYC" marks the tenth release by hard bop and blues guitar wizard, **Charlie Apicella**. All nine tracks were recorded bootleg-style directly off the soundboard in a NYC club in the summer of 2023. Seven searing originals by Apicella are complemented by an explosive Pat Martino influenced version of Tito Puente's *Oye Como Va*, and a ballad popularized by Elvis Presley.

1. *Oye Como Va* (Tito Puente) 3:31
2. *Lemon Rind* 5:44
3. *Remembering B.B. King* 5:00
4. *Idris* 4:31
5. *64 Cadillac* 5:56
6. *Remembering Jimi Hendrix* 4:25
7. *Big Boss* 7:30
8. *Can't Help Falling In Love* (Peretti, Creatore, Weiss) 5:49
9. *Sparks* 5:27

TOTAL TIME: 47:55

All compositions by Charlie Apicella except where noted.

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2026, Produced by Charlie Apicella and Jochen Becker,
executive producer Charlie Apicella

Musicians:

Charlie Apicella, guitar
Brad Whiteley, organ
Juma Sultan, congas
Austin Walker, drums

Charlie Apicella was voted onto the 84th and 86th annual **DownBeat Readers Poll** for Guitar.

Charlie Apicella is the founder and Program Director of **BLUES ALIVE: Ancestral Voices of the Blues**. He is recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from **NORTH JERSEY BLUES SOCIETY** and serves on the Generation Blues education committee at **THE BLUES FOUNDATION** in Memphis, TN. He has received numerous grants for his work preserving **Ma Rainey's** Legacy in collaboration with the Ma Rainey House Museum in Columbus, GA.

As a young guitarist he met his idol, **B.B. King**, who gave him critical advice and shared some stories. Apicella studied composition and improvisation with musical titans **Yusef Lateef** and **Pat Martino** and was trained as a historian by **Archie Shepp** and **Billy Taylor**. He is a lecturer and curator for the Yusef Lateef Estate and has collaborated with Lincoln Center, Vanderbilt University, and the Newport Jazz & Folk Festivals Foundation.

He has performed concerts and recorded with jazz legends **Dave Holland**, **Sonny Fortune**, **John Blake, Jr.**, and **Avery Sharpe** and is guitarist for the **Sonny Stitt** Legacy Band. In 2022, he formed The Griots Speak with bassist **William Parker**, saxophonist **Daniel Carter**, and percussionist **Juma Sultan**, who is known for his work with Jimi Hendrix.

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