

BACK DOOR SLAM'S DAVY KNOWLES TO OPEN FOR JEFF BECK

“Live From Bonnaroo” Blix Street Digital Release Coincides with Solo Tour in Advance of New Peter Frampton-Produced CD

Blix Street recording artist Davy Knowles, who racked up a noteworthy 300-plus performances in more than 40 U.S. states with his band Back Door Slam during the 2007-2008 tour in support of their debut CD *ROLL AWAY*, will take the stage on his own for the first time when he opens for the legendary Jeff Beck on a string of theater dates beginning April 6 in Scranton, PA. The acclaimed singer and songwriter, known for his sizzling, quicksilver guitar playing, will use the three-week tour to preview material from his forthcoming new CD as well as revisit his *ROLL AWAY* repertoire and favorites from his trove of blues classics.

Since parting company with longtime bandmates Adam Jones and Ross Doyle early this year, Knowles has been recording new material in Los Angeles with Grammy®-winning singer-songwriter-guitarist Peter Frampton in the producer's chair. The yet-untitled CD is slated for an early summer release from Blix Street Records.

Ahead of the new CD, Blix Street is releasing an eagerly-anticipated retrospective collection to coincide with Knowles' Jeff Beck shows. **BACK DOOR SLAM—LIVE FROM BONNAROO**—a digital download and double vinyl album—includes the band's signature songs from *ROLL AWAY*, among them “Come Home,” “Heavy On My Mind,” “Gotta Leave,” and “It'll All Come Around” as well as covers of John Hiatt's “Riding With the King,” Jimi Hendrix's “Red House” and “Back Door Slam,” the Robert Cray song for which Knowles named the band.

Captured live at the June 2008 festival in Manchester, Tennessee, Back Door Slam's scorching performance was one of the concert highlights of the year, earning critical acclaim from *Blogcritics Magazine* contributor El Bicho: “The first band we stumbled upon was Back Door Slam, a wonderful delight. The crowd was captivated, and you kept hearing whispers of ‘Who are these guys?’ They brought to mind Cream and early Zeppelin, and guitarist Davy Knowles will surely be a name that will be rising to the top.” The *Village Voice*'s Nick Anderman wrote: “Davy Knowles, the lead singer, guitarist and songwriter, is talented like very few bluesmen these days. He shreds like a young Robert Cray and wails like the love of his life was just hit by a truck. Highly recommended.”

Davy Knowles' appearances with Jeff Beck are as follows:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>City:</u>	<u>Venue</u>
4/6	Scranton, PA	Scranton Cultural Centre
4/8	Philadelphia, PA	Electric Factory
4/9 & 10	New York, NY	The Fillmore @ Irving Plaza
4/13	Boston, MA	House of Blues
4/15	Cleveland, OH	House of Blues
4/16 & 17	Chicago, IL	Park West
4/18	Milwaukee, WI	Turner Hall Ballroom
4/21 & 22	Los Angeles, CA	El Rey Theatre
4/23	Oakland, CA	Fox Theatre

Following his shows with Jeff Beck, Knowles will complete work on the new CD and assemble musicians for scheduled summer festival appearances and further theatre dates. Full tour plans for Davy Knowles and Back Door Slam will be announced shortly.

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