

Jazz's Patrick Lamb Returns to Delta Sound

Portland saxophonist Patrick Lamb brings his roots of Mississippi Blues full circle when he celebrates the release of his solo album "Soul of a Free Man," Saturday, March 3 at 8 p.m. at the Aladdin Theater, 3116 S.E. 11th Ave.

Lamb will join two up-and-coming musical talents – Scott Fisher & I a.m. Approach and soul songstress Liv Warfield – for one night of jazz, blues soul and funk infusion.

Having spent many years in the Jazz world, Lamb is revisiting his Southern roots. "Soul of a Free Man" infuses the funk of James Brown, the horn section of Tower of Power, the soul of Sly & The Family Stone and Lamb's own musical voice to form a unique new sound.

As an early developing musician, Lamb found himself touring all over the Delta Belt and opening for the likes of BB King and The Temptations. He also played the old juke joints and early morning jam sessions at the Subway Lounge with traveling musicians who wanted to jam with the locals after a big gig.

Two years ago, Lamb began co-writing with fellow musician Lee Garrett, a co-writer and friend of



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Jazz saxophonist Patrick Lamb celebrates the release of his solo album "Soul of a Free Man" at the Aladdin Theater, Saturday, March 3.

Stevie Wonder who co-penned "Isn't She Lovely" and "I Just Called To Say I Love You." In January 2006, he brought together a diverse group of jazz-oriented musicians and singers to Portland's Kung Fu Bakery studio to record "Soul of a

Free Man."

Lamb felt strongly about modeling the recording sessions like those of an old Motown record, capturing the vibe and the energy of having all the musicians in the room and playing at the same



Soul singer Liv Warfield will accompany fellow musician Patrick Lamb at his upcoming CD release party.

time. The outcome was good old southern back porch song, old school R&B and the solid horn section of an old Motown recording.

Tickets for the show are \$13 advance and \$15 at the door, available at all Tickmaster outlets, the Aladdin Theater Box Office or by phone at 503-224-4400.

LL Cool J to Host Image Awards

LL Cool J will host the 38th NAACP Image Awards, which will air live on Friday, March 2 at 8 p.m. on FOX (KPTV Channel 12).

LL Cool J is a two-time Grammy Award winner and past NAACP Image Award winner. He released his first hit "I Can't Live Without My Radio" in 1985 at the age of 17 and quickly developed his own

unique style. His first two albums, "Radio" and "Bigger and Deffer," made him a celebrity, but "Mama Said Knock You Out" established him as one of hip-hop's genuine superstars.

CNN anchor Soledad O'Brien, legendary comedian, actor, author and past Image Award winner Bill Cosby and renowned musician and activist Bono will be honored with special awards during the telecast.



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