MARC STONE

"A true Blues diamond in the rough" - *Where Y'At Magazine*, New Orleans
"Stone is a masterful acoustic Blues player" - *OffBeat Magazine*, New Orleans

Guitarist, Singer, Radio DJ and music journalist **Marc Stone** has been performing professionally for over fifteen years. He has travelled around the globe, playing in nearly twenty countries in North America, South America, Europe and Asia. He can be heard playing red-hot Delta Blues solo concerts on his steel guitar, leading the smoking four piece **Marc Stone Band** on electric guitar and lap steel, or backing great Roots Music artists in the clubs, at Mardi Gras balls and Jazzfest slots, on the road around the U.S. and beyond, and on recording dates. His efforts have earned him friends far and wide, critical accolades in multiple languages, and a nomination for **Best Emerging Blues Artist** at the 2005 Best of The Beat Awards in New Orleans.

In addition to regular gigs around New Orleans and the Gulf south and a steady touring schedule of solo, duo and band dates in Europe, Marc has produced numerous projects involving the cream of local and national Roots talent. He created, produced and acted as musical director for the **Louisiana Blues Throwdown**. Marc's Throwdown series has included dates at all of the major clubs in New Orleans (**House of Blues, Tipitina's, Maple Leaf**) and was the headlining act at the 2003 Johnstown Folk Festival, closing the main stage in front of 4000 people. Artists that have performed with Marc as part of the Throwdown include **Harry "Big Daddy" Hypolite, Walter "Wolfman" Washington, Mathilda Jones, Vasti Jackson, Jumpin' Johnny Sansone, Shannon McNally** and **Eric Lindell**. The Throwdown, with a line up featuring Marc and Vasti, will be making it's first overseas trip to France in summer 2007. Marc also acted as producer and musical director of the **A Change is Gonna Come** benefit concert for the **New Orleans Musicians Clinic**, held at the **Old Point Bar** on April 28, 2006. The concert featured Sacred Steel masters **The Campbell Brothers**, who flew in from New York and were joined by **Terrance Simien, Anders Osborne, Kirk Joseph, Tim Green, Arlee Leonard, Andy J. Forest, Shannon McNally, Sean C** and many others. The event sold out and raised over $6000 for the clinic. Look for a CD and DVD of the concert to be released in 2007, as well as dates featuring Campbell Brothers with Marc and an All-Star New Orleans crew.

Born in New York City in 1970, Marc began playing in blues clubs at the age of seventeen. His early days on the scene put him on stage with New York blues heavyweights **Johnny Allen, Jerry Dugger, Bill Sims**, and members of the **Holmes Brothers**. In the early 1990s Marc's **Eclectic Acoustic Jam** in Greenwich Village was a stopping point for village freaks and emerging talent such as **Alana Davis, David Poe, Matt Johnson** (of **Jeff Buckley**'s band), and future superstar **Dave Matthews**. In 1993 Marc moved to New Orleans and began to play with a long list of Louisiana's top artists, including **C.J. Chenier, Eddie Bo, Marva Wright, Terrance Simien, Ernie K-Doe, Big Al Carson, John Boutte, Dwayne Dopsie, Mike West**, and many others.

Look for Marc on tour in 2007 with the Marc Stone Band, the Louisiana Blues Throwdown featuring Vasti Jackson, a few special dates with the Campbell Brothers, and European tours with Austrian boogie piano meister Christof Waibel.

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