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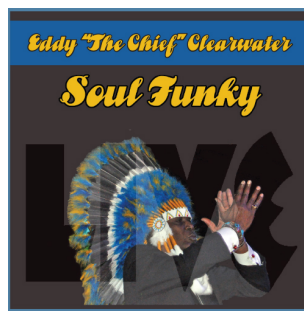


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It's that time of the year again to celebrate the holidays, ring in the New Year and celebrate another birthday with legendary Chicago Blues Guitarist, Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater.

Thanksgiving weekend Eddy will be headlining that [Saturday, November 25th at Buddy Guy's Legends](#).

January is Buddy Guy's yearly residence at his club Legends. Ring in the new year on [Friday, January 5th with Eddy Clearwater opening for GRAMMY Award winning Buddy Guy](#). Buddy is the National Spokesman for **PCa Blue (Prostate Cancer Awareness)**. Look for Eddy to join his old friend Buddy on stage to help connect the dots and support this important cause with brief Physician educational talks and guitar raffles throughout the night. A great night of music with the **two living legends and Blues Hall of Fame inductees**. 81 year old Buddy Guy will be helping Eddy Clearwater kickoff his 83rd Birthday Celebration weekend.

Come join "The Chief" as he continues his annual **Birthday** celebration concert on [Saturday, January 6th at Evanston S.P.A.C.E.](#) The tradition began with the 2014 concert that featured special guests, Ronnie Baker Brooks and Billy Branch who joined Eddy for his recording of Eddy's "Soul Funky" CD on his own **Clartone** label distributed through **Alligator Records**.

They say like a fine wine things get better with age... [GRAMMY nominated](#), [Blues Hall of Fame Inductee](#), [Blues Blast Awards Lifetime Achievement](#), [Jus Blues Music Award Lifetime Achievement](#), [Chicago Blues Hall of Fame Master Guitarist](#) recipient, **WC Handy Award** winner who has graced the cover of **Living Blues Magazine** three times with multiple **Living Blues Awards**... Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater celebrates 83 years young with his wonderful band and entertaining shows delighting fans across the country and around the world.

**Festival Organizers and Talent Bookers** join the celebration! **Book Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater NOW** for your **2018 Festival dates**. **Casey Scott** of **Highway Key Touring** is Eddy's exclusive booking Agent. Please contact Casey at [hwykey@gmail.com](mailto:hwykey@gmail.com) Phone: (773) 743-9546. Management **Renee Greenman** (847) 679-6311. Publicity, drops and station IDs contact **Lynn Orman**, **Orman Music and Media** at [ormanmusic@gmail.com](mailto:ormanmusic@gmail.com) or (847) 452-6469.



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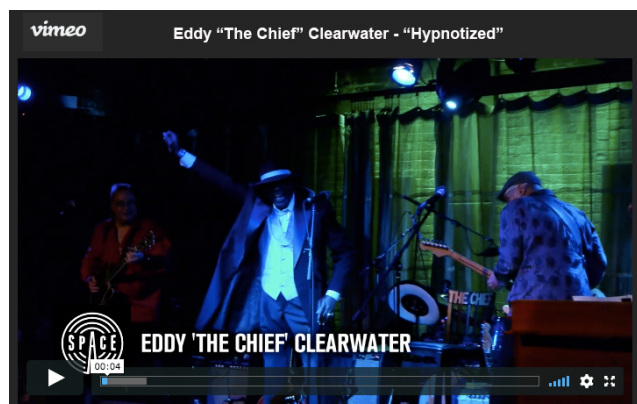
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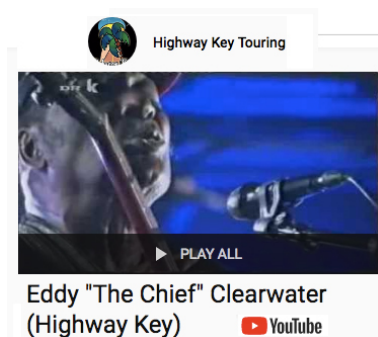
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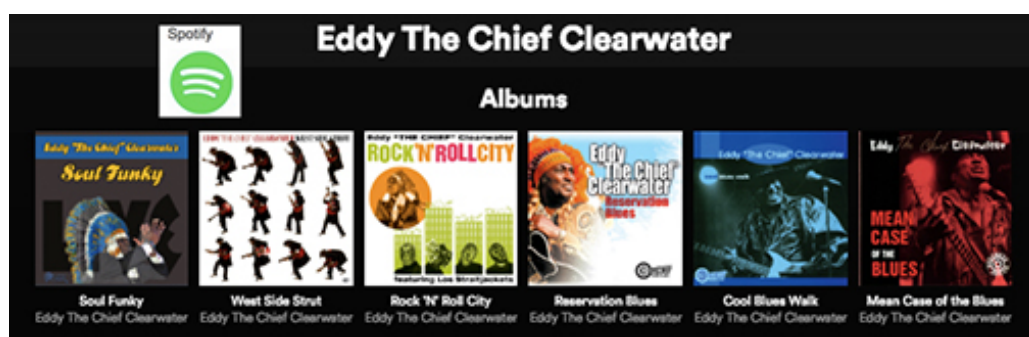
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It is with great pride that [Highway Key Touring](#) welcomes living Chicago blues legend and pioneer of the West Side blues, Eddy Clearwater, to the roster for worldwide booking representation.

## Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater - Biography

During the 1950s, Chicago's West Side was a breeding ground for some of the world's greatest bluesmen. Magic Sam, Otis Rush, Freddie King and others ruled the clubs. With his fierce guitar playing, soulful and emotive vocals and wild stage shows, Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater easily belongs on this list. A Chicago legend, Clearwater is an intense, flamboyant, blues-rocking showman. He's equally comfortable playing the deepest, most heartfelt blues or rocking, good-time party music.

Born Edward Harrington on January 10, 1935 in Macon, Mississippi, Eddy and his family moved to Birmingham, Alabama in 1948. The cousin of late harpist Carey Bell Harrington, Eddy had the sounds of blues, gospel and country & western surrounding him from an early age. He taught himself to play guitar (left-handed and upside down), and began performing with various gospel groups, including the legendary [Blind Boys of Alabama](#). After moving to [Chicago, Illinois](#) in 1950, Eddy stayed with an uncle and took a job as a dishwasher, saving as much as he could from his \$37 a week salary. His first music jobs were with gospel groups playing in local churches. Quickly though, through his uncle's contacts, he met many of Chicago's blues stars. Eddy fell deeper under the spell of the blues, and under the wing of blues star Magic Sam, who would become one of Eddy's closest friends and teachers.

By 1953 he was making a name for himself, working the South and West Side bars regularly. He befriended everyone from Sunnyland Slim to Earl Hooker, picking up licks and lessons along the way. After hearing [Chuck Berry](#) in 1957, Eddy added that rock and roll element to his already searing blues style, creating a unique sound that defines him to this day.

With successful appearances on television, increasing radio airplay, and a steady stream of singles being released on multiple labels, including his own Cleartone, Eddy was rarely in need of a place to play. He worked the local circuit steadily throughout the 1950s, 1960s and into the 1970s, finding success among the North Side college crowd who responded to his individual brand of blues, his rock and roll spirit and his high energy stage show.

Debuting his music to an international audience, Eddy twice toured Europe in the 1970s (the first time with [Buddy Guy](#) and Junior Wells) and appeared on BBC television in UK. His first full-length LP, 1980's *The Chief*, was the initial release on Chicago's Rooster Blues label. Wearing a full Indian headdress on the cover (an homage to his Cherokee blood), *The Chief*, as he was now known, reached the largest



audience of his career. Recording numerous albums for various labels in the 1980s and 1990s, Eddy's star continued to rise. He received piles of positive press and was nominated for seven Blues Music Awards, winning "Contemporary Blues Male Artist of the Year" in 2001.

His 2003 CD 'Rock 'N' Roll City' paired him up with the surf-rocking Mexican wrestling-masked group, [Los Straitjackets](#). The album was nominated for a [Recording Academy / GRAMMYs](#) award and earned Eddy a multitude of new fans.

[DownBeat Magazine](#) said, "Left-hander Eddy Clearwater is a forceful six-stringer... He lays down some gritty West Side shuffles and belly-grinding slow blues that highlight his raw chops, soulful vocals, and earthy, humorous lyrics."

His first [Alligator Records](#) release, 2008's 'WEST SIDE STRUT', was produced by [Ronnie Baker Brooks](#), son of the late legendary bluesman Lonnie Brooks. It is an energized mix of West Side blues and old school rock injected with a tough, up-to-the-minute contemporary edge. Featuring some of Eddy's hottest playing ever recorded, the CD burns with his stinging guitar and rough-and-ready vocals. Guests include Eddy's old friends Lonnie Brooks, Jimmy Johnson, [Billy Branch](#), [Otis Clay](#) and Ronnie Baker Brooks himself, playing some scintillating guitar parts. The 12 songs (including seven songs either written or co-written by Eddy) lean from straight-ahead blues and humorous rockers to plaintive, emotion-packed ballads. All are brought to vivid life by Eddy's ferocious and unflinching guitar playing, his power-packed vocals and unlimited energy, hard-earned by his years of experience.

Guitar One said Clearwater takes his listeners on "an inspired trip to that rollicking crossroads where the blues and rock collide."

2014's 'Soul Funky' released on the Cleartone label was cut live at [Evanston SPACE](#) in January of 2014 with Eddy's cooking band plus special guests Ronnie Baker Brooks and Billy Branch. The capture once again underscores why Eddy has long been hailed as one of Chicago's top blues guitarists. Clearwater loves to perform and has graced stages everywhere from Alaska to Argentina, Rochester to Romania. One of the few octogenarians still representing Chicago blues at its finest, Eddy The Chief Clearwater continues to strut the globe showing off his slicing guitar licks and uninhibited live show with a gumbo of rock-fueled blues, rockabilly, country and gospel, all served up by a living legend and a master his craft.

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