



Charles "Sweet Pee" on bass, Sammy Lawhorn on guitar, James Cotton on harmonica, Jr. Wells on harmonica and John on guitar learning from the masters at Theresa's Lounge, south side of Chicago, 1975.



From the left: Lucky Peterson, on keyboards, B.B. "Big Voice" Odom, vocals, Little Milton on lead guitar, Nate Applewhite on drums and John Primer on 2nd guitar. France, 1982



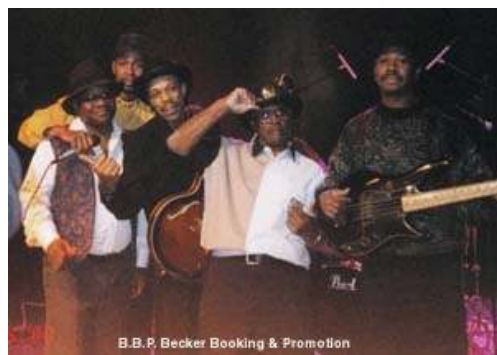
John with Carey Bell



Vintage Chicago blues at B.L.U.E.S. Etc... John with Magic Slim 1992.



Billy Boy (Yardbirds) jams with former Muddy Waters sideman John Primer. (Chicago)



From the left: Bert "Top Hat" Robinson, Steve Bell, John Primer, Bo Diddley and Michael Morrison.

# John Primer



As the title of his critically acclaimed Atlantic Records CD suggests, Grammy Award Nominee and Handy Award Nominee, John Primer is truly "The Real Deal". As a young boy, John first appeared on stage at the local Baptist church, and went on to play at house parties and fish fry's in and around his hometown of Camden, Mississippi.

At the age of eighteen, John followed the path of his mentors and migrated to Chicago in the fall of 1963. Forming his first band - The Maintainers - in 1964, John and his old Harmony guitar rocked such West Side clubs as The Place, The Bow Tie, and Lover's Lounge. John's success would lead him in 1974 to replace John Watkins in the house band at the world famous Theresa's Lounge on the South Side of Chicago. Over the course of the next 5 years, John would play with such originators as Sammy Lawhorn, Junior Wells, Buddy Guy, Smokey Smothers, Lonnie Brooks, and a host of other innovators sculpting the sound of Chicago Blues

John developed his Skills as a rhythm guitarist, a lead slide player, and a powerful singer. In 1979, master songwriter and bassist Willie Dixon persuaded him to join his band The Chicago All-Stars.

Traveling through the U.S. Mexico and Europe, Another blues master who believed in John Primer was none other than the "Hoochie Coochie Man" himself, Muddy Waters. Muddy recruited John not only as a guitarist, but also as an opening act. Muddy served as a father to John, instilling in him an unrelenting passion for the music that gave birth to Rock and Roll. John stayed loyal to Muddy until his untimely death in 1983.

Fresh off the heels of his great success with the Muddy Waters Band, John signed on with the legendary Magic Slim. For the next 14 years, he toured with Magic Slim & The Teardrops. In 1995 the veteran blues man went solo releasing his major label debut "The Real Deal". He has since toured extensively in support of his ten solo albums to date. With John Primer's strong traditionalist blues phrasing and lightning fast slide techniques, few artists can match him. A master storyteller and songwriter, his catalog of songs is endless and his sound is unforgettable. John Primer continues to electrify audiences at clubs and festivals around the world, and remains a driving force in the world of Blues music today.

