

Popa Chubby

“In 1990 The Popa Chubby band was born after a jam session with P Funk’s Bernie Worrell. Popa began playing east coast clubs and in a short time became the house band at the legendary Manny’s Car Wash in NYC where he worked with notable artists from Albert King to Odetta. In 1993, after winning first place in the KLON National Blues Talent Search (runner up was Keb Mo), he signed a deal with the Sony’s O-KEH label and made the record “Booty And The Beast” with legendary Atlantic Records producer Tom Dowd at the helm. The record yielded a Billboard top 100 hit with “Sweet Goddess Of Love And Beer.” Chubby was on his way. After the birth of his twin daughters, Theodora and Tipitina, he began to tour the world. Popa Chubby became a mainstay on the European festival scene and he has headlined such notable festivals as The Nice Jazz Festival, Freewheels Festival, Bos Pop Festival, The Kolne Rhythm and Blues Festival, The Montreal Jazz Festival, The New York State Blues Festival, and many more.

Fun Fact: Popa was contacted by Dreamworks Productions and asked to audition for the role of Shrek on Broadway. He worked in two staged readings with Tony award winning director Jason Moore before previous commitments took him back on tour.

In 2009 Popa joined the Dutch based Provogue record label and released the blues rock masterpiece “The Fight Is On.” 2010 saw Popa’s highest grossing year to date with concerts in 11 countries.

In 2011 Popa Chubby mounted the “Monsters Of Blues Rock Tour” with the legendary Walter Trout in France, Germany, Switzerland , and the UK.”

www.popachubby.com

Yo Mama’s Big Fat Booty Band

The band’s first official studio release, *Now You Know*, debuted in 2007 to critical acclaim. The Booty Band received Home Grown Music Network’s Album of the Year and Band of the Year awards, as well as the #3 best regional album from WNCW, one of the top Triple A stations in the country. Awe-inspiring live shows, powerful original compositions, and crowd-pleasing presentations have helped the Booty Band build a rock-solid nationwide fanbase. Having completed three national tours in 2010 alone, the band has worked hard and done well to keep this fanbase fired up and growing fast. They have secured headlining slots at many prestigious festivals including Wakarusa, Jam Cruise, Bear Creek, Jazz Aspen, Long Beach Funk Fest, Rock Boat, Bele Chere (six consecutive years), Floyd Fest, and Smile Fest.

Yo Mama’s Big Fat Booty Band is: Lee Allen (drums), Mary Frances (keys, vocals), Greg Hollowell (tenor sax, bari sax, flute), Al Al Ingram (bass, vocals), Derrick Johnson (trombone), and JP Miller (guitar, vocals).

www.bootyband.com

Beaucoup Blue

Beaucoup Blue is the Americana Philadelphia based group of David and Adrian Mowry. Father and son have been performing their roots based music nationally and internationally as a duo, quartet and on occasion quintet. Bridging many gaps in American music, their soulful traditional and contemporary styles mesh into an innovative and authentic sound. Although blues is a staple in their repertoire, they base their love in music from Folk, Soul, R&B, Jazz, Country and Bluegrass. All these interests and influences come out in their original song-writing in a unique way. Beaucoup Blue had previously released two albums: "Out Of The Woodwork" 2003, and "Hearts At Home" 2005. The long awaited third album "Free To Fall" is produced by Grammy nominated Jim Salamone. A handsome range of instruments like six and twelve string guitars, slide guitar, round neck resonator guitar, combined with two soulful voices, encompasses a rich and honest feel, noticeably influenced by familial ties. Hear for yourself two generations coming together for the common good of great music everywhere.

Grand Prize Winner of the Billboard World Song-Writing Contest

#25 on AMA's Americana Top 40

#8 on Roots Music Report's Folk Top 50

www.beaucoupblue.com

Billy Hector Band

Winner of the Asbury Park Music Awards "Best Guitarist", "Best Blues Band" and "Living Legend" awards.

Two-time winner of the East Coast Rocker's "Best Guitarist" award.

Two-time invitee to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's American Music Masters Series celebrating the music of Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters with Charlie Musselwhite, Bonnie Raitt, Jimmy Vaughn, Vernon Reid, Dave Alvin, Sonny Landreth, Double Trouble and others.

Touring guitarist with Hubert Sumlin.

Winner of the Jersey Shore Jazz & Blues Foundation's "Lifetime Achievement" award.

Touring guitarist with Joe Louis Walker.

Whether Billy Hector is teasing you with his sultry slidework, picking through delta blues or flat-out cranking it up and crunching out the electric blues/rock on his beloved vintage Fender Stratocaster, his music reflects the true soul and origins of the blues; always passionate, engaging and dedicated to making the audience move and sweat. Having honed his chops and

style through three decades of performances, Hector is critically recognized as one of the hottest and most interesting guitarist/songwriters on the original circuit and has even been called "A New Jersey state treasure" by music writers.

A prolific songwriter/composer, Billy Hector has fourteen albums to his credit, most on the independent Ghetto Surf label. And with over thirty-five years of performing under his belt, Billy Hector is recognized as one of the hottest guitarists and songwriters playing the original circuit and serves up what more than one reviewer has called "one of the best shows you'll ever see".

www.billyhector.com

James Supra and Maria Woodford

The name James Supra is a legend in the world of the Blues. For more than 25 years James has been playing the blues in the United States and abroad with exceptional musicians and incredible bands. The list of players he has performed with includes some of the most revered names in music including BB King, Jason Ricci, Ronnie Baker Brooks, Catfish Hodge, Whop Frazier, Debbie Davies, Mike Dugan, and Craig Thatcher, to name a few. James was the Winner of the Lehigh Valley Music Award for best harmonica player the past 11 years in a row. He was nominated again in 2010 along with this band in a variety of categories. His work is recognized internationally through his recordings and live performances. James is a dynamic entertainer and leads a group of four exceptional and entertaining musicians of eclectic musical backgrounds. Together they have found common ground in the blues.

Maria Woodford is a lifelong musician and songwriter. Throughout her years of playing the streets with an open guitar case to her more recent experiences playing Allentown's Symphony Hall, Woodford's sultry vocals, throaty growl, and disarmingly honest approach to songwriting has earned her many honors and awards including The B.E.A.M. grant for independent music (2001) and Best Independent Album of the Year (NJ Press- 2002). Woodford has traveled from coast to coast and beyond with her music. Her Spring 2012 release of "Bad Dog Blues" features the great Phil Wiggins and many of the blues world's most up and coming musicians.

<http://www.jamessuprabluesband.com/> and <http://www.mariawoodford.com/>

Sarah Ayers Band

The Sarah Ayers Band celebrates ten years of playing blues, funk and rock. Sarah earned her bachelor's degree in opera performance and studio teaching from Susquehanna University. In her senior year she had the honor of being one of the youngest to ever win an award at the Metropolitan Opera Competition. Sarah has sung opera with a wide range of companies from the Reading Orchestra to the Anchorage Opera Company. It was in Anchorage, Alaska that

Sarah got her first taste of the blues, singing Janis Joplin, Etta James, and Koko Taylor covers with the 76th Street Blues Band and Paul Byrd and the Escalators. Sarah has been awarded Best Female Vocalist at the Lehigh Valley Music Awards every year since 2003. In each year she has also taken home 25 additional awards in other categories, including: best original band, best blues vocalist, best all-around performer, best original song Body Says Yes, and best Overall CD in 2007 for *3 AM Epiphany*.

<http://www.sarahayersband.com/>