



Weekend Wonders: A look at The Music Scene to Come



Larry "Fuzzy" Knight & Blowin' Smoke Rhythm & Blues Band

Larry "Fuzzy" Knight, founder, bandleader, bassist and vocalist of Blowin' Smoke Rhythm & Blues Band has been fulfilling a dream and vision to bring to today's music loving audiences a different style of music, showmanship and presentation that they might never had seen in the past or present.

"Fuzzy" was born in "44" and rooted in blues and R&B in the city that inspired W.C. Handy's classic composition, "ST LOUIS BLUES". He grew up with the culture of black music engulfing his young mind and soul. He broke into blues in his mid-teens by playing with Albert King, Little Milton, Chuck Berry and Ike Turner, all residing in St. Louis at that time. "Fuzzy" witnessed almost all of the great R&B revues touring and playing for primarily black audiences only; Ray Charles, Ike Turner & the Kings of Rhythm, James Brown, Otis Redding, Wilson Pickett, Little Milton, and so many more. The one thing that they all had in common was their presentation. Each artist usually had a band with a full horn section that would feature the players early in the show, other lead vocalists who would come out to sing a song or two, and female vocalists who would sing background and be featured on lead songs and/or sing with the "star" of the show. There was always a lot of musical entertainment and unbelievable excitement at every R&B revue show.



Larry's vision came true with the forming of BLOWIN' SMOKE Rhythm & Blues Revue which features three Hot, Sassy & Sultry Female Lead Vocalists..... The Fabulous SMOKETTES! Once these ladies are on stage in front of their microphones you can immediately feel the heat rise, the party starting, the earth shaking, a soul stirring experience about to take place that won't soon be forgotten!!

Larry has presented some of the West Coast's best female blues and R&B vocalists over the last 15 years; Carolyn Basley, Christina Vierra, MaxAyn Lewis, Lyrica Garrett, La Quita Davis, Dwanna Parker, and Joyce Lawson just to name a few. If you like 'live' sax, trumpet & trombone playing as opposed to synthesized horn sounds, then you must see Blowin' Smoke which also features many of the West Coast's greatest Blues, R&B and Jazz musicians. They are all featured soloists early and throughout the show as well as an outstanding horn ensemble.

The Blowin' Smoke Band & Revue delivers the sounds of classic Rhythm & Blues shows and recordings of the "golden era" with a drive, passion and energy that is so dominant in today's music.

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