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# The Merchants of Groove



Paul Lyon	Vocal & guitar
Teddy Young	Lead guitar
Les Toth	Harmonica and vocal
Mike Basalyga	Percussion
Rob "Frog" Fenstermaker	Bass
Tommy Hamilton	Saxophone
Gary Rixner	Trombone

## Play list

Don't Lose Your Cool	Albert Collins
If You Love Me Like You Say	Albert Collins
Mary Had a Little Lamb	Buddy Guy
She Caught the Katy	Taj Mahal
Things That I Used To Do	Guitar Slim
Big Boss Man	Jimmy Reed
Tee Ni Nee Ni Noo	Alex Chilton
Red House	Jimi Hendrix
Hideaway	Freddie King
Don't Lie to Me	Tampa Red
Move on Down the Line	Paul Lyon
Killing Floor	Howlin' Wolf
Just Your Fool	Little Walter
Feels Like Rain	John Hiatt
Help Me	Sonny Boy Williamson II
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](http://www.merchantsofgroove.com) or on the band's Facebook page.