

JAMES “YANK” RACHELL TRIBUTE CD

Yank Rachell, “The Blues Mandolin Man,” is one of the first generation blues musicians. Yank wrote “She Caught the Katy,” the first song in the original Blues Brothers movie and on the soundtrack. Yank, who died in 1997, influenced many well-known and not so well-known musicians all over the world. His recording career spanned eight decades. Yank recorded with other blues giants such as “Sleepy” John Estes, “Sonny Boy” Williamson, Tampa Red, Memphis Minnie, Michael Bloomfield, John Sebastian, and many others.

The tribute project is based in Yank’s adopted home town of Indianapolis. The website address is www.yankrachell.com. Produced by mandolin player, Mike Butler, the tribute includes the participation of several nationally and internationally known musicians. Those who have already recorded are; David Grisman and John Sebastian, Tim O’Brien and David Grier along with Jake Hopping, Rich DelGrosso, The Nighthawks and Indy’s own Andra Faye, Handy nominee and member of the Uppity Blues Women band.

Chris Sautter, Attorney and Yank’s friend, is assisting in the project and representing the family. Al Stone, of King Media Services, is recording the project and, along with Jake Hopping (a member of the bluegrass band King Wilkie), is helping Mike Butler with the production of the tribute.

The webmaster is mandolinist Jerry Chapman and the website is hosted by the Mandolin Society of Central Indiana www.mandolindy.com.

Local and Indiana-based musicians contributing to the project include, to date: Jason Brolin, Steve Brown, Mike Butler, Ron Coffman, Governor Davis, Benito DeBartoli, Tim Duffy, Terry Glass, Jake Hopping, Daryl Jones, Tim Messersmith, Jerome Mills, Homer Pass, Steve Robbins, Al Stone, Alan Stratyner, Pat Webb, James Valdez, Karen Irwin, Craig “Redman” Smith, and Scott Ballantine. Sheena Rachell and other members of the Rachell family are also recording.

Both acoustic and electric versions of Yank’s songs are part of the project. All profits go to the Rachell family with a planned release date of April 2007.

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