

J & J's All-Stars

Imagine a band comprised of hand picked musicians. A band whose individual members have brought joy to audiences all over the country. A band that is getting together as a unit for one very special performance. That, my friends, is what you get when J & J's All-Stars hit the stage on August 14.

At the core of this band is Jimmy Royals, Jim Spruell and Chuck Webster. Whenever these three play together, people show up to witness the magical chemistry these guys share. Recently they played for two sold-out shows at the Cobb Energy Center for the televised "Good Eats" Tenth Anniversary Show.

Jim Spruell is well known among his peers as an incredibly talented blues style guitarist and songwriter. His CD (which features Chuck and Jimmy) is still selling well worldwide.

Jimmy Royals is a former member of Darryl Rhoades and the Hahavishnu Orchestra. That band enjoyed a huge cult following in the mid seventies with write ups in Playboy, Rolling Stone, as well as many TV appearances. Jimmy has shared the stage with Sha Na Na, Cheap Trick, B.B King, to name just a few and even played keyboards with the Shirells for a while.

Chuck Webster is also well known for his multi-musical talents and incredibly soulful vocals. He and Jimmy played together for many years as Hollywood.

The other gifted band members are:

- Multi-instrumentalist (and Music Director for 'Good Eats'), Patrick Belden will be playing keyboards and guitar for the All-Stars. He led the now-infamous 'Patrick Belden and His Very Small Orchestra' for the 'Good Eats' live show at The Cobb Energy Center.
- Recording artist Daryl Dunn on sax. Daryl played with the Zoots and many others.
- Mico Boyles on trumpet. Mico also played with the Zoots and probably about half the bands in the Atlanta area.
- Ken Holley on drums. Kenny played in several prominent bands in Athens including one that featured Mike Mills of REM.
- Jessica Royals will be adding to the vocals while singing a few songs of her own. She is an actress with a degree in Drama as well as a recording artist and the daughter of Jimmy Royals. She sang backup with Darryl Rhoades and the Hahavishnu Orchestra's recent 30 year reunion.