



## **BILL HOWLNMADD PERRY And SHY PERRY**

Bill Howl-N-Madd Perry and Shy Perry have travelled extensively as a duet and full band for years. They were recently one of the main musical acts on the European Blues Cruise 2016 that sailed

on the Mediterranean Sea from Marseille, France to Naples, Rome, and Bastia, Italy. Bill and Shy were on a month tour where they travelled to Phoenix, AZ and performed at The Rhythm Room, Haywood/Russell Festival in Haywood, CA, and numerous clubs in New Mexico and Colorado.

Howl-N-Madd and Shy Perry were the headline act for "An Evening With The Blues" festival in Bolzano, Italy.

### **Bill HowlN Madd Perry**

Billy Joe Perry (better known as) Howl-N-Madd was born in Tula, MS. Howl-N-Madd's slave ancestors lived in the same shack where he was born. His mother always worked, and she carried him on her cotton sack while she picked cotton. His father was a sharecropper and pulp wood hauler. But his dad's real job was moonshining.

Howl-N-Madd's family moved up north to Chicago and that's where he really began to cut his teeth in music. At only 14 years old, he got the opportunity to play and record with gospel greats like the Clefs Of Calvary and The Salem Travelers. Howl-N-Madd recorded "Keep On Marching" with the Clefs of Calvary (HOB Records 268) and The Salem Travelers- "Wait On The Lord" with Chess Records. The Salem Travelers played at The Apollo Theatre for 12 days. He worked with Mildred Clark and the Melodyaires on ABC Records (Changing The World), Rev. Columbus Mann, Rev Earnest Franklin, The Violinaires, and Albertina Walker, and ("I'm Leaving The Choice To You" and "It Sure Is Good"- Jewel Paula Records).

Little Milton Campbell gave Howl-N-Madd his first opportunity to sing and play professionally in a blues band. He's had an extremely impressive career working with musicians like Johnnie Taylor, Little Johnnie Taylor, Freddie King, Cash McCall, and T-Bone Walker to name a few.

Howl-N-Madd went by the name Billy Easton in the 1960s and had a song that got major airplay called "I Was A

Fool" with Dispo. He was one of the first people to be on the long running TV show Soul Train as Billy Easton. He led his own bands like Bill Perry and Rammit with Fantasy Records.

After a few years away from music while living in California, Howl-N-Madd decided to go back to his roots. He and his family moved to Mississippi where he joined a group called The Relaxations. He inspired his kids to play music and started a family band called The Perrys'. Howl-N-Madd was on lead guitar, his son Bill was on lead keys, his daughter Sharo played bass keyboard, and a drummer. The Perrys performed for 5 months in Hong Kong, China and 3 months in Jakarta, Indonesia. They toured across America and played many festivals and tours.

Bill then formed The Bill Howl-N-Madd Perry band. He also performed as a duo with his daughter Shy Perry, becoming one of the most popular Duo groups performing in clubs and festivals nationally and internationally.

Howl-N-Madd is noted on 3 Mississippi Blues Markers. The markers are on the Oxford Square, in front of the Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale, and Po' Monkey's located in Merigold, MS. He is also the subject of an exhibit at the Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale. He was a music teacher at the Delta Blues Museum for 5 years and he helped educate many young children about the blues.

### **SHY PERRY**

Shy Perry has been exposed to music her entire life. Coming from a musical family, Shy Perry has a 20-year career singing, playing bass keyboard, modeling, and dancing. She has traveled across the United States and to Europe and South America performing. Shy Perry won R&B/Soul Artist of the Year at the 2019 Josie Music Awards. Shy is a vocalist, keyboardist, and songwriter. She was up for three Josie Awards, including R&B/Soul Vocalist of the Year and Female Album of the Year for "Brand New Day," her third solo release.

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