

Guitar Shorty

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When legendary blues guitar wild-man **Guitar Shorty** first lights into one of his blistering solos, the only audible sound aside from searing guitar notes is the sound of the audience's jaws hitting the floor. Then, when he begins to sing in a voice robust and seasoned with experience, he raises the power and passion of his performance to an even higher level. Credited with influencing the guitar showmanship of both Buddy Guy and Jimi Hendrix, Shorty has been electrifying audiences for over four decades with a blistering combination of guitar pyrotechnics, soulful vocals and wild-man stage antics (incorporating headstands, somersaults and front flips into his legendary stage show).

Roll Over, Baby is a high-octane mix of New Orleans rock and R&B, Texas shuffles and gut-bucket blues that places the spotlight squarely on Shorty's fiery guitar work and gritty vocals. Recorded in New Orleans and produced by Black Top Records founder Hammond Scott, the album features Shorty's road band with Mark "Kaz" Kazanoff and the Kamikaze Horns plus an assembly of the Crescent City's finest players, including Buckwheat Zydeco bassist Lee Allen Zeno and famed pianist/organist David Torkanowsky (Funky Meters). **Roll Over, Baby** contains seven Shorty originals and four songs written by underground legend Swamp Dogg (known for his own eclectic blues and R&B work and as a producer/songwriter for acts like Z.Z.Hill and Solomon Burke). From the frisky title track to the organ-fuelled shuffle of *You're A Troublemaker* to the New Orleans brass styling of *The Porkchop Song*, **Roll Over, Baby** proves track after track that Shorty's infectious energy and unparalleled technique have made him one of the true success stories of modern blues.

Now, with the release of **Roll Over, Baby** and an extensive tour planned for this summer (including overseas dates in China and Malaysia), more people than ever will have the chance to see and hear this legendary Bluesman in action. Guitar Shorty's triple-threat combo of blazing stage show has left a permanent impression on thousands of fans across the world and proved him to be one of the most daring blues masters of our era. Roll Over, baby - Guitar Shorty's time has come.

Guitar Shorty performs at Yesteryears Dinner Club 235 W. 2nd Street Pomona, CA. (the downtown arts colony – www.2ndstreetlive.com) Fri 3/23 and Fri 4/6. Showtime is 7Pm and tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Call 909 629 5264 info and order line, Club 5164 and Red Entertainment 909 629 4349. Tickets also available at Tickmaster Online at www.tickmaster.com or call L.A. 213 480 3232, Orange County 714 740 2000 – Credit Cards Accepted.