



## JOHNNY "V" VERNAZZA

"Johnny V is a very tasteful guitar player and all around great guy. He's been out there "in the trenches" playing great blues a loooooong time and making a lot of people happy!"

- **Charlie Musselwhite**

"I have had the pleasure of knowing and sometimes playing with Johnny V for many years. Not only is he a true gentleman, he plays the guitar with a passion I have always admired. He always seems to reach out a little further for that uplifting passage to propel the music higher and higher. His latest CD (it's great) keeps me company all the time on my ipod. I can hardly wait to hear what he comes up with next."

- **Pat Simmons / Doobie Brothers**

"Johnny Vernazza did such a great job backing Ian Siegal I thought he was a long time member of the band; the rhythm section he put together was unreal! ... Johnny "V" is someone any artist would want on their side"

- **Otis Taylor**

"A master showman and guitarist, Johnny V is the real deal and one of the great unsung heroes of live music! "

- **Mick Martin, The Blues Party: KKTO, KQNC, KUOP & KXJS**

### DISCOGRAPHY

#### JOHNNY V:

- **Feel Like Goin' Home**

#### ELVIN BISHOP BAND:

- **Let it Flow**
- **Juke Joint Jump**
- **Struttin' My Stuff**
- **Raisin' Hell Live**
- **Home Town Boy Makes Good**
- **Hog Heaven**

#### MARSHALL TUCKER BAND:

- **Where We All Belong**

#### NORTON BUFFALO & THE KNOCKOUTS:

- **King of the Highway**

#### ANNIE SAMPSON:

- **Under the Moon**

#### RON HACKER:

- **I Got Tattooed**

#### MICKEY THOMAS:

- **As Long as You Love Me**

#### S.E. WILLIS:

- **Luckiest Man Alive**

#### SCARLET THEORY:

- **Circus-Sized Peanuts**

#### MERLE BRANDON:

- **Sweet Molina**



**Johnny "V" Vernazza** was born in San Francisco and raised in Daly City. As we all know, the San Francisco Bay Area in the 1960's was a hotbed of music. Clubs were everywhere and to go out and jam at four or five clubs a night was the norm, not to mention the Fillmore, Avalon Ballroom and concerts in Golden Gate Park.

Starting out playing guitar in 1963, Johnny Vernazza also played bass for a time with a rock band that worked the Fillmore and toured as the opening act for Quicksilver Messenger Service, War, and Big Brother and the Holding Company. About 1970, he joined a gospel band, which toured the United States, and appeared on the Sonny & Cher television show.

As the blues scene gathered national and international momentum, Johnny "V" got to work (hired or special guest) and record with many blues greats like Luther Tucker, Sonnyland Slim, Chuck Berry, Steve Miller, Greg Allman, George Thorogood, Charlie Daniels, Commander Cody and Elvin Bishop.

Johnny was recruited into Elvin Bishop's band that led to 6 albums, endless touring and the #3 song in the nation by 1974 "Fooled Around and Fell in Love." Elvin and Johnny's dual lead and slide parts set a style that was part of the Southern Rock Sound and continues to live on today.

Johnny has been on stage jamming with such greats such as: Steve Miller, Kenny Loggins, Dicky Betts, Greg Allman, Chuck Berry, The Chambers Brothers, Marshall Tucker Band, Jerry Garcia & Carlos Santana to name a few.

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