

Reviews and Interviews:

excerpt from the Chicago Sun-Times July 26/21:

PBS doc traces how Chicago changed Buddy Guy, and how Buddy Guy changed the world

'American Masters' film includes footage of the guitarist's career highs and lows, as well as definitions of the blues from other music greats

By [Richard Roeper](#) Jul 26, 2021, 5:30am CDT

"The Blues Chase Away the Blues" takes us back to Guy's upbringing in Lettsworth, Louisiana, with beautifully rendered illustrations augmenting his recollections of falling in love with music and the joy he felt when his father bought him a guitar with just two strings on it for a couple of bucks.

['Buddy Guy: The Blues Chase the Blues Away' review: PBS doc traces how Chicago changed Buddy, and how Buddy changed the world - Chicago Sun-Times \(suntimes.com\)](#)

excerpt from WTTW Chicago Public Media July 20/21:

Buddy Guy, American Master

Daniel Hautzinger

We spoke to one of the documentary's directors, Matt Mitchener, and executive producer Sheira Rees-Davies about the film.

I'm curious about the stylistic choices—intercutting paintings and archival footage as he tells the story of his life.

Rees-Davies: We were going to spend more time with him in Lettsworth, Louisiana [his birthplace]. Because of COVID, we had a much more limited amount of access. Therefore, we used a lot more archival material than initially we were going to.

Mitchener: We embraced that, and the paintings that were so great and evocative of the era, and thought it gave a unique visual touch to a story that largely took place in past eras.

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Tammy Cantelon · 19 hours ago

The paintings shown in the documentary are ALL by the artist Earl Klatzel. Check out his website "Bluesworks by Earl"..

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CARL EDWARD MAASS · 15 days ago

Who did the paintings that illustrated so well Buddy's background? One person or more? the credits ran by so fast that if there were any credit to the artists I didn't see it. The whole production was very well done, and highly entertaining.

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Chuck Nyren → **CARL EDWARD MAASS** · 11 days ago

Please - a list of all the artwork and artists. Earl Klatzel did some of them.

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