

Frankie and Murray to appear at the Royal Esquire Club



Bobby Murray

Born in Nagoya, Japan, Guitarist Bobby Murray grew up in a military family whose international travels brought them to Tacoma, Washington, where Bobby played in a

rock & roll band with high school friend Robert Cray. In 1973, Bobby moved to Los Angeles where participation in battles of the bands with such artists as Vernon Garrett, Ted Taylor, and Z.Z. Hill led to stints with Albert Collins and with the Sweet Inspirations.

As musical director for Frankie Lee in the late seventies, Bobby made yearly tours of California and Texas, with stops in Kansas City, Las Vegas and Portland. Since settling in the Bay area in 1980, he has been house guitarist for the Marin County, Sonoma County, San Francisco and Sacramento Blues Festivals and for the "Blue Monday Party" live radio broadcast and has performed at every Monterey Jazz Festival since 1981. In 1984, he toured Japan with the San Francisco Blues Festival.

Bobby's film and video credits include Cork Marcheschi's film, *Survivors* (in which he backs John Lee Hooker and Lady Bianca) and

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the Videotunes video-documentary *Percy Mayfield—Poet Laureate of the Blues*. Bobby Murray appears as guitarist and session leader on Frankie Lee's Hightone album, *The Ladies and the Babies*, and is currently working festivals, concerts and club dates as Frankie's guitarist and musical director.

Frankie Lee

Frankie Lee, the Texas Blues-and-Soul Man, grew up singing in his Mart, Texas, church and, in 1960, after a year as a professional gospel singer with the Highway QCs and other groups, auditioned successfully for the Ike & Tina Turner Revue... Moved to Houston in 1963 and recorded "Full Time Lover" (an answer to Little Johnny Taylor's smash, "Part Time Love") and seven other sides for the Peacock label...



Frankie Lee will be at the Royal Esquire Club with Blues guitarist Bobby Murray on Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24. The club is located at 1708 N.E. Alberta.

Has performed on shows with Albert Collins, Bobby Bland, B.B. King, Little Richard, James Brown, Freddie King, Jackie Wilson, Little Richard, James Brown and many others... Recordings include the mid-seventies Elka single, "Love's Repossession"/"Strung Out on You" (produced by Frankie's cousin, Johnny "Guitar" Watson), "I Am Love" (a 12-inch single on California Gold) and two tracks on Tomistoma Productions' *Usual Suspects* anthology album series—Wilson Pickett's "Call On Me" and Mark Naftalin's "I'll Do Right by You (If You'll Do Right by Me)"... Frankie's first album, *The Ladies and the Babies* was released last year by Hightone Records...

Frankie performed at the 1983 and 1984 Monterey Jazz Festivals and toured Japan last winter with the San Francisco Blues Festival... At the 1985 Marin County Blues Festival, Frankie Lee is joined by his long-time guitarist and musical director, Bobby Murray.

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