Mp3 The Jay Johnson Band - Royalbluemoon



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"I believe the cerebral of Mr. Dylan just met the melody of The Eagles. Elvis left the building and someone remodeled it. To steal a phrase, I'd like to buy the World a Jay Johnson album..." Seth Harrison, author/songwriter. 12 MP3 Songs ROCK: 70's Rock, ROCK: Funk Rock Details: Jay Johnson is an award winning singer/songwriter who is being recognized not only for his songwriting skills but for his powerful vocal performances as well. Among his most recent accolades, he was selected as a Regional Finalist in the 2004 Sony/USA Network Nashville Star TV Show and currently has 2 of his songs being considered for placement in an upcoming film. He and the band are also currently in the semi-finals of the Shiner Bock Rising Star Competition, which will be completed on October 7, 2004. This 18-yr veteran performer has shared the stage with such talent as Pat Green, Jackson Browne, Willie Nelson, Charlie Robison, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Steven Fromholtz, Gary P. Nunn and countless others. Jay's style of writing is as diverse and all encompassing as the writer himself and his writing savvy has been compared to James Taylor, Jackson Browne Townes Van Zandt. The new CD, ROYALBLUEMOON, is slated for a September '04 release and is the first album with his full band, who are all phenomenal artists in their own right. The combined talent and energy of this band is proving itself to be a powerful reckoning force with every performance. Add some beautiful music and a vocal performance that will touch your soul and you've got something really special - Jay Johnson and The Jay Johnson Band. 2004 REGIONAL FINALIST - Sony/USA Network's Nashville Star Television Show 2003 SEMI-FINALIST - Wildflower! Art and Music Festival Songwriter Competition 2003 CAMPFIRE HERO AWARD Texas Music Nation Festival Texasmusicnation 2003 OUTSTANDING FESTIVAL PERFORMER Beanstock Festival (Beanstock.org) 2002 - Open Doors Project CD benefiting The Parkinson Foundation(opendoorscd.org) 2002 MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR - Rockzilla Music Awards (Rockzilla.net) 2001 WINNER - BW

Stevenson Songwriter Competition (poordavidspub.com) 1999 - A.R.T.S. For People CD (A.R.T.S.ForPeople.org) JAY JOHNSON BIO "I loved the guitar. Girls loved the guitar. I loved girls. I had learned to play by watching my brother struggle. I wanted to sing songs so I learned to play songs. Lots of songs. There was no ROCK music allowed in my house. Late at night I would listen to Dallas ROCK stations. KZEW, Z-97, Q102. Tyler radio sucked. I'd go to sleep with that little mono earplug (white) hidden in my ear. I learned those songs. I couldn't buy an ELECTRIC guitar so I used what I had. (David and a sling.) Mostly a gut string classical that I got for \$100. I bought a 12 string for \$80 and took the little strings off 'cause I couldn't tune it. I played that. Daddy took the guitar away one time. I was playing "The Joker." That whole "peaches and trees" thing didn't sit too well with the principal of a private Christian High School." Jay Scott Johnson was born April 11, 1964, in Tyler, Texas, and by the fifth grade had lived in San Diego, Montana, Arizona, Tyler, Noonday, Nacogdoches and San Augustine, and was back on the farm in Noonday, Texas for the sixth grade. Noonday life, in Jay's words: "Four boys. Onions, potatoes, corn, beans. Plant and harvest. Mom tried to grow strawberries once." Jay started taking piano lessons at the age of seven and has been performing ever since. "Seventeen found me on the tarmac in Geneva, Switzerland with too much luggage - Thanks, Mom. Labri. Francis Scheaffer. Huemoz, Switzerland. You can only find it if you're looking for it. I was looking. I turned 18. I came home with longer hair and a bad habit of using long sentences that no one could follow. Daddy knew that I had been "sinning." That fall Jay booked a private party and made his first fifty dollars. He describes the next few years thusly: "Motorcycle wreck. Marriage. Baby. Back to school. Got a job in a factory. Started gigging to make extra money. Had to quit school. More money between the factory and gigging. 2 more babies. Solo, duo, trio, duo, 5-piece band. Rock and roll. Whiskey. Girls. Factory. Gig. Rock and roll. Whiskey. Girls. Factory. Gig. Rock and roll. Divorce. Rebecca. Marriage. Moved to Dallas. I decided that I wanted to tell my grandkids that I was a songwriter. So I started writing songs. Mostly bad. Nobody listened. Made a recording. Gave it away. Friends bought it. Kept writing. Still bad. Decided to make another recording." That recording was Images which, along with his 2002 recording Deep In The Heart of Texas, both received local and regional airplay as well as in Europe. In between these albums, Jay has won numerous awards and been ask to contribute songs for several special music projects, and his 3rd Album Royal Blue Moon will release summer '04. Jay has an uncanny knack for using his lyrics to paint mental images in the listener's mind - drawing the listener into the music and letting their own experiences

influence their images. Add some incredibly beautiful music, a voice to match and a knock-you-off-your-seat performer and you've got something really special - Jay Johnson.

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