

Bart Bryant Biography

Bart Bryant is a recording and performing artist from Baltimore, MD whose fluid vocals and Blues-Rock guitar style have entertained audiences for over 35 years.

Bryant began performing in New Haven, CT in the mid 70's, playing at local dances with school friends in a group called **Zone**

During his high school years Bart also began working as a solo acoustic artist, performing at restaurants and clubs around New England. In 1978 Bart began recording his original songs with producer Joe Mendyke at Audio West Recording Studios. "Crystal Clear", Bart's first release, was broadcast on the *Don Hansen Show* (WUNH) soon after completion in the summer of '79.

In the 80's Bart formed the band **Current** with bassist, **Tom Farina**, and percussionist **Tom Palinko**. The group performed in clubs and bars throughout the Tri-State area.

Manager Ken Mellio began booking **Current** as a regular warm-up band for national acts at Toad's Place working with legendary artist including, **The Roaches**, **Jorma Kaukonen**, **Poco**, **Pousette-Dart Band**, **Jonathan Edwards**, **Stevie Ray Vaughan**, **Aztec Two Step**, **Pure Prairie League**, **Johnny Winters**, **John Butcher**, **New Riders of the Purple Sage**, and many more throughout the 80s.

Bart began recording at Presence Studios with co-producers Jon Russell and Mark Minervini. In September of 1988 he released his first CD, *Revolution in the Puppet House*. The CD of 11 original songs led to his first national television performance on BET, as well as his debut on MTV in November of '89.

In '92 Bart moved to Austin, Texas where he began performing with pianist **Bobby Doyle**. Soon after, he began performing with **Route 66**, **Miller and Hicks**, and a range of other groups. The Austin setting introduced Bart to many other legendary Texas blues artists including, **W. C. Clark** and **T. D. Bell**, immersing him in the historic Sixth Street Blues scene. Whether working with **Chet Hines** to participate in the first virtual on-line club, or performing on the very same stages as **Elvis** and **B. B. King**, for Bryant it was a great honor.

Manager Carl Gill introduced Bart to **Ray Benson** of **Asleep at the Wheel** in '96 and Bryant began

recording at his studio, Bismeaux Recording, with Producer Frank Campbell.

Campbell brought in star musicians **Cindy Cashdollar** and **Floyd Domino** to join club musician drummer, **Richie Puga** and bassist, **Lannie Hilboldt**. The project continued at Parrot Tracks Recording with NYC producer George Coyne. George added the talents of bassist **Tim Dauncey** and Drummer **Ernie Durawa** to the project. In 1998 the resulting CD, *Bart*, was released and debuted on KLBJ "*The Loris Lowe Show*".

In 2005 Bart collaborated with singer-songwriter **Curt Commander** while performing in Houston with "**The Tweeds**" and "**August Blues**". Recording once again in Austin with George Coyne at Parrot Tracks, they produced nine original songs featuring performances by **Floyd Domino** and **Gary Primich**. *Commander ~ Bryant* was released March 2001 and debuted on Eddie Russell's *Outlaws for Peace* radio show, and, as a result, *Commander ~ Bryant* received regular airplay on radio stations throughout Europe and Asia.

In 2001 Bart returned to New Haven and reconnected with musicians from the early days. Bryant brought **Brad Hallen**, **Paul Ahlstrand**, **Floyd Domino**, and **Ken Melillo** together with some new players: **Rob Liptrot**, **Paul Bartlet**, **Travis LaMothe**, and **Scott Aruda**, to work with producer Ron Sutfin and released *Feel Thing* in 2005.

After a long period of live performing, Bart decided to record a new project of cover songs. This project featured some old friends from Texas, club musicians from CT, and some new friends including **Scott Spray**. Through Scott's introductions **Tyger MacNeal** and **Bill Holloman** were added to the mix and in 2014 Bart released *Back*.

Bart returned full circle to record where it all began back in 1979 – to AudioWest Studio where in 2015 he recorded with two Rock star musicians, drummer **Bobby Torello**, and Bassist **Scott Spray**.

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