John Lee Sanders – Artist One-Sheet

Multi-instrumentalist, and Emmy nominated composer, John Lee Sanders Soaked up the deep roots of the blues through his early years in the Mississippi Delta, Alabama, the Bayous of Louisiana, and The plains of Texas. John Lee seems to have a universal gift to reach audiences from any segment of the diverse musical spectrum. With blues at the core, he kept simmering the gumbo, with the flavors of Cajun, Rock, Gospel, Pop, Jazz, R&B, Soul, Country and a deep love of the traditions, and culture of New Orleans. Coming from a musical family of great story telling, John Lee interwove many of those wonderful stories of the deep south into his deep lyrical content. His songs have WC Handy Blues Award Nominations, 3 BC Interior Music Awards, and a 2004 #9 Blues charted hit. His childhood encounters with the likes of Elvis Presley and Dr. Martin Luther King are part of the landscape that influenced this gifted performer and composer.

Currently based out of British Columbia Canada, Sanders' touring schedule takes him to many of the major Jazz and Blues festivals of Europe, and the top Blues and Jazz festival circuit of Western Canada, and is now becoming a name act on the Canadian music scene. His technical virtuosity on Piano, Vocals, Saxophone, with an "A" list touring band, that frequently includes a horn section, he has been one of the highlights of many performing art center concert series throughout Canada.

What Others Are Saying…..

The pianist/saxman combines elements of Dr. John with those of several of the best piano based artists of the last 20 years, like Elton John, Stevie Wonder, Billy Joel, and Leon Russell for example and holds his own with all of 'em. When their style comes out of John Lee Sanders he's transformed it into something I like a lot." ***Blue Suede News Magazine"***

"Here's what I love about John Lee Sanders, His voice. Raw. Real. Sweet. Tart. An instrument of tremendous emotional and spiritual range. His writing. His hooks. His stories. His deep Louisiana roots. His powerful connection to the fertile soil….. His grit, his grooves……. His honesty. His haunting cry, his courageous assault on anything false. His music, his singing, his aesthetic vision are more than good; …….they're flat-out great. His songs, full-bodied and blood-washed, are rooted in reality. He reminds us that blues are concerned with neither nostalgia nor self-pity. John Lee Sanders' blues are about nothing less a renewal of strength, a resurrection of the human spirit, a projection of hard-earned hope and a declaration of extravagant love. **David Ritz, Grammy Award winning music biographer, of among others, Ray Charles, B.B. King, Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin and Etta James. He co-composed "Sexual Healing." With Marvin Gaye**

BC is now the home of John Lee Sanders, a music industry veteran who is a multiple talent on vocals, songwriting, keyboards, tenor sax & guitar. Sanders has some 9 CDs in his solo discography, but news of that treasure trove has been slow to trickle east. This disc could change that. Bucket Full Of Blues" is one of the better titles around and it's as good as it sounds, a tremendous opener. If you like New Orleans funk with a goodly helping of blues, this one's for you. **Maple Blues Magazine, Toronto Blues Society**

"You did an amazing job and made my job so much easier. All the vocal complexities you added just really elevated the songs. Really great work John. Bravo on Your work"
Doc Goes Hollywood CD, Western Canada Music Award Nomination, 2009, ***John Lee Sanders & The William Ross Orchestra***
William Ross, Music Director, 2007, 2011 Academy Awards, Producer & Music director for Barbara Streisand, Josh Groban Andrea Bocelli, Michael Bublé. Film Composer, Titanic, Harry Potter

Discography

Bucket Full of Blues, ©2009
Live at Rock Beach ©2008

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Recent Accomplishments and performances

2004 WC Handy Blues Award Nomination, Song of the Year
2008, Western Canada Music Award Nomination, Outstanding Blues Recording
2009, Western Canada Music Award Nomination Outstanding Blues Recording
2009, Blues Recording of the Year, R&B Soul Recording of the Year, Group of the year. BC Interior Music Awards

Kaslo Jazz Festival, 2009
Calgary International Blues Fest, 2010
Salmon Arm Roots and Blues fest, 2008, 2010
Blues in Villa Festival, Brugnera Italy, 2009 (Headliner)
Gateway Festival, Bengough Saskatchewan, 2010
Rybnik Blues Festival, Rybnik Poland, 2009
San Vito Blues & Soul Festival, Italy, 2009
Maple Ridge Jazz & Blues Festival, Maple Ridge, BC Taste of Edmonton, 2010