



VINCE JOHNSON

& THE PLANTATION ALLSTARS

Genre **BLUES** Location **MEMPHIS**

Blues harp virtuoso Vince Johnson makes it easy to understand why people call the harmonica the “Mississippi saxophone.” His rich, entrancing harp playing is a beautiful soundscape that elicits great emotion from the listener. Saturated with unfeigned feeling, his smooth, golden voice brings the true meaning of the Blues to anyone who hears him play. One of the greatest harmonica players and overall entertainers to grace the stage, he has enthralled audiences across the country and internationally.

Vince Johnson leads his storied Memphis Blues band, the Plantation Allstars, taking the sound of the Blues to a new and different level. Growing up in Chicago, he developed his creative identity as a vocalist and harmonica player by listening to and studying the artists of not only the Blues, but R&B and Jazz as well. He is also an accomplished flutist and percussionist, among his many other talents. As a result of these diverse influences, his sound summons up the grit and raw drive of the South-Side Chicago Blues, imbued with the warm, rhythmic textures of Memphis Soul Music, and blends them into a unique Blues explosion.

Vince's little brother, Alan Johnson, joins him on the bass. BMA winner and Grammy nominated Jeremy Powell has been his choice on keys for the past 15 years. Bryson Lehw brings that Mississippi soul with his master guitar licks, and Shannon Johnson rounds out the band on drums. With thousands of performances on Beale Street and throughout the U.S., three International Blues Challenge appearances, and Memphis Blues Society's Lifetime Achievement Award, Vince Johnson and his band have etched their name in Memphis music history.

A Blues performance by Vince Johnson grabs your heart and squeezes tightly and, most importantly, guarantees a good time for everyone, young and old. Whether you like to dance the night away, "romp and stomp till midnight, fuss and fight till daylight," or just sit back and groove to the music, Vince Johnson & the Plantation Allstars' big, full sound will suit any musical occasion. Whether it's a festival, corporate party, a swanky nightclub in New York City, or even a wine tasting in Beverly Hills, Vince Johnson & the Plantation Allstars are sure to bring a juke joint to your backyard!

Most recently Vince Johnson & the Plantation Allstars were honored with the prestigious Beale Street Brass Note award. The Beale Street Brass Notes offer a tangible tribute to the talented people who had put Memphis music and Beale Street on the world map. Past recipients include Aretha Franklin, Johnny Cash and Booker T. and the M.G.'s among others. This summer the Vince Johnson & the Plantation Allstars brass musical note was embedded in a sidewalk on Beale Street, as part of the Beale Street Brass Note Walk of Fame.

HIGHLIGHTS

Receptient of Beale Street Brass Note Award

Memphis Blues Society's Lifetime Achievement Award

Three International Blues Challenge appearances

Thousands of performances on world-famous Beale Street in Memphis,
and throughout the U.S.

Numerous performances in New York at
B.B. King's Blues Club, Arthur's Tavern, The Strand,
Ashford & Simpson Sugar Bar, Tremé, 89 North Music Venue

Participation in numerous Blues festivals including
Venice Blues Festival, Florida
Long Island Blues Festival at Freeport, New York (headliner)
King Biscuit Blues Festival, Helena, Arkansas
and many more



*Vince Johnson
& the Plantation Allstars
Brass Note on Beale Street
Walk of Fame in Memphis*

BAND MEMBERS

VINCE JOHNSON *vocals, harmonica*

ALAN JOHNSON *bass*

JEREMY POWELL *keys*

BRYSON LEHEW *lead guitar*

SHANNON JOHNSON *drums*

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PRESS QUOTES

“Vince Johnson and the Plantation Allstars play some of the best harmonica-driven Blues around.”

– *This Week’s Best Shows in New York*

“Incredible blues... unforgettable show... Vince blows a blazing harmonica!”

– *Illinois Times*

“With his gritty vocal style and some down-home harp playing, Vince Johnson makes the most of his time in the spotlight.”

– *Crossroads Blues Society*

“You can call Vince Johnson & the Plantation Allstars the international ambassadors of the Memphis Blues, because they’ve brought their smokin’ sound to venues far and wide. When he and his band played last year’s Long Island Blues Festival, they damn near set Freeport free forever, if that were even possible, because their funky mix of R&B was so hot to handle. Their jamming is legendary, their slamming is incendiary! This band is the real deal from Beale Street, courtesy of Memphis, Tennessee. When you hear Johnson pontificate about that “Mean Old Woman” who done him wrong, you want to ask why would anybody want to be mean to this man when he’s doing what he’s meant to do in this world? And that’s playing the blues so nice it hurts!”

– *Long Island Press*



“Vince Johnson sounding like the great Sugar Blue on harmonica.”
– *Crossroads Blues Society*

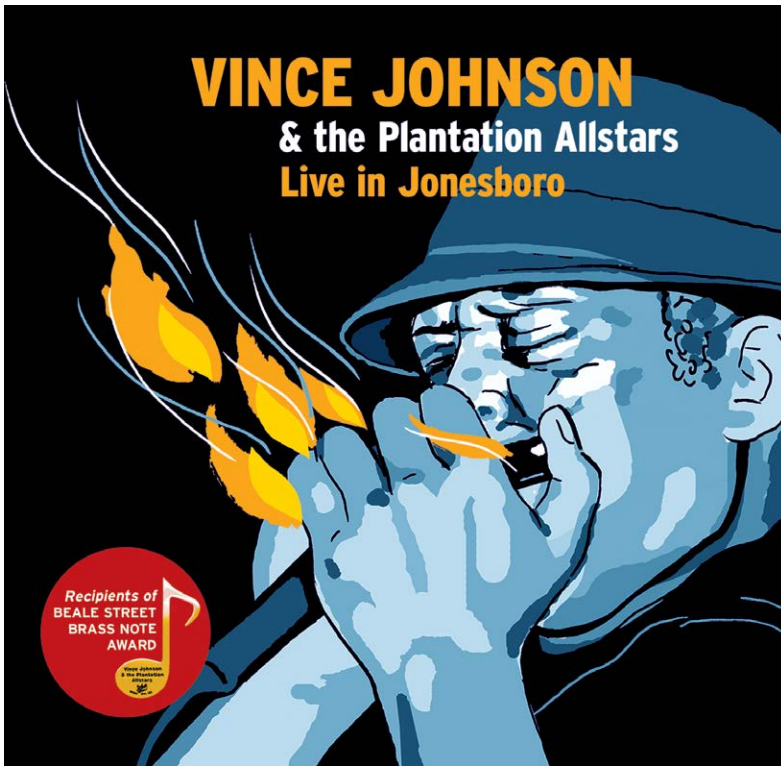
“Vince Johnson’s smooth voice, stage presence, and entrancing harp transport us all to Beale Street.”
– *Blues Underground Network*

“Vince Johnson was hitting it off. Sitting on a bar stool with such natural nonchalance, he and his band were charming the audience... Maybe it was the sound of the harmonica or that elderly couple dancing in front of Vince, bonded by this invisible feeling. I don’t know what, but there was something there, something undecipherable. A spirit.”

–Audrey Petit-Trigg
The Grind



ALBUMS



*Vince Johnson
& the Plantation Allstars
Live in Jonesboro*
Country: USA
Released: 2014

1. **JAY'S GROOVE** 9:24
Alan Johnson

2. **MESSIN' WITH THE KID** 5:16
Mel London/Junior Wells

3. **GREEN ONIONS** 6:29
*Booker T. & the M.G.'s/
Sonny Boy Williamson*

4. **RED HOUSE** 8:57
Jimi Hendrix

5. **MUSTANG SALLY** 8:20
Mack Rice

6. **BIG HIP WOMAN** 8:00
Vince Johnson

7. **HOOCHIE COOCHIE MAN** 8:57
Willie Dixon

8. **GONE FISHIN'** 5:51
Vince Johnson

9. **AIN'T NO SUNSHINE** 14:04
Bill Withers

10. **BOOGIE CHILLEN'** 4:22
John Lee Hooker

*Recorded live in
Jonesboro, Arkansas*

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unforgettable show...
Vince blows a blazing
harmonica!" -Illinois Times



FEATURING
VINCE JOHNSON Vocals, Harmonica
ALAN JOHNSON Bass
CARL BRISCOE Lead Guitar
STEVE MAYLOR Trumpet
HENRY HODGE Trumpet
COLEMAN GARRETT II Saxophone
NEAL RUTLEDGE Drums

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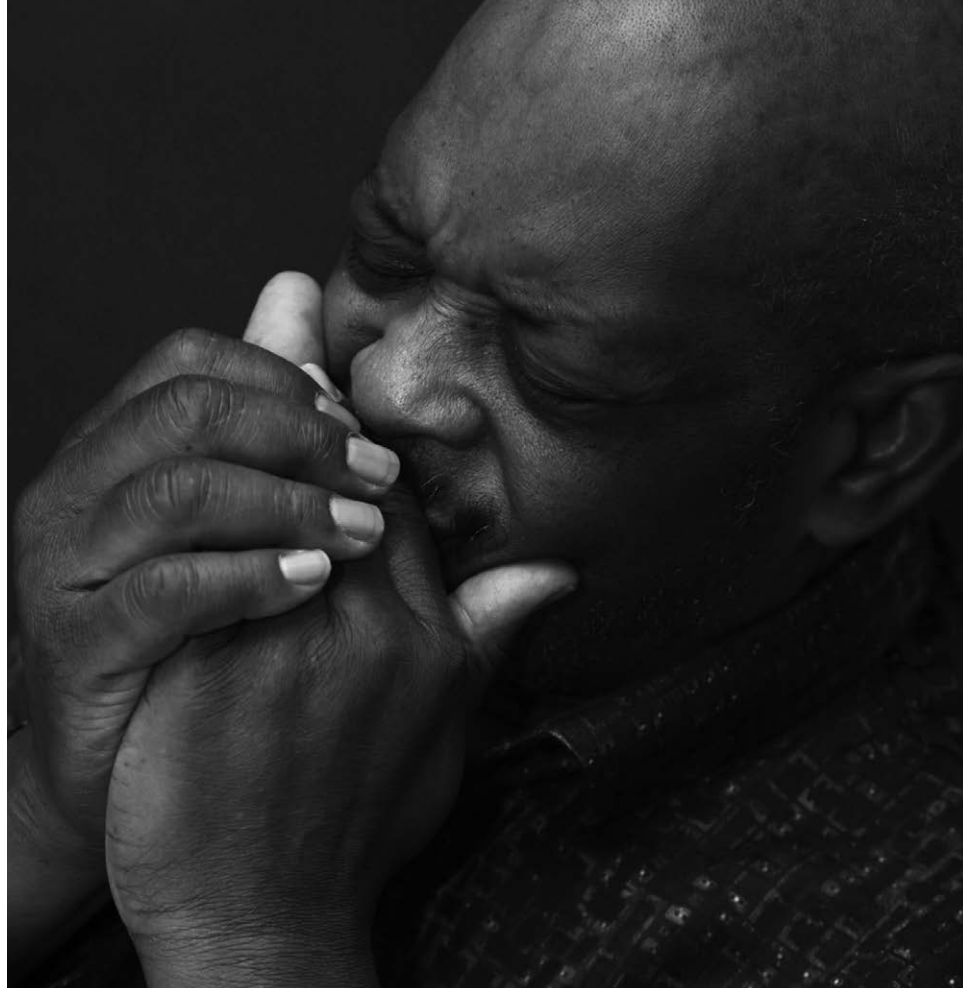
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