

Omar Coleman

Since deciding to fully pursue a career in music in 2010, Omar Coleman has impressively recorded 3 full albums, performed 30 overseas dates in 12 countries, and performed as feature vocalist for more than 10 professionally touring bands. Omar has the personality, sound, and passion of the late greats Junior Wells and James Brown and hopes to reach similar acclaim with his own career. Perhaps visit one of the four real deal blues joints in Chicago and ask about Omar Coleman. No tricks, no games.... just blues.

Omar Coleman, 44, has established himself as one of the nation's premier harmonica players and blues vocalist alive today, billed on festivals with legends like Robert Cray, Buddy Guy, Koko Taylor, Ruth Brown, and Robert Randolph. With a voice soulful beyond his years, Omar has been impressing audiences across the nation with his genuine, seasoned harmonica skills and vocals. Omar is known to interact directly with his audience, befriending an entire audience.

HIS STORY

Born and raised on Chicago's west side in 1973, Omar Coleman was exposed to the sounds of Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy, and Junior Wells, Sam Cooke, O.V. Wright, James Brown, at a young age. He would internalize these artist's talents and create his own career as a musician later in life. It wasn't until 2003 that Omar began playing Harmonica publicly. Throughout the next few years he became highly respected as a young harp player.

Unexpectedly, his role as Harmonica player soon transformed into lead vocalist by casually singing during shows. He quickly became respected and instructed by blues leaders Billy Branch and Sugar Blue. His career has taken a turn for the best starting in 2010 when he was asked to perform overseas with the Sean Carney Band. Omar recently found a love for composing, and began writing and recording his own material. Imagine Warren Haynes meets Al Green.

During his international touring debut in September of 2011, Omar completed a successful seven country European Tour as the featured vocalist and harpist for the Sean Carney Band. While there, Omar promoted his newest release "Very Lucky Man" which he produced and recorded with Sean. After a well received response from blues fans, the band returned to Europe this past Spring for 14 dates in 7 countries. As we speak, Omar is currently in Spain promoting his most recent release. "Omar Coleman – West Side Wiggle" which features Omar Coleman and backed by three Grammy winning/nominated sidemen: Billy Flynn, Kenny "Beedy Eyes" Smith, and Bob Stroger. Omar continues to record on numerous albums as a studio musician and writer.

You may have seen Omar Coleman working throughout Chicago Land & Northwest Indiana and across North America with the likes of the Kinsey Report, John Primer & the Real Deal Blues Band or the late-great Chico Banks, Buddy Guy, among many others. The future of Chicago Blues is being redefined by this harmonica virtuoso. Check out the OMAR COLEMAN BLUES BAND when they steamroll through your town with the most soulful sound heard since the 60's.

Omar has performed at the San Francisco Blues Festival, Chicago Blues Festival, Spain Blues Fest, Muddy Waters Festival of Westmont, etc. *** 'Blues in the Schools' Ambassador to Chicago Public Schools *** Featured on All-Star compilation - Diamonds in the Rough: Chicago Harmonica Project – Severn Records (2006) *** Headliner for "Blues for a Cure" Cancer Benefit Tour & CD in Columbus, OH (2007-2010) *** Mainstay in contemporary Chicago blues - appearing frequently at the Kingston Mines, B.L.U.E.S., Rosa's Blues Lounge, Buddy Guy's Legends, etc. Omar has performed with Louisiana Red, John Primer, Hubert Sumlin, Sean Carney & Henry Gray, Katherine Davis, Bob Stroger, Joanna Connor, Billy Flynn, Kinsey Report, Chico Banks, and hundreds more.