



Alberta Adams

Time: Friday, July 23rd at 5:00-6:15pm

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Blues Music goes in and out of style, but Alberta Adams has been ubiquitous with the blues in Detroit for over 50 years. She enjoys saying that she was born with the blues. She has certainly lived it.

Alberta has long been the undisputed Queen of the Blues here in Detroit. She started as a dancer in the late 1940's and has been doing it ever since. Along the way she toured with T-Bone Walker, Louis Jordan, Cleanhead Vinson and even played the Apollo Theater with Dizzy Gillespie. It is amazing that a woman born in 1917 is still out there doing it and doing with power. She continues to represent the real old school and is still touring. She just got back from a tour down south in fact!

Alberta has just completed her third CD for the Eastlawn label, called "Detroit Is My Home." On it she sings with three different and amazing pianists: Mark Braun, aka Mr. B, Al Hill (from the Bettye LeVette Band) and Ann Rabson, from Virginia. Ann is a member of Saffire, a great all female blues band that tours internationally. All three are fine pianists that offer different takes on the blues. Mark being the boogie-woogie expert, Ann coming from an old-timey music background and Al, whom has toured with Alberta, being a little funkier than the others. All three are great Alberta Adams fans!

On the new CD Alberta sings boogie-woogie, slow blues, ballads, New Orleans style R&B and other various styles of blues, always putting her very personal take on the groove. Alberta also contributed several songs which sets her apart from many traditional woman blues singers. This is her third full-length CD for the Detroit based Eastlawn label. Alberta has also recorded for Cannonball, Chess, Savoy and the Thelma (Gordy) labels.