

Malaco blues news

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

LITTLE MILTON

Little Milton has been on the road for more than fifty years, enjoying many hits while singing the blues. He came out of the cotton fields of Inverness, Mississippi, saving enough money to purchase his first guitar for \$14.40. Encouraged by his father to keep it, he began to play and received his first break in 1953 when Ike Turner took him to Sun Records to record.

"Sam Phillips did the engineering while Ike did the producing," he recalls. It wasn't long before Chess Records in Chicago, Illinois signed him and he cut the hits, "If Walls Could Talk," "Blind Man," "We're Gonna Make It," and the unforgettable, "Grits Ain't Groceries."

He later moved to Stax Records and recorded the hits "Walking The Back Streets and Cryin'" and "Little Bluebird." In 1984, Little Milton united with Malaco Records where he is still recording today. He attributes most of his success to his faithful friend "Bessie," his beloved guitar. About her he says, "She never says no, never gets sick, makes me money, and is always ready when I call on her."

2004 RELEASES:

- * Marvin Sease
Playa Haters
- * Chuck Strong
Let's Get Back Together
- * Shirley Brown
Woman Enough
- * Vick Allen
Old School, New Flava

COMING SOON:

Floyd Taylor!

Little Milton to Perform with Blues Legends at Lincoln Center, New York City

Jackson, MS. December 30, 2004-Malaco Records recording artist, Little Milton, an accomplished blues performer since the 1950s, has been invited to sing in the all-star line-up of blues legends at Lincoln Center in New York City on January 28, 2004.

Radio Station Q104.3 is sponsoring the event which has been dubbed *The Legends of the Blues* and features blues musicians from the Mississippi Delta to Chicago. Featured artists include: Little Milton, Buddy Guy, 'Honeyboy' Edwards, Robert Lockwood Jr., The Muddy Waters Band (James Cotton, George "Mojo" Buford, Cal-



Pictured above: Little Milton in concert

vin "Fuzz" Jones, Willie "Big Eyes" Smith, Pinetop Perkins, and Bob Margolin), and The Howlin' Wolf Band (Henry Gray, Jody Williams, Freddie Robinson, Eddie Shaw, Sam Lay,

and Bob Stroger).

The concert will be held at the Avery Fischer Hall in Lincoln Center. Tickets are on sale at the Lincoln Center Box Office or by calling: 212-721-6500.

Billboard

LITTLE MILTON'S ALBUM HISTORY

- There are currently 198+ albums on the market that either feature Little Milton as a solo artist or as an artist with other well-known blues musicians.
- Little Milton has recorded 15 albums with Malaco Records.
- 3 Little Milton albums landed in the top 10 while 19 made it in the top 100 Blues, Pop, and Black album charts.
- Little Milton has had 5 singles in the top ten and 31 singles on the top 100 chart, some landing on two charts; Black Singles and Pop Singles



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