



**Born near and musically 'educated' in Chicago by LUTHER ALLISON
Relocated to Texas in the mid-seventies.**

As a 3 year old, he'd sit directly in front of the saxophone sections of Count Basie, Jimmy Dorsey, Duke Ellington and all the other Big Bands playing the military base circuit that weaved through Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Before finishing grade school, Red became a bandleader. After befriending Luther Allison and soaking up the sounds of Buddy Guy, Otis Rush, Mike Bloomfield, B.B. and Albert King in and around Chicago, Red began touring the Midwest and Canada.

In 1976 Austin became his home and touring base. While performing at the Armadillo World Headquarters during the latter 70s, Omar and the Howlers, W.C.Clark and "little" Charlie Sexton were brought onstage and introduced their music to the community. Red soaked up the music of The Fabulous Thunderbirds (Jimmie Vaughan, Kim Wilson) at Antone's and met a struggling "Little" Stevie Ray Vaughan.

2009 saw Lightning Red appearing at the Bayfront Blues Festival, the Eureka Springs Blues Weekend, the Santiago Shakedown 7, the Gull Lake Blues Fest, and headlining the Cycle Path Blues Festival in Minnesota USA.

He has toured Scandinavia and Great Britain repeatedly, with two consecutive appearances at The Great R&B Festival in Colne, England, did radio appearances in Spain, and was interviewed on nationwide Radio New Zealand.

Special Guest performer at the Whangarei Jazz and Blues Festival, Red's concert appearances 'down under' included the major cities of New Zealand and Australia.

Having begun his European adventures touring Denmark, his latest release **the groovemaster** is now getting rave reviews and airplay in Scandinavia, Belux, France, Germany, Italy, Hungary, the UK, the US and 'downunder'.

On Stage With:

Willie Nelson, Marsha Ball, W.C.Clark. Omar & The Howlers, Eugene "Hideaway" Bridges, Detroit Blues Band, Big Bob Robinson (original Ink Spots), Houston's Joe "Guitar" Hughes, Milton Hopkins (BB King's bandleader for 12 years), Gwyn Ashton, Steve Tallis and many others...

Opened For:

Bob Seger, Dr. John, Head East, Pinetop Perkins, Sam Lay, Eugene "Hideaway" Bridges, Marsha Ball, Mitch Ryder, MC5, Koko Taylor, Bugs Henderson, Omar & The Howlers, Dallas Hodge (Canned Heat), Grady Gaines (Little Richard) to name a few...

Discography:

'LIGHTNING RED the Groovemaster' featuring Jimi Lee & LZ Love (2008) LRP-107
'Gut Bucket Blues stumppdown acoustic' LZ LOVE & LIGHTNING RED (2007) GR-105
'a long way home' LIGHTNING RED Groovemaster Records (2006) GR-104
'Singing Gospel In Austin' LZPHOENIX, featuring LZ Love (lz-love.com) 2005
'Tortured Mind' LIGHTNING RED & Thunder Blues, Angelwing Records AW-2102
'Texas Thunder Blues' LIGHTNING RED Heroic Records HR-103
'Red's Blues' LIGHTNING RED Heroic Records HR-102
'East St. Louis' LIGHTNING RED dbRecords d45-1002A
'Walkin' Thru The Park' LIGHTNING RED dbRecords d45-1002B (© M.Morganfield)
'Melting Your Mind' ICE (w/ LIGHTNING RED on guitar) Bonny Records 1211-L

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