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Press Release

WHO: Bay Area Blues Society and the City of Oakland

WHAT: West Coast Blues Hall of Fame & Awards Show

WHERE: Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA., 94612

WHEN: Saturday - March 18, 2006 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

WHY: To support the Bay Area Blues Society's ongoing programs and notably, the "Blues in the Schools" Program which uses local blues musicians to teach the history of the Blues to young students and provide instruction on the playing of musical instruments. The West Coast Blues Hall of Fame & Awards Show, an annual event, honors blues, jazz and gospel artists for their contributions to the art form called Blues and to celebrate Black History Month. Ten extraordinary artists will be inducted into the West Coast Blues Hall of Fame and the Bob Geddins Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to the artist who has most influenced a generation of musicians. General Category Awards will be given to the best: blues singer of the year, blues guitar of the year, blues drummer of the year, etc. This years show will induct notables as drummer, Earl Watkins, Ruthie's Inn Blues Club, Maxine Howard, Billy Barnes, Heartfield Brothers, The Right Kind, Hollywood Fats, Piney Clark, Bill Quarry, Martin Land Company and Richard Freeman, owners of the Lincoln Theatre and others to be announced!

TICKETS: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door for general admission; \$30 Gold Circle Seating