

SID RUMPO

Robert Searts - guitar, Ken Wallace - piano, Owen Hughes - bass, Noel Herridge - drums. I have one live tape of the band before we left for Melbourne. Bob plays lead guitar and I play harp on this one. Probably from September, 1972.

THE UNITS

Tony Borthwick - saxes & flute, Phil Bailey - bass, Al Kash - drums. Some great musical friends in an improvisation-based group. We managed only two gigs, this one recorded at The Octagon in 1975.

THE ELKS

Terry Serio - vocals, Dave Brewer - guitar, Howard Shawcross - bass, Ivan Zar - harp, Reg Zar - drums. My favourite Elks' lineup at a classic gig in Melbourne, April 14, 1978. Dave informs me that he has spoken to HG Nelson to confirm his youthful voice on this introduction.

DAVE BREWER & JOHN HOOD

Dave and JH in our only acoustic performance. I solo on Wayne Shorter's "Footprints", check out Dave's awesome rhythm playing. Dave solos on my hymn tune, "Praise".

KOUKOU ROUKOU TRIO

Stephen Marquis - acoustic & electric bass, unknown drummer. Steve and I were doing my original instrumentals as a duo "Koukou Roukou", in Melbourne in the early 90's. We had the ESP factor between us. When we scored a trio gig at The Tapas bar in Smith St, Collingwood, we added a drummer from Steve's funk band - can't remember his name.

PAUL DALY & THE FUNDAMENTALS

Paul Daly - vocals & harp, Fred Kuhnli & Ian Smith - bass, Mike Sullivan - drums. Mostly active during the late 90's, my "Giverny Blues" was 'live in the studio', the others from the Perth Blues Club. I still love to play the blues guitar.

THE MORTONS

Chris Hudson - bass, Oliver Nelson - drums. These young tyros are the rhythm section from Perth band The Tigers, live at the Fly By Night maybe 2001.

JOHN MCKITTRICK & JOHN HOOD

John McKittrick was an English blues-harp player who drifted through and around Perth 1969-71. He was the first guy I heard who could really play, having an awesome control of the instrument, with great tone, attack, vibrato, phrasing and creativity. A lounge room recording from 1971.

Producer's note: Thanks to all of the fine musicians who played on this collection.

JOHN HOOD IN THE SKY A LIVE ANTHOLOGY 1971-2001

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