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Eagle Park Slim Explodes on Eugene Music Scene before Mt. St. Helens Erupts in May of 1980!

May 2010 marks 30 years since the Legendary Bluesman made Eugene, Oregon his hometown. A celebration is planned to honor Eagle Park Slim, the recipient of Rainy Day Blues Society's "Rooster Award 2009 for Lifetime Achievement".

The "**Blues Explosion**" will be held on Sunday May 2nd at Diablo's Downtown Lounge at 959 Pearl St. and will feature music by Eugene's own, **Eagle Park Slim** and the "**Friends of MEMA Blues Band**" comprised of All-Star musicians who have shared the stage with Eagle Park Slim throughout the 30 years Slim has resided in Eugene, continuously performing his original brand of the Blues, as a solo act to the full band, in local venues, Festivals, Saturday Market and around the U of O Campus. Special guest stars will be announced.

"Although musicians are often the first to donate their talents to help raise money for many worthwhile organizations and causes, when professional musicians have a medical emergency, they may be in great need themselves because many cannot afford the high cost of medical insurance", states Paul Biondi, a professional saxophone player and one of the founders of MEMA.

MEMA's Executive Director, Earl Hugill has coordinated a Community Outreach at the event to raise public awareness & MEMA will have application forms available for financial assistance. Numerous resources will be available to aid music industry professionals and their family members. The need for fundraising is ongoing, as the number of financial assistance grants MEMA has issued keeps growing each year.

Admission is a Suggested Donation on a sliding scale from \$3 to \$10 at the door.

Sunday May 2, 2010 Time: 6:00 pm to 12:00 am

Diablo's Downtown Lounge 959 Pearl St., Eugene, OR 97401 541-343-2346

All-Ages until 9:00 pm (accompanied by adult) After 9:00 pm 21+

MEMA (Musicians Emergency Medical Association) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 2006 to provide medical resource information and financial aid for music industry professionals in Lane County, Oregon. (Tax ID 87-0775627)

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