



THE AMAZING JIMMI MAYES

Jimmi Mayes is a National & International Performing Artist - Vocalist - Drummer - Author - Recording Artist

now living in Jackson, MS – his hometown after living in Chicago, New York, and Mexico City, Jimmi studied music in high school in Jackson, MS. He started performing professionally after high school. From performing in Jook Joints and Night Clubs around Jackson, MS he was offered work with prestigious nightclubs in Chicago. From there he performed with the Legends of the time. Jimmi Mayes played and toured with Little Walter, Jimmy Reed, Pinetop Perkins, Willie “Big Eyes” Smith, Robert Junior Lockwood, and more over the course of his career. He backed Marvin Gaye and later became the bandleader for Joey Dee & the Starlites who had a monster hit the “Peppermint Twist” during the time Jimmi was with them. He became good friends with Jimi Hendrix and eventually Jimi Hendrix asked him to record with him. Mayes is on four of Hendrix’s albums. Jimmi Mayes performs with his band the Mill Street Depo.

PERFORMANCES AND HONORS

- 2019 – October Jimmi Mayes, a featured performer at the Pinetop Perkins Homecoming at Hopson’s Plantation, Clarksdale, MS
- 2019 – Jimmi Mayes, a performer at the Unity Festival, Greenwood, MS
- 2018 Headliner in Bolzano Italy - An Evening With The Blues Concert
- 2016 Chicago Blues Hall Of Fame Inductee
- 2014 Big Blues Bender - Las Vegas With The Original Legends Of The Blues
- 2016 – 2019 Mississippi Artist Roster Member & MAC Grant Recipient

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS –SYMPOSIUMS

***Pensacola, FL – The Five Sisters – featuring Jimmi Mayes speaking about his life story - 2019**

***B.B. King Day at Mississippi Valley State University and the B.B. King Museum, Indianola, MS - Featured speaker and performer 2017, 2018, 2019**

***Mississippi Book Fair at the Mississippi State Capitol, Featured Symposium Speaker 2017**

***History is Lunch - William Winter Archives and History Building** - Jimmi Mayes talking about his book - The Amazing Jimmi Mayes - Sideman to The Stars – published by The University Press

***An Evening with The Blues Symposium** Bolzano Italy before the Concert - Jimmi Mayes talking about his friendship with Jimmi Hendrix and more.

RECENT ALBUMS

Recent Releases are: (as a Vocalist and Drummer)

2018 My Whole Life’s A Shuffle – Mississippi Delta Records, Recorded in the B.B. King Studio

2015 Still Carrying the Flame - Nearly 300yrs. of combined experience with the legends of the blues, these legendary sidemen take us on a journey from the Delta to present day.

2012 All My Best – Jimmy Mayes, Wolf Records International, Wien, Austria.

2004 Messin’ with the Kid. Depo Records, Chicago

The Jimi Hendrix experience - Back in 1965, an unknown Jimi Hendrix was approached by James Mayes, a bandleader and drummer, who was looking for a guitarist to play with Joey Dee & Starlites. Although Hendrix’s stint with the group was only a few short months, he became and remained very good friends with Mayes.

Jimmi Mayes was the Drummer on the following Jimi’ Hendrix CDs

The Cry of Love – “My Friend;” First Rays of the New Rising Sun Part 1; First Rays of the New Rising Sun Part 2; Maree Sunrise – My Friend and Georgia Blue; People, Hell, and Angels – Let Me Move You

Music preview – My Whole Life’s A Shuffle

Jimmi Mayes Video Playlist - [YouTube](#)

Website – www.jimmimayes.com and

www.msdeltablues.com

Amazon – [My Whole Life’s A Shuffle](#)

Availability - Jimmi Mayes has been a featured performer in clubs such as an Underground 119 in Jackson, MS; Ground Zero, in Clarksdale, MS, and many clubs in Chicago. Jimmi Mayes is available for Festivals, and Concerts. He is available to speak at Educational Symposiums, and Civic Organization about the Blues and his friendship and work with musicians such as Jimi Hendrix.

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