

"Joys" – New Recording by John "Tbone" Paxton

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Trombonist/vocalist John "Tbone" Paxton has been on the Detroit music scene for over 40 years, most notably as a member of the horn section of the Sun Messengers. The group was a reliably funky horn band known for its work as the house band for the Detroit Pistons for many years. After over 30 years with the Messengers, Tbone has stepped out on his own. This is his sophomore effort coming after his debut, "Back in Your Own Backyard" on the Detroit Music Factory Imprint, which came out at the beginning of the Covid lockdown.

His new recording on the Eastlawn label simply entitled "Joys" offers yet another musical smorgasbord of musical delights that typify his interests: a rousing number by New Orleans' own Jelly Roll Morton; a reflective bossa nova with lyrics by the great Jon Henricks; a Percy Mayfield blues; a ballad associated with Nat King Cole; a real hardcore New Orleans R&B number; a pair of Fats Waller swing era tunes; a calypso from Louis Jordan; a solid mid-tempo swinger from Nat King Cole; and a Soul Jazz instrumental closer. "Joys" covers a lot of ground, which is indicative of the soul of Tbone Paxton.

Tbone started with the Sun Messengers with RJ Spangler in 1980. RJ left in the early 90s to pursue other musical activities, but they always stayed in touch. They have been partners now again for the last decade, and their Paxton/Spangler Band will celebrate this new recording with two nights at the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe in Grosse Pointe on January 18 and 19.

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