

DETROIT BLUES Vision 561 Productions presents

Paradise Boogie

all star lineup! **MOVIE**

Billy Davis



Muruga Booker



George Thorogood

Tino Gross

Clyde Papa Lee

Marsha Music



Mighty Michael Mendelson

Emanuel Young

Little Arthur Anderson

Jay Butler

Chris Canas

Alexandria Lintner

Brendon Linsley

Jibs Brown

Robert Jr. Whitall & Shirley Mae Owens

Creighton Wodarski



HONOR the past,
SAVOR the present,
STRIVE toward the future



"The thoroughly enjoyable *Paradise Boogie* elevates Detroit to it's rightful place of honor in blues music history and beyond."

Music Connection Magazine

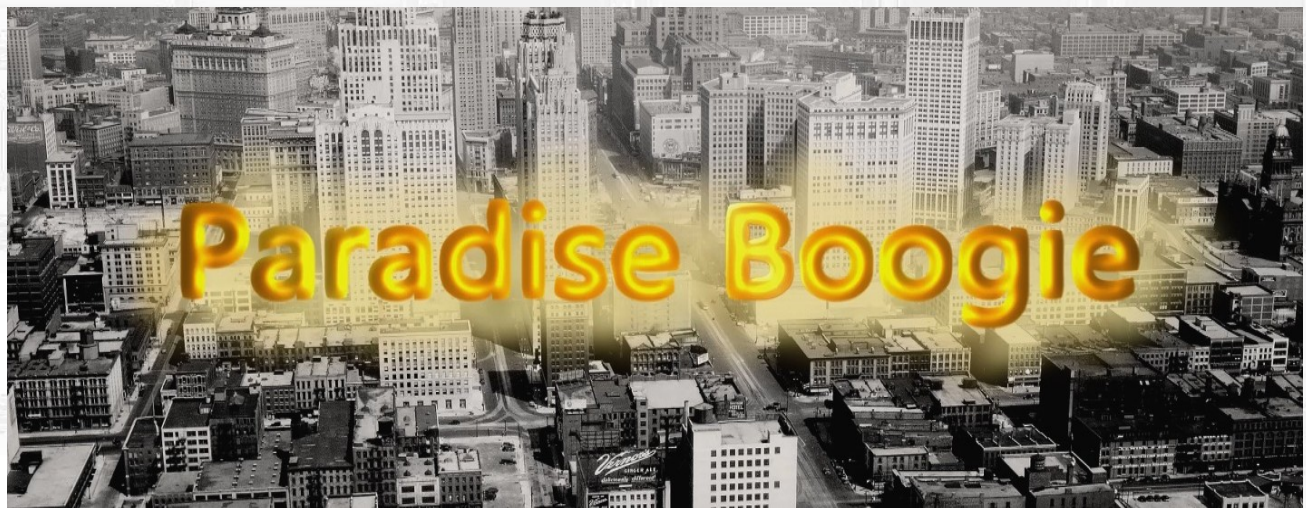
"... this film reminded me of a by gone era of some of the world's most talented bluesmen. After watching *Paradise Boogie* I said, Hot Damn Baby! The blues make you want to jump up and holler!"

*Johnny Bee Badanjek, Drummer
Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels, The Rockets*

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"PARADISE BOOGIE" is the new documentary feature film from **VISION 561 PRODUCTIONS** producer/directors **LISA HAGOPIAN** and **ERIC HARABADIAN**. Detroit's blues makers demonstrate the melding of times and sharing of cultures. The film shines a light on the influence of Detroit's early blues musicians, the neighborhoods of Black Bottom and Paradise Valley and how it all influenced the music makers of today and tomorrow. Highlighting the alliance of a veteran hall of famer musician **BILLY DAVIS (HANK BALLARD & THE MIDNIGHTERS, JACKIE WILSON)** and a 10 year old harp player **MIGHTY MICHAEL MENDELSON**, we honor the past, savor the present and strive toward the future of Detroit blues. This documentary will take you on a journey to Detroit's music, history, legends and more.

In addition to **ROCK AND ROLL and DOOWOP HALL OF FAMER** guitarist/vocalist **BILLY DAVIS** and 10 year old harmonica phenom **MIGHTY MICHAEL MENDELSON**, **"PARADISE BOOGIE"** also features interviews with Detroit tastemaker and musician **TINO GROSS**, Detroit historian **MARSHA MUSIC**, percussionist **MURUGA BOOKER (WEATHER REPORT, FUNKADELIC)**, guitarist **GEORGE THOROGOOD**, legendary Detroit sidemen guitarist **EMANUEL YOUNG** and drummer/vocalist **CLYDE "PAPA" LEE**, harmonica player and vocalist **LITTLE ARTHUR ANDERSON** and many other musical artists, pundits and scribes.

View the trailer at: <https://vimeo.com/309320545> For further

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Mighty Michael is a 10 year old fifth grader, an avid reader, and enjoys things that many little kids like. But, his most favorite hobby is playing blues harp! He started playing harmonica when he was 7 years old and practices every day.



Billy Davis is an American rock and blues guitarist, singer, and songwriter, and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, who is best known for his work with Hank Ballard & The Midnighters. In 1967, Davis played lead guitar on his childhood friend Jackie Wilson's recording "(Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher", and they also toured together



Tino Gross began his musical career playing drums with John Lee Hooker while in high school in Detroit. He adds an underground boogie-edge to his singer/songwriter vibe. Bands—Howling Diablos, Tino G's Dumpster Machine

Muruga Booker is a drummer, composer, inventor, artist, and recording artist. He first professionally played drums in 1961 with "The Low Rocks" in Detroit as Steve Booker. Just a few of the artists Muruga has played with include John Lee Hooker, Weather Report, Bob Dylan, James Gurley, Tim Hardin, Al Kooper, Mitch Ryder, George Clinton, Bootsy Collins, Babatunde Olatunji & Jerry Garcia.



Lisa Hagopian spent many hours as a child watching movies on TV after school. What an education in film history - from 1930s gangster flicks, to Gentlemen's Agreement to musicals and every other genre imaginable. Her mother often took Lisa to the Fisher Theater in Detroit to see the latest Broadway play. Her junior high school would screen films like The Red Bal-loon and Night and Fog every year and it was during this time that she joined the school's film club. This all led Lisa to a life-long love of film, theater and photography. She really caught the photography bug when she took photo-journalism classes at Michigan State University. Video production and film appreciation classes came later. After polishing her skills, Lisa & Eric Harabadian produced a public access TV series called "The Arts Uncovered" . Lisa and Eric completed their first full length documentary "Nothin' but Music" in 2016.

Eric Harabadian has been a writer for nearly 25 years having been published in Downbeat, Music Connection, & Metro Times just to name a few. He is also an accomplished songwriter/ vocalist/ guitarist and has been the vocalist and rhythm guitarist for the bands Chain Reaction and Alter Ego. Eric started his filmmaking ventures as a pre teen making animated and super 8mm short films for his family and school projects. Shortly thereafter he learned guitar and was off and running with music. In addition to the series "The Arts Uncovered", Eric volunteered for the Michigan Television Network. Besides music, writing and filmmaking, Eric is also a public relations consultant with Media Stew Public Relations."



"It's been such an enriching experience for us to produce Paradise Boogie and bring to light all the talents of Detroit area blues musicians and showcase the Detroit blues legacy. Producing a documentary is a learning experience from start to finish as we learned so much about the talent, dedication and love for the blues in our Detroit community."

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