

Doctor Pepper and the Remedy

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The Doctor's Got the Cure for Whatever Gives You the Blues



Doctor Pepper

You may take the boy out of Chicago but you can't take Chicago out the the boy. Born and raised on the West Side, Pepper stopped a stray bullet that left him in a wheelchair at a young age, but, nothing stopped him from following his heart. He studied the playing styles of Luther Tucker, Magic Sam, Muddy Waters and Albert Collins, and at the age of 19 followed Muddy Waters out to California where he has lived ever since.

One of the first questions I asked the Doctor in our phone interview, was where that name Doctor Pepper came from. His answer? It came from a couple of places. Tommy D gave him "the Doctor" when he first saw him play at the Bay View Boat Club in the fall of '95, cause his music is medicine for the soul. The "Pepper" is his spice of choice. He likes it hot and spicy like his music, which definitely burns it on down.

By 1981 Pepper had a D.J. spot at Berkeley radio station KALX, 90.7 FM. His weekly show "The Blues Plate Special" featured interviews of all the great blues musicians who made their way to the Bay Area. He sat in on live performances with most of them. Some of the featured artists were: Mississippi Johnny Waters, Cool Papa, J.J. Malone, Sonny Rhodes, Luther Tucker, Johnny Mars, Mark Naftlin, Tommy Castro, and Freddie Roulette. He sometimes still plays with Freddie Roulette at the San Francisco Bay View Boat Club and with the Tommy D NOW band.

When punk came in, the blues went out, and so did the good Doctor's "Blues Plate Special" in 1985. The Doctor moved on to less talk and more performing. He's been working on his singing career and penning some new tunes, and is now in top shape. You can catch him at Dylan's on Folsom and 20th, Lucky Friday the 13th of February, playing with his band "Doctor Pepper and The Remedy". That's right. Tommy D named the band too. Come and get the cure for whatever gives you the blues.

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