

# SOLID BLUES

*Mavis Staples, Charlie Musselwhite, North Mississippi Allstars, Joe Krown*



**Solid Blues** brings together **Mavis Staples**, **Charlie Musselwhite**, **North Mississippi Allstars** and **Joe Krown** in their first-ever tour together.

From early days sharing lead vocals with her groundbreaking gospel group The Staple Singers – with hits including “Respect Yourself” and “I’ll Take You There” – to acclaimed solo recordings, **Mavis Staples** has become an inspirational force in modern popular culture and music. Inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1999, she received three Grammy® nominations in 2004, a Grammy® Lifetime Achievement Award and 3 W.C. Handy Awards in 2005, and the NEA’s National Heritage Fellowship Award in 2006.



**Charlie Musselwhite** has been called “The world’s greatest living blues harmonica player” by the *New York Press*. Eight-time Grammy-nominee and eighteen-time W. C. Handy Award-winner, Charlie has also won Lifetime Achievement Awards from The Monterey Blues Festival and the San Javier Jazz Festival in Spain, and the Mississippi Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Arts. Charlie’s latest CD, *Delta Hardware*, was called “an early candidate for blues record of the year” by *All Music Guide*.



**North Mississippi Allstars** won three Grammy® nominations for Best Contemporary Blues Album – for their debut recording, *Shake Hands with Shorty* in 2001, *Phantom 51* in 2003, and their latest recording, *Electric Blue Watermelon*, in 2005. *Electric Blue Watermelon* also reached #1 on the 2005 Billboard Top Blues Album Chart. The group recently recorded the soundtrack (along with Charlie Musselwhite) for Paramount’s *Black Snake Moan* (directed by Craig Brewer with music by Scott Bomar of *Hustle and Flow* fame, and starring Samuel L. Jackson, Christina Ricci, and Justin Timberlake).



New Orleans styled piano and Hammond B-3 player, **Joe Krown** is a favorite of the Crescent City and has won numerous awards there for his recordings and performances. He held the keyboard chair with Clarence “Gatemouth” Brown & Gate’s Express from 1992 until Gatemouth’s passing in the fall of 2005 and has performed and recorded with innumerable other artists including Carlos Santana, Eric Clapton, Buddy Guy, Dr. John, B. B. King. Joe’s latest CD is *Livin’ Large* with the Joe Krown Organ Combo.