

**BERNARD ANDERSON
AND THE
OLD SCHOOL
BAND**

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Bernard Anderson and the Old School Band

The recently formed Bernard Anderson and the Old School Band has been playing smoking hot blues and R&B to enthusiastic crowds throughout the Bay Area.

This high energy 4-piece band is comprised of seasoned world-class musicians, two of whom (including Bernard) were named West Coast Blues Musicians of the Year by the Bay Area Blues Society. The band boasts a strong repertoire of blues, soulful R&B, fast-paced swing & jump blues styles, and even a little zydeco for the Cajun 2-steppers.

The band is led by the dynamic Bernard Anderson on tenor and baritone saxophone and lead vocals. Bernard has been compared favorably with the great Jr. Walker (and The All-Stars). Just named West Coast Blues Saxophone player of the year by the Bay Area Blues Society, he has toured worldwide with the likes of Charles Brown, Taj Mahal, Lowell Fulson, Mary Wells, John Handy, Carla Thomas, Faye Carol, Sonny Rhodes, Jimmy McCracklin, Maxine Howard, Al Wilson, Joe Henderson, Johnny Talbert and Frankie Lee. In 1997, Bernard was featured on his own album, "Yes There Is A Doctor In The House". As an in-demand session player, Bernard has recorded albums with Queen Ida, Taj Mahal, Sonny Rhodes, Maxine Howard, Johnny Talbert and Beverly Stovall.

On lead and rhythm guitar is the great Dennis Geaney. Dennis was previously a member of the Ike and Tina Turner Revue, and the Bay Area's own popular Scott Brothers, a Motown and R&B standards party band. Dennis is an accomplished R&B, blues, funk, swing, Latin and jazz musician, and easily incorporates all styles into his unique playing.

On bass, Bernard is fortunate to have the legendary Henry Oden, recently named West Coast blues bassist of the year by the Bay Area Blues Society. Henry has backed up a virtual Who's Who of blues greats, including Jimmy Reed, Freddie King, Big Mamma Thornton, Mike Bloomfield, Lowell Fulson, Jimmy McCracklin and L.C. "Good Rockin'" Robinson. Henry's also an accomplished R&B player, as reflected by his past shows accompanying Bill Withers and Percy Mayfield. In the 1980s, Henry toured and recorded with the great Joe Louis Walker, who recorded two of Henry's own compositions on his album featuring Henry. Henry has also recorded with Craig Horton and Jimmy Johnson, and toured Canada and

Japan with Maria Mulduar.

Rounding out the rhythm section is the rock steady Brian Berson on drums. With 30+ years experience under his belt, Brian has played regularly with the great harp player Red Archibald, and was the drummer on Red's first album in the mid-90's. He has also recorded with the great guitarist, Ronnie Earl, and has gigged with such Bay Area stalwarts as King Perkoff, Freddie Roulette, Ms. Dee and Blues Alley. Brian and Henry give Bernard the versatile rhythm section he needs to anchor his soulful, eclectic stylings.

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