



BOBBY HOLLAND and BREADLINE BLUES

The music of **Bobby Holland and Breadline Blues** is an up-tempo mix of traditional blues and other diverse blues based material including several contemporary originals. In many ways, Breadline defies categorization as they move seamlessly from a standard like Muddy Water's "King Bee" to a rockin' version of the Buck Owens classic "Hot Dog" and onto a bluesy take of Frank Zappa's "Cosmik Debris". Along the way they deliver first rate original material from the songwriting team of Bobby Holland and Rick Star. One thing is certain, Breadline Blues projects an image of fun, and they get people out on the dance floor. They perform both electrically and acoustically, based on the nature of the event or the needs of the room.

Breadline Blues draws from some of the top players in the area. The band is led by singer, songwriter and guitarist, **Bobby Holland**. Originally from Virginia, Holland spent the early part of his career touring the U.S. with a series of groups. He arrived in the Seattle area with Hotel Texas and eventually settled here. Along the way, he has played with such legendary artists as fiddler Sugarcane Harris, blues man Harvey Mandel and Texas troubadour Joe Ely.

Rick Star, Breadline's eclectic bassist, plays both the electric fretless and stand-up bass. He complements the band with his fine harmony and lead vocals as well as his songwriting abilities. A Los Angeles transplant, Star has played everything from free-form jazz to rock and roll to blues. He has appeared with artists as diverse as Terry Bozzio of the Jeff Beck Group and Pat Smear of Nirvana.

Gary Porter, with over thirty years of experience, is one of the area's most sought-after session drummers. Originally from West Texas, Porter met longtime associate Bobby Holland as a member of The Walrus Brothers in the late seventies. Since then, Porter has toured with several groups including Sweet Talkin' Jones, Rick Derringer and the McCoys and Sly and the Family Stone.

Rounding out the quartet is 2 time World Harmonica Champion, **Jim McLaughlin**. Jim has toured North America, Australia, Japan and Europe, performing a wide variety of musical styles. As a studio musician, McLaughlin can be heard on numerous recordings. He has performed with such notables as The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, WAR, Vassar Clements, Townes Van Zandt and Charlie Musselwhite to name a few.

Bobby Holland and Breadline Blues have played many of the major clubs and venues throughout the Northwest and they continue to make new fans everywhere they go. Check them out, and we think you'll agree: Bobby Holland and Breadline Blues are the real deal.

For booking information call: (425) 418-9867