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WHO: Bay Area Blues Society and the City of Oakland

WHAT: West Coast Blues Hall of Fame & Awards Show 2009

WHERE: Hilton Oakland Airport
One Hegenberger Road
Oakland, Ca 94621

WHEN: Sunday – March 29, 2009 **6:00 to 10:00 p.m. – Awards Show**
10:00 to 11:00 p.m. – After Party

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 honors blues, jazz and gospel artists for their contributions to the art form called Blues and to celebrate Black History Month. This year's inductees will cover a very broad array of greats who helped to keep blues alive. Eighteen 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 Bobby Freeman, Larry Graham, Belva Davis, Steve Miller, Pete Escovedo, Lu Vason, Opal Nations, Don Robey, Nate James, Ed Howard, Art Lassiter, Ephesian Church of God In Christ, Bobby Webb, James Levi, Billy Pigrum, Vernon & Jewell, Lunnell, and Carl "Good Rockin" Robinson. The Bob Geddins Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to Eleanor Boswell-Raine (Globe Newspaper) and Carolyn Crawford (U.C. Berkeley Oral History Department). We are happy to announce our new venue, the beautiful Hilton at the Oakland Airport which includes plenty of parking.

TICKETS: \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door – After Party Included
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