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The Merchants of Groove



Paul Lyon Vocals & Guitar
 Teddy Young..... Vocals & Guitar
 Les Toth Vocals & Harmonica
 Mike Basalyga..... Percussion
 Robert “Frog” Fenstermaker Bass
 Tommy Hamilton.....Saxophone
 Gary Rixner..... Trombone



Set list

Move on Down the Line Paul Lyon	Red House Jimi Hendrix
Mary Had a Little Lamb Buddy Guy	Tee Ni Nee Ni Noo Alex Chilton
Big Boss Man Jimmy Reed	She Caught the Katy Taj Mahal
Help Me Sonny Boy Williamson II	Hideaway Freddie King
Angel from Montgomery John Prine	Don’t Lie to Me Tampa Red
If You Love Me Like You Say . Albert Collins	Feels Like Rain John Hiatt
Don’t Lose Your Cool Albert Collins	Hoochie Coochie Man Muddy Waters
Just Your Fool..... Little Walter	Sweet Home Chicago Robert Johnson

Back in the late 1980s and early 1990s, **The Merchants of Groove** dominated the blues scene in Northeastern Pennsylvania, playing clubs and festivals throughout the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area and the Poconos. The Merchants disbanded in the early 90s after lead guitarist Teddy Young, who joined the band at age 15, left to pursue a solo career that would take him across North America.

Over the years, founder and bandleader Paul Lyon occasionally sat in with Young’s trio and the two remained close. In 2011, Lyon had a chance run-in with original Merchants drummer Mike Basalyga after a Sunday service at First Presbyterian Church and the two started talking about a reunion. A few months later, Lyon approached Young about putting the band back together, and rehearsals soon got underway with a new bass player, Robert "Frog" Fenstermaker, formerly of the Blue Sparks from Hell.

Led by Lyon on vocals and guitar, the band features Young’s jaw-dropping lead guitar work, the masterful harmonica and vocals of Les Toth, and the rock-solid rhythms of Basalyga and Fenstermaker. For this special performance, the band has added *The Groovenator Horns* featuring Tommy Hamilton on saxophone and Gary Rixner on trombone. The Merchants play a wide variety of blues and blues-rock songs, including originals penned by Lyon and classics by such artists as Muddy Waters, B.B. King, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Albert Collins, Freddie King, Buddy Guy, Little Walter, Jimi Hendrix and many others.

More information is available at www.merchantsofgroove.com or on the band’s Facebook page.



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