

GARY U.S. BONDS: 'BACK IN 20'

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MC Records

The gritty blues and soul that marks the Jersey Shore sound wasn't invented by Bruce Springsteen. He borrowed it from house rocker supreme Gary U.S. Bonds.

Bonds, who hasn't seen the inside of a recording studio for a couple of decades, fittingly tagged this old-fashioned disc of blue-eyed R&B "Back in 20."

Springsteen is featured on the disc's top tune, "Can't Teach an Old Dog New Tricks"; Southside Johnny blows harp on "Take Me Back"; and Dickey Betts wails on guitar as Phoebe Snow rips it up with

Bonds for the he-said/she-said duet, "Bitch/Dumb Ass."

While some might not think Bonds needs any help getting the party started, his record benefits greatly from the variety his pals lend.

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